



Canadian Academy of Health Sciences
Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, September 13, 2021, from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET
Webinar

DRAFT MINUTES

Fellows in Attendance:

Armstrong, Paul
Atkinson, Stephanie
Austin, Dr. Zubin
Batal, Malek
Bendayan, Reina
Benoit, Cecilia
Benseler, Susa
Bergman, Howard
Boisjoly, Hélène
Booth, Gillian
Bourgeault, Ivy
Brown, Steini
Browne, Annette
Burrell, Robert
Burrows, Lori
Busing, Nick
Bussey, Tim
Callaghan, Jack
Carabin, Hélène
Challis, John
Chambers, Christine
Cloutier, Denise
Craven, Cathy
Cross, James (Jay)
Croy, Anne
Cummings, Greta
Davidge, Sandra
Davies, Neal
Davis, Karen

Devine, Dana
Di Nicola, Vincenzo
Dillon, Jo-Anne
Dobbins, Maureen
Dobson, Keith
Evans, David
Ferguson, Stephen
Fergusson, Dean
Field, Catherine
Finegood, Diane
Finlayson, Marcia
Fisman, David
Fowke, Keith
Frayne, Richard
Gelmon, Karen
Gerds, Volker
Gilleard, John
Gladman, Dafna
Gotay, Carolyn
Gray, Jean
Gutman, Gloria
Gyles, Carlton
Hadjistavropoulos, Thomas
Hawker, Gillian
Herbert, Carol
Hobman, Tom
Hodgins, David
Hoffman, Steven
Illes, Judy

Iorio, Alfonso
Jackson, Lois
Johnston, Celeste
Kaplan, Gil
Keefe, Janice
Kelton, David
Komal, Dr. Jaspinder
Koschinsky, Marlys
Lavigne, Gilles
Leadbeater, Bonnie
Leigh, Richard
Li, Ren-Ke
Long, Richard
MacMillan, Harriet
Majnemer, Annette
Markle-Reid, Maureen
Marliss, Errol
Marrie, Thomas
Martin-Matthews, Anne
McGilton, Katherine
McIntyre, Lynn
Meneilly, Graydon
Meslin, Eric
Metz, Luanne
Mihailidis, Alex
Molzahn, Anita
Montalban, Xavier
Moroy, Tarik
Mottola, Michelle

Murray, T.	Raynault, Marie-France	Steiner, George
Muscedere, John	Richards, Carol	Strafella, Antonio
Mushahwar, Vivian	Robaire, Bernard	Stuart, Gavin
Nadeau, Sylvie	Roos, Noralou	Szyf, Moshe
Nasmith, Louise	Saad, Fred	Taddio, Anna
Nelson, Sioban	Saksida, Lisa	Thorne, Sally
Norris, Colleen	Sargeant, Dr. Jan	Tomblin Murphy, Gail
Nuyt, Anne Monique	Schacter, Brent	Tough, Suzanne
Oudit, Gavin	Seidah, Nabil	Travail, Chantal
Parraga, Grace	Sessle, Barry	Tsuyuki, Ross
Penning, Margaret	Simpson, Chris	Tulandi, Togas
Petrik, Jim	Sindelar, Robert	Varcoe, Colleen
Piguet, Vincent	Siqueira, Walter	Vohra, Sunita
Pringle, Dorothy	sketris, ingrid	Walmsley, Sharon
Rabeneck, Linda	Skinner, Harvey	Wang, Lu-Yang
Rahman, Proton	Stacey, Dawn	

CAHS Resources:

- Buy, Serge, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
- Frantz, Christopher, Project Manager, non-voting
- Helm, Christine, Event Coordinator, non-voting

1. Welcome and Remembrance

Serge Buy welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual General Meeting and explained how the AGM will be conducted through electronic means. Serge Buy then introduced Dr. Chris Simpson.

Dr. Chris Simpson thanked the Fellows for attending the AGM and encouraged everyone to reflect on the land where they work and live.

The office of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is located on land that is part of the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin, Huron-Wendat, and Anishinabewaki Nations. The Algonquin peoples have lived on this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.

Le bureau de l'Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé est situé sur des terres qui font partie du territoire traditionnel non cédé des nations Algonquienne, Huronne-Wendat et Anishinabewaki. Les peuples algonquins vivent sur ces terres depuis des temps immémoriaux. Nous sommes reconnaissants d'avoir la possibilité d'être présents sur ce territoire.

Dr. Chris Simpson acknowledged the Fellows who have passed away this past year and asked if everyone can join him in a moment of silence for:

Dr. Harry Leonard Goldsmith (March 10, 2021)

Dr. David F. Hardwick (May 15, 2021)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Chris Simpson displayed the agenda for everyone to see.

On a motion duly moved by Dr. Cecilia Benoit, seconded by Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting Agenda be approved.”

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting

On motion duly moved by Dr. Jean Gray, seconded by Dr. David Hodgins and duly carried, the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.”

Carried

4. Report from the President

Dr. Chris Simpson thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the AGM. He mentioned that the past year went by very quickly.

The biggest piece this year has been the Autism Assessment lead by Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum. It has already received extensive public engagement with over 5,600 touch points with community members and over 80 organizations weighing in. CAHS anticipates that the final assessment will be ready in early 2022 and will be highly influential in developing a National Autism Strategy. Dr. Chris Simpson also thanked the Vice Chair of the Assessment, Dr. Mélanie Couture and the Project Manager, Sonya Kupka.

In addition, CAHS:

- Published a report on Complex Systems
- Launched our 10-part Dialogue Series
- Increased communications – a social media strategy has been implemented
- CAHS has been approached to review human resources in health care
- And other successes

Finally, the Board is moving forward on addressing equity, diversity and inclusion. The goal is to ensure that CAHS, its Board and Fellowship, look more like the Canadians it serves and stands to truly benefit from the rich diversity of thought, opinion and wisdom that historically underrepresented groups can bring to this enterprise.

Dr. Chris Simpson thanked the members of the Board, the CEO, Serge Buy, and staff and all the Fellows for their work on behalf of the Academy.

Dr. Ivy Bourgeault asked if CAHS has been engaging with the Tri-Councils Dimensions Program. Serge Buy answered that CAHS is not engaged with this program.

5. Report from the Chief Executive Officer

Serge Buy thanked all the Fellows who have attended the AGM today. CAHS has seen a good increase of Fellowship in the past few years and more importantly an increase in engagement as evident from responses and reactions to things that have been put out, which is great to see.

Serge Buy reminded everyone there is still time to sign up for the Forum, which will take place in a couple of weeks. Serge Buy thanked the staff, Christopher Frantz, Christine Helm, Kayla Bimm and Jenny Jackson and all the Autism project staff – especially Sonya Kupka, the ASD Project Manager.

6. Governance and Finance Report Committee Report

- **Financial Report**

Dr. Jay Cross reported that the Board has decided to initiate a survey for the Board to self-assess. The Committee is also overseeing the process for Board Elections.

On the Financial side, CAHS is in good shape, in part to good financial controls. All Board expenses are reviewed by the Executive and need to be signed off by two Board members. CAHS has maintained a healthy reserve. Regarding the profit and loss statements, CAHS is in excess of revenues over expenses for several years, with a profit in 2021 of \$93K. Both last year and this year CAHS has not had an in-person Forum, which has been a good source of revenues in the past. Serge Buy and his staff have been successful with following up with Fellows who have not paid for previous years. The rate of donations has been increasing as well.

Project Management income is an indirect cost related to the Autism assessment. On the expense side, the major expenses are for central operations, which is primarily the management contract with Flagship Solutions. The project revenues are also listed in the statements provided. These are simply in and out revenues.

On motion duly moved by Dr. Jay Cross, seconded by Dr. Linda Rabeneck and duly carried, the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.”

Carried

- **Appointment of Auditor**

Dr. Jay Cross stated that the auditors Nephin Winter Bingley have done a good job and recommends that we keep them for another year.

On Motion duly moved by Dr. James Cross, seconded by Dr. Ross Tsuyuki, and duly carried, the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the accounting firm of Nephin Winter Bingley be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2021.”

Carried

- **Election of Directors and Officers**

The CEO, Serge Buy, acted as the Returning Officer. Serge Buy mentioned that the new officers are presented as a slate. Serge Buy went through individual positions one by one.

Serge Buy asked for a motion to approve the slate as follows:

President / Présidente : Dr. Sioban Nelson
2021-2022 as President / en tant que Présidente;
2022-2023 as Immediate Past President / en tant que Présidente sortante.

Immediate Past President / en tant que Président sortant :
Dr. Chris Simpson (2021-2022)

On Motion duly moved by seconded by Jo-Anne Dillon, seconded by Sally Thorne and duly carried, the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the slate be approved as presented.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is Director, elected through a nomination from the Floor

Dr. Marie-France Raynault (2021 – 2023)
Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Raynault be elected as the Director elected from the floor.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is the Discipline Director: Dentistry

Dr. Gilles Lavigne (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Lavigne be elected as the Discipline Director for Dentistry.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is the Discipline Director: Nursing

Dr. Carmen Loiselle (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Loiselle be elected as the Discipline Director for Nursing.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is the Discipline Director: Rehabilitation Sciences

Dr. Marcia Finlayson (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Finlayson be elected as the Discipline Director for Rehabilitation Sciences.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is the Discipline Director: Medicine Sciences

Dr. Trevor Young (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Young be elected as the Discipline Director for Medicine.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is the Discipline Director: Pharmacy

Dr. Zubin Austin (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Austin be elected as the Discipline Director for Pharmacy.”

Carried

Serge Buy announced that the next position is Director at Large

Dr. Proton Rahman (2021 – 2023)

Call for other nominations was announced 3 times by Serge Buy

“Be it resolved that Dr. Rahman be elected as Director at Large.”

Carried

7. Fellowship Committee Report

Dr. Proton Rahman stated that he was very happy to have received a record number of applicants this year and congratulated the 74 newly elected Fellows, which are now up on the CAHS website.

Dr. Proton Rahman also thanked all the Fellows who acted as reviewers and asked the participants to consider being a reviewer next year. Dr. Proton Rahman also thanked Flagship Solutions for all their help with the nomination process.

Dr. Chris Simpson and Dr. Proton Rahman welcomed each of the following new Fellows to the Academy:

Malek Batal, Université de Montréal

Reina Bendayan, University of Toronto

Susanne Benseler, University of Calgary; Alberta Children’s Hospital; Alberta Health Services; Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute

Gillian Booth, University of Toronto

Jean Bourbeau, McGill University; MUHC

Adalsteinn Brown, University of Toronto

Lori Burrows, McMaster University

Tim Bussey, Western University

Jack Callaghan, University of Waterloo

Christine Chambers, Dalhousie University

Denise Cloutier, University of Victoria

Beverley Catharine Craven, Kite Research Institute

Alain Dagher, McGill University

Neal Davies, University of Alberta

Vincenzo Di Nicola, Université de Montréal

Maureen Dobbins, McMaster University

Keith S. Dobson, University of Calgary

Lesley Fellows, McGill University

Stephen Ferguson, University of Ottawa

Catherine Field, University of Alberta

David Fisman, University of Toronto

Keith Fowke, University of Manitoba

Richard Frayne, University of Calgary

Volker Gerdts, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization, University of Saskatchewan

John Gilleard, University of Calgary

Margaret S. Herridge, University of Toronto and University Health Network
Tom Hobman, University of Alberta
Steven J. Hoffman, York University
Mansoor Husain, University of Toronto
Alfonso Iorio, McMaster University
David J. A. Jenkins, University of Toronto; St. Michael's Hospital
Ingrid Johnsrude, Western's Brain & Mind Institute
Ridha Joobar, McGill University
Gilaad G. Kaplan, University of Calgary
Janice M. Keefe, Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging
David Kelton, University of Guelph
Richard Leigh, University of Calgary
Mitchell Levine, McMaster University
Teresa Liu-Ambrose, University of British Columbia
Richard Long, University of Alberta
Maureen Markle-Reid, McMaster University
Ruth Ann Marrie, University of Manitoba
Alex Mihailidis, University of Toronto
Kieran Moore, Ministry of Health of Ontario
Michelle F. Mottola, Western University
Douglas P. Munoz, Queen's University
John Muscedere, Queen's University
Vivian K. Mushahwar, University of Alberta
Sylvie Nadeau, Université de Montréal
Anne Monique Nuyt, Université de Montréal et CHU Sainte-Justine
Gina Ogilvie, University of British Columbia
Gavin Y. Oudit, University of Alberta
Amit M. Oza, University of Toronto
Anita Palepu, University of British Columbia, Department of Medicine, Providence Health Care
Margaret J. Penning, University of Victoria
Jim Petrik, Professor, University of Guelph
Jane Philpott, Queen's University
Vincent Pigué, University of Toronto, Women's College Hospital, Women's College Research Institute
Rebecca Pillai Riddell, York University
Rémi Rabasa-Lhoret, Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal (IRCM)
Fred Saad, Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal
Aaron Schimmer, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network
Shannon Scott, University of Alberta
Nabil G. Seidah, Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal (IRCM)
Walter L. Siqueira, University of Saskatchewan
Anna Taddio, University of Toronto
Gail Tomblin Murphy, Nova Scotia Health
Suzanne Tough, University of Calgary
Ming Sound Tsao, University Health Network
Togas Tulandi, McGill University

Cheryl Waldner, University of Saskatchewan
Sharon Walmsley, University of Toronto
Phil Wells, Ottawa Hospital
Richard W. Wozniak, University of Alberta

Dr. Chris Simpson thanked Dr. Proton Rahman and welcomed all the newly elected Fellows.

8. Leadership recognition

Dr. Chris Simpson gave recognition to the following Board members who have each given CAHS a lot, both in time and expertise

Dr. Paul Allison (Past President)
Served on the Board since 2013

Dr. Louise Nasmith (Secretary)
Served on the Board since 2019

Dr. Shana Kelley (Pharmacy)
Served on the Board since 2017

Dr. Jon Meddings (Medicine)
Served on the Board since 2015

9. Future direction and concluding remarks

Dr. Chris Simpson asked the new President Dr. Sioban Nelson to conclude the meeting.

Dr. Sioban Nelson thanked Dr. Chris Simpson on behalf of the Board and the entire Fellowship for his wonderful service as President of the Academy. Despite these challenging times Dr. Chris Simpson has been a terrific President for the Academy.

Dr. Sioban Nelson explained that she is greatly honoured to be the new President of the Academy. The past two years has been a great transformation and the Academy has adapted well to these changes. For example, the two previous virtual AGMs have broken attendance records. CAHS is becoming increasingly aware of its responsibility to be an organization that shares its expertise and knowledge of health sciences.

Dr. Sioban Nelson explained that the immediate past President, Dr. Chris Simpson has signaled a commitment from the Board to move the organization to embrace inclusivity, to address equity, diversity and systemic racism as its first priority. The Board will work hard to make this happen. The Academy is in great shape thanks to the hard work by the CEO, Serge Buy and his team.

10. Adjournment

Dr. Sioban Nelson called for a motion to adjourn - Moved by Dr. James Cross.