



Canadian Academy of Health Sciences  
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET  
Webinar

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Fellows in Attendance

Paul Allison	Jacalyn Duffin	Nicole Letourneau
Robert Armstrong	Serge Dumont	Mindy Levin
Paul Armstrong	Elham Emami	Mitchell Levine
Stephanie Atkinson	Carolyn Emery	Linda Li
Zubin Austin	Marcia Finlayson	Ren-Ke Li
Lorne Babiuk	Keith Fowke	Carmen Loiselle
Herman Barkema	Marvin Fritzler	Stephen Lye
Andrea Baumann	Kenneth Fung	Joy MacDermid
Cecilia Benoit	Lucie Germain	Annette Majnemer
Robert Bortolussi	John Gilleard	Ashok Malla
Ian Bowmer	John Gordon	Errol Marliss
Rob Brownstone	Jean Gray	Ruth Ann Marrie
Lori Burrows	Judith Hall	Thomas Marrie
Jack Callaghan	Victor Han	Deborah Marshall
R. Nicholas Carleton	Robert Haynes	John Marshall
Benoit Chabot	Paul Hébert	Stephen Matthews
John Challis	Kendall Ho	Lynn McIntyre
Davy Cheng	David Hodgins	John McNeill
David Chitayat	Ellen Hodnett	Graydon Meneilly
Anthony Chow	Judy Illes	Eric Meslin
Dr. James (Jay) Cross	Lois Jackson	Luanne Metz
Sandra Davidge	David Kelton	Chris Mody
Marc Del Bigio	Dale Laird	Anita Molzahn
Vincenzo Di Nicola	Gilles Lavigne	Kieran Moore
Maureen Dobbins	Ted Leighton	Michelle Mottola

Sylvie Nadeau  
Louise Nadeau  
Dr. Sioban Nelson  
Margaret Penning  
Roger Pierson  
Vincent Piguet  
Barry Posner  
Andrew Potter  
Remi Rabasa-Lhoret  
Linda Rabeneck  
Proton Rahman  
Parminder Raina  
Kim Raine  
Marie-France Raynault

Maureen Reid  
Carol Richards  
Bernard Robaire  
David Rosenblatt  
James Rourke  
Elizabeth Saewyc  
Jan Sargeant  
Brent Schacter  
Barry Sessle  
Robert Sindelsr  
Pawan Singal  
Bhagirath Singh  
Ingrid Sketris  
J. David Spence

Dawn Stacey  
Antonio Strafella  
Gavin Stuart  
Moshe Szyf  
Sally Thorne  
Ross Upshur  
Dr. Colleen Varcoe  
Bilkis Vissandjee  
Cheryl Waldner  
Sharon Walmsley  
Catharine Whiteside  
Douglas Wilson  
Keith Yeates

**Guest:**

Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization

**CAHS Resources:**

- CEO – Serge Buy, non-voting;
- Recording Secretary – Chris Frantz, non-voting
- Webinar Administrator – Christine Helm, non-voting

**1. Welcome and Remembrance**

Dr. Sioban Nelson welcomed the Fellows to the 2022 CAHS AGM. A land acknowledgement was observed.

Dr. Nelson proceeded to ask for a moment of silence for Fellows that have passed away in the year since the last annual general meeting, including:

- Dr. Bernard Langer (February 23, 2022)

**2. Guest Speaker**

Dr. Sioban Nelson welcomed and introduced Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization, as guest speaker.

Dr. Michael J. Ryan made a speech to Fellows of CAHS.

Dr. Sioban Nelson thanked Dr. Ryan and invited Fellows to ask questions.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Sioban Nelson asked for approval of the Agenda.

On motion duly moved by Dr. Zubin Austin, seconded by Dr. Dale Laird, the following resolution:

**“That the Agenda be approved as presented.”**

**Carried**

### **4. Adoption of the Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting**

On motion duly moved by Dr. Sally Thorne, seconded by Dr. Davy Cheng and duly carried, the following resolution:

**“That the Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.”**

**Carried**

### **5. Report from the President**

Dr. Sioban Nelson reported on the activities of the past year.

#### **Assessments**

CAHS released the autism assessment report in May. The assessment was sponsored by the Public Health Agency of Canada. It received a good reception by the sponsor, other government departments and agencies, the media and stakeholders. Dr. Zwaigenbaum, members of the assessment panel, and the Project Director, Sonya Kupka were all thanked.

Information meetings with federal officials, provincial officials and stakeholders continue to be held.

A new assessment on health human resources was launched in January 2022. This assessment, undertaken at Health Canada’s request, is relevant for Canada and its health system. Past President, Chris Simpson and Fellow Ivy Bourgeault have taken on roles as co-chairs of this assessment.

#### **Events**

The CAHS Forum – an online format for 2021 – was well received. We will come back to an in-person event in September.

#### **Committees**

Dr. Nelson thanked the Chairs of the CAHS committees, and asked that Fellows consider getting involved in CAHS activities.

An EDI committee has been created, and their work is ongoing. More information will be shared in the near future.

### **Strategic Plan**

CAHS is engaged in a strategic planning exercise. Dr. Nelson asked that all Fellows participate in the survey that has been distributed. The results of this work will be presented in August.

## **6. Report from the Chief Executive Officer**

Serge Buy reported on the activities of the past year.

The Dialogue series will continue in October with an in-person event featuring Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos in Ottawa. This will be in conjunction with an Induction ceremony of new Fellows. Other Induction Ceremonies will take place in Vancouver and Montreal.

Several news articles have featured the CAHS Autism Assessment.

## **7. Financial Report**

Dr. Colleen Varcoe delivered the report on CAHS Financials from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

CAHS's fiscal year has been changed to align with our Fellowship year. Permission was needed from Revenue Canada to proceed with this change.

CAHS is doing better currently in comparison to the previous 12 months. Net assets have increased, and we are in much better financial health.

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

**"That the Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented."**

**Carried**

On motion duly moved by Dr. Zubin Austin, seconded by Dr. Davy Cheng and duly carried, the following resolution:

**"That the accounting firm of Nephin Winter Bingley be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2022."**

**Carried**

## **8. Bylaw Amendments**

Dr. Majnemer explained that as per a recommendation from the Governance Committee, we will request a vote to change the start and end dates of the term of office for members of the Board of Directors.

As of 2022, the start and end dates coincide with the Annual General Meeting which had typically been held in September.

As our fiscal year has changed, this also changes the timing of our Annual General Meeting.

On motion duly moved by Dr. Dale Laird, seconded by Dr. James Cross and duly carried, the following resolution:

**“That the bylaws be amended to change the start of the term of directors and officers on September 1st and end on August 31st.”**

**Carried**

## **9. Elections**

The Slate of Officers was presented.

On motion duly moved by Dr. Sally Thorne, seconded by Dr. Davy Cheng and duly carried, the following resolution:

**“That the slate be approved as presented.”**

**Carried**

The Slate of Directors was presented.

On motion duly moved by Dr. Ren-Ke Li, seconded by Dr. Elham Emami and duly carried, the following resolution:

**“That the slate be approved as presented.”**

**Carried**

## **10. Leadership Recognition**

Dr. Nelson recognized the contributions of Dr. Chris Simpson and Dr. Sandra Davidge who after years of service on the CAHS Board will, as of August 31st, retire from the Board.

## **11. Concluding remarks**

Dr. Sioban Nelson indicated that she was looking forward to completing some key projects – such as the Strategic Plan.

She thanked the CEO, other staff, Board Members, and committee members for their service.

## **12. Adjournment**

Dr. Nelson thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Dr. David Rosenblatt moved to adjourn the meeting.