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Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

As part of the
2019 CAS Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 2019, 11:30 – 12:30pm
Room Glen 206 / Calgary TELUS Convention Centre

MINUTES

Item 1 Call to Order

Dr Daniel Bainbridge, President, called the meeting to order and noted that quorum was confirmed. The agenda was approved.

Item 2 In Memoriam

Dr David McKnight, Secretary, asked members to observe a moment of silence in memory of colleagues who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting.

Item 3 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2018 meeting were approved.

Item 4 Report of the President

Dr Bainbridge reported that 2018 was another successful year at CAS. We had excellent attendance at the Annual Meeting, which financially translated into a small loss, but we hope to see this improve to a profit status in the upcoming years. The CJA was also able to make a profit, and CAS operational costs were effectively managed and reduced in several areas. More detail will be available in the Treasurer's report. Membership numbers are currently stagnant, although we are predicting a small increase by year-end. Taken together, the Society continues to move in the right direction.

Dr Bainbridge also reported that there are continuing reports in the media regarding both the drug shortages in Canada, the ongoing opioid and overdose crisis across Canada, as well as on the shortage of anesthesiologists, particularly in rural areas. CAS has been fully engaged in discussions on these matters and has advocated to appropriate levels of government and organizations as appropriate.

CAS has launched its new website based on recommendations made at the November Board meeting as well as through member consultations. The overall aim of the new site will be to streamline the usability and interactivity with members. The website will allow options like discussion forums, easily updated pages for sections and committees, and the integration of various types of reference materials.

Item 5 Report of the Treasurer & Presentation of Financial Statements

Dr James Kim, Treasurer, reported that the 2018 auditors report was approved by the Board of Directors earlier this month. He noted that CAS is in a good financial position, with current assets of \$3,785,575. Dr Kim noted that HR costs have increased because the office is now running with a full staff. He thanked Debra Thomson for her leadership, and Iris Li for her assistance and continued support to the Treasurer role.

Item 6 Appointment of Accountant for 2020

Dr Kim requested support to reappoint the current CAS auditors for 2020.

MOVED by Dr James Kim, **SECONDED** by Dr Doreen McKeen

“**THAT** McGovern, Hurley, Cunningham, LLP be appointed as the CAS accountant for 2020.

CARRIED

Item 7 Report of the CJA Editor In Chief

Dr Hilary Grocott thanked the CJA Editorial Board members and provided 2018 highlights including the significant increase in submission of articles for publication to 850, with an acceptance rate of 35% for publication. To date submissions are at 447 for 2019, approximately one month ahead of last year. Downloads of articles continue to grow with over 1.1 million full text downloads from the CJA website in the last year.

There has also been a significant move to online subscriptions over print-based subscriptions with 92.5% of members opting for the e-version of the Journal and 138 members continuing to receive the print version. The cost of printing is covered by the fee charged for the print version. CJA also continues to grow in international reputation with the ranking in the altimetric at #7 and our social media ranking at #43 of medical journals worldwide. Dr Ron George was thanked for his work on social media, which saw over 10k hits.

Item 8 Report of the Canadian Anesthesia Research Foundation (CARF)

Dr Doreen Yee, Chair, welcomed new board member Dr Ron George, a 2011 CAS research award winner, and reported that Dr Alana Flexman will be the CARF research lecturer for the 2019 meeting. The CAS Research Awards program has been restructured with the assistance of Dr Greg Bryson, mostly due to the loss of industry support to fund the awards, as well as a decision to support the best science. The awards will no longer be designated to different subsections, as the sections do not have the funds to support the awards on their own. Therefore, all Research Awards are now general awards. The Career Scientist award has funding and will continue, and there is support for an open award and the new anesthesiologist award. These awards will have reduced values due to loss of financial support.

A new strategy is being developed for fundraising for the committee, so far it has generated a donation from Merck pharmaceuticals at 10K for this year – double the \$5K donated in 2018 - as well as a last minute donation from our new financial advisors and new funding from the Manitoba Board of Health is being finalized.

Item 9 Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society International Education Foundation (CASIEF)

Dr Bould reported that Dr Andre Bernard and Dr Patty Livingston have left the board. Dr Anna Crawford of Stanford University has joined CASIEF and will be leading the Rwanda program. In 2018 CASIEF launched the Ethiopia program, and have been recruiting volunteers to undertake

teaching visits to Black Lion Hospital to support the university of Addis Ababa anesthesiology residency program. With the backing of the Ethiopian Government, physician anesthesia training continues to expand, and the AAU program now has 54 residents (up from 10 only 5 years ago). Volunteer recruitment has increased, and they are now recruiting for Global Health Fellow posts to be based in Addis Ababa for 6-12 months. Dr Bould reported that CASIEF began 2018 with equity of \$188,286.82 and ended the year with equity of \$190,285.37, a net income over the year of \$1,998.85. Dr Bould thanked Debra Thomson and Iris Li for their support over the years.

Item 10 Association of Canadian University Departments of Anesthesia (ACUDA)

Dr Roanne Preston, Chair, reported that the Competency by Design program is now live in all hospital residency programs across Canada. Most of the programs are 4-year programs, except for Ottawa Hospital where it will continue with a 5-year program but will establish a fast track resident 4-year program as well. The Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) have been completed for all 5 years by the working group comprised of the 17 PG Directors. However, it is recognized the EPA list is very long and will get shortened. The mandatory simulation scenarios, created by CanNASC, will total 5 and must be completed by senior residents (years 4 & 5). Resources continue to be an ongoing issue, with Deans indicating they had little say in how CBD had to roll out/be run in the programs.

Dr Preston noted as well the continuing problem with Human Resources. ACUDA hosted a one-day retreat with ACUDA management and other invited individuals to develop plans to solve the problem of short staffing. Some options will include increasing residency programs at hospitals, an initiative that has seen Dr Preston and Dr Bainbridge write to Health Ministers stressing the need for additional funding. Closing surgical theatres is seen as another option to address the problem. Dr Mateen Raazi was thanked for his efforts in collecting data and statistics from across Canada on the issues facing different health care systems and he intends to publish the results in conjunction with ACUDA later this year.

Item 11 World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA)

Dr. Pierre Fiset introduced the WFSA as the foremost global alliance of anaesthesiologists. He noted that he and Drs Bainbridge and Bould are working towards simplifying the relationship between WFSA and CASIEF in order to have a more cohesive working relationship regarding international education. Dr Fiset invited attendees to visit the WFSA website at <https://www.wfsahq.org/> to learn more about what they do, and to register for a weekly email newsletter covering a wide range of topics facing the anesthesia profession around the world. Finally, it was announced by Dr Fiset, that the 2020 World Congress of Anaesthesia will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, September 5 - 9, 2020, and to please try to attend.

Item 12 Election of Secretary

Dr DuVal reported that Dr McKnight will complete his term on the CAS Board effective August 31, 2019, and the board has approved the nomination of Dr Andrew Nice as his replacement.

MOVED by Dr Douglas DuVal, **SECONDED** by Dr Ron George

“THAT Dr Andrew Nice be elected as Secretary of the CAS Board for the term September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022.

CARRIED

Item 13 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2020, during the CAS Annual Meeting in Halifax, NS.

Item 14 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.