Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members

Thursday, September 26, 2019
Westin Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta
Approved: Draft

Voting Members in Attendance:	Nadia Khan (President & Chair), Glen Doucet (Vice-President), Olga Berillo, Mariane Bertagnolli, Dylan Burger, Virgilio Cadete, Norm Campbell, Simon Chauvette, Lyne Cloutier, Jeffery Dickhout, Cedric Edwards, Ross Feldman, John Floras, Mark Gelfer, Robert Gros, Steven Gryn, Ankur Gupta, Fady Hannah-Shmouni, Rhiannon Hilton, Swapnil Hiremath, Janusz Kaczorowski, Julie Lavoie, Alex Leung, Donna McLean, Andre Michaud, Alain Milot, Raj Padwal, Pierre Paradis, Ernesto Schiffrin, Lian Tian, Karen Tran, Ross Tsuyuki, Mandy Turner.
Staff:	Angelique Berg (Corporate Secretary and CEO), Nancy Beshay, Kimberly Brathwaite, Crystal Ceres, Paul Landers, Rebecca Sedore.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

With quorum confirmed, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:52 AM.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Upon motion duly made by ERNESTO SCHIFFRIN, seconded by ALAN BELL, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the November 29, 2018 Annual General Meeting were approved as circulated.

3.0 President's Report

The Chair acknowledged the organization's 40th anniversary milestone and outlined Hypertension Canada's vision to have the healthiest and best managed hypertension in the world. She noted that the strategic goals are to expand Hypertension Canada's influence among target audiences and stakeholders (pharmacists, primary care physicians, nurses and dieticians and to grow organizational revenue by optimizing and diversifying total funding sources. Together, they focus efforts towards the Mission: to advance health through the prevention and control of hypertension and its complications.

The Chair acknowledged the 20th anniversary of the Hypertension Canada Guidelines and the Canadian Hypertension Congress' re-launch after its 2018 hiatus. The 2019 Congress theme is "A Whole Patient Approach", examining various coexisting conditions alongside hypertension in each patient. The theme's goal is to improve the outcomes of people living with hypertension. The Chair acknowledged the effectiveness of the Young Investigator Forum and other community-level efforts to attract new members to its cause. The Chair concluded by announcing the retirement of Dr. Ernesto Schiffrin and thanked him for his years of service and immeasurable contributions.

4.0 Operations Report

CEO Angelique Berg reported Operations activity since the 2018 Annual General Meeting across the organization's pillars of research, advocacy, and education.

In research, Ms. Berg acknowledged award winners Drs. Glen Jickling, Alex Leung and Janusz Kaczorowski for their outstanding work. In advocacy, Ms. Berg reported that Hypertension Canada's survey of health care professionals on the impact of antihypertensive drug shortages confirmed disruption to both professional practices and patient blood pressure control. Thus, ensuring an uninterrupted supply of antihypertensive medications for Canadians is a key organizational advocacy priority. Ms. Berg noted collaboration has been initiated with the Health Canada's Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee on Drug

Shortages in Canada, the Best Medicines Coalition, and with peer organizations including the Canadian Pharmacists Association on this issue and to expand the scope of pharmacy for improved patient access to professional management of hypertension. Ms. Berg invited Dr. Ross Tsuyuki to the stage to report on education and implementation.

On behalf of his Education & Implementation Committee Co-Chair, Dr. Alan Bell, Dr. Ross Tsuyuki presented the Hypertension Canada Provider Designation Program, through which primary care providers, initially pharmacists, will learn and be evaluated on identified competencies in hypertensive patient management. Dr. Tsuyuki presented the various module samples, including its risk calculator for patients. The program is in its final testing stages and is in need of volunteers for further trials. Dr. Tsuyuki stated that the project was funded by a peer-reviewed grant from the Servier Alberta Innovation in Health Fund and the Government of Alberta. He ended his presentation by thanking the Hypertension Canada team.

There were no questions from the floor. The Chair thanked Ms. Berg and Dr. Tsuyuki for their presentations.

5.0 Presentation of Audited Financial Statements and Appointment of Auditor

Finance Committee member John Floras, on behalf of Treasurer Trevor Hudson and all of the Finance Committee, presented the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2019. He reported that 2019 was the fourth audit with auditors Grant Thornton LLP, and that it was comprehensive, clean and with good cooperation from staff and the accountant. He noted that the $212,000 loss was planned, given the suspension and re-design of the Canadian Hypertension Congress in 2018. He reported no foreseeable obstacles in the reaching of the organization's financial goals. There were no questions from the floor.

Upon motion duly made by JOHN FLORAS, seconded by ERNESTO SCHIFFRIN and unanimously carried, the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2019 were confirmed by the members.

Upon motion duly made by JOHN FLORAS, seconded by PIERRE PARADIS and unanimously carried, Grant Thornton LLP was appointed as the auditor for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

The Chair thanked Dr. Floras for his presentation, and the Finance Committee for their work.

6.0 Election of Directors

Ms. Dorothy Morris, Governance Committee Vice-Chair, extended thanks to fellow Committee members Mr. Glen Doucet and Mr. David Lui for their work on this year's election slate. Ms. Morris called attention to the pre-circulated 2019 Election Slate, noted that seven terms are expiring, with all Directors standing for re-election, and three new nominees standing for election for the first time.

Ms. Morris first acknowledged that Dr. Ernesto Schiffrin, first elected to Hypertension Canada's Board of Directors in 2011 and having served as President from 2013 to 2016, retires after eight years of continuous service. She invited Dr. Ross Feldman to share some words of recognition, followed by Dr. Schiffrin himself, and the presentation of Dr. Schiffrin's service award, met with a standing ovation.

Ms. Morris called attention to the Election Slate and the enclosed brief bios circulated in the meeting packages. She introduced the Directors nominated for re-election: Mr. Glen Doucet, Mr. Trevor Hudson, Dr. Janusz Kaczorowski, Dr. Nadia Khan, Mr. David Lui, Dr. Raj Padwal, and herself. Ms. Morris then listed the first-time nominees, who introduced themselves to the meeting: Drs. Rob Gross, Swapnil Hiremath and Ross Tsuyuki. Ms. Morris noted that the membership will vote on the slate as presented, and the Board subsequently will determine one and two year terms to ensure balanced term staggering.

Upon motion duly made by DOROTHY MORRIS, seconded by ERNESTO SCHIFFRIN and unanimously carried, each of the following were elected as a Director of the Board: Mr. Glen Doucet, Dr. Rob Gros, Dr. Swapnil Hiremath, Mr. Trevor Hudson, Dr. Janusz Kaczorowski, Dr. Nadia Khan, Mr. David Lui, Ms. Dorothy Morris, Dr. Raj Padwal, and Dr. Ross Tsuyuki, with term length to be affixed by the Board of Directors.

Ms. Morris thanked the membership for their votes and announced that those elected Dr. Alan Bell, who holds a term-in-progress, to form the 2019-2020 Board of Directors.

7.0 Remarks and Close

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in this 2019 Annual General Meeting, and noted that the presentation of the annual awards would directly follow the meeting's close.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors,

K. Brathwaite

Kimberly Brathwaite for:
Angelique Berg,
Corporate Secretary
October 07, 2019