



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

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MINUTES

CSRT Annual General Meeting
Delfosse Room,
Hilton Lac Lemay, 3 du Casino Blvd, Gatineau, QC J8Y 6X4

Saturday, May 30, 2009
07:30 to 08:30 hours

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Ray Hubble, CSRT President, called the meeting to order. He welcomed the participants to the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

2. Confirmation of quorum, scrutineers and parliamentarian

Sylvia Stiehl, Chief Scrutineer, confirmed that quorum was reached as there were more than 50 CSRT voting members in good standing present in person and by proxy.

3. Introductions

President Ray Hubble introduced the 2009 Board of Directors:

Past President – Rob Leathley (Hampton, NB)
Professional Advocacy - vacant
Education and Clinical Standards – Michael Lemphers (Kamloops, BC)
Human Resources – Angela Coxe (Hamilton, ON)
Membership Services – Christina Dolgowicz (Smith Falls, ON)
National / Provincial Relations – Jeff Dmytrowich (Saskatoon, SK)
Treasurer and President-Elect – Daniel McPhee (Staffa, ON)
Student Relations – Chantale Blanchard (Saint John, NB)

President Ray Hubble introduced Tom Dorval who will serve as the Parliamentarian for this AGM. He then introduced the CSRT Executive Director, Christiane Ménard.

He then introduced CSRT staff, Sylvia Stiehl, Monique ElAzzi and Milena Contighi, who will serve as scrutineers.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was presented by David Swift (Ottawa, ON), seconded by Ted Yachemetz (Winnipeg, MB) to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

5. Approval of Minutes of the CSRT 2008 Special Annual General Meeting

There was a motion by Sherryl Homuth (ON), seconded by Steve Chard (SK), to approve the minutes of the Special AGM held in Ottawa on December 5, 2008. **Motion carried.**

6. Executive Reports

6.1 President's Report

President Ray Hubble provided an overview of his activities over the past year. A new Executive Director was hired which has led to improved fiscal policy, human resource management, and improved communication. He reported that he has been involved in advocacy working on the network for simulation in health care of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, the national working group for Pediatric Resuscitation Education in Canada, on the evolving role for anesthesia assistants. He also reported attending national and international meetings on behalf of the profession, including the AARC International Symposium.

He reported that the NBRC reciprocity agreement has expired and that the CSRT will continue to support reciprocity with regulators, will concentrate on internal trade between provinces, and advocate for the recognition of the RRT credential internationally.

President Ray Hubble also outlined his role within the National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies and the National Competency Profile Task Force.

He also outlined activities to improve partnership with industry that have led to the CSRT / CAREstream Student Excellence Award, the President's award, the student video completion and his discussions with the President of Boehringer Ingelheim Canada.

President Hubble reported on the development of the strategic plan and reviewed the CSRT's four strategic directions.

6.2 Treasurer's Report

Dan McPhee reviewed the 2008 audited financial statements outlined in the annual report. He reported that financial statements present a deficit of \$32,927 due to a significant decrease in revenues for the 2008 fiscal year.

A motion was presented by Allan Shemanko (AB), seconded by Patrick Hogan (NB), to receive the auditors' report. ***Motion carried.***

6.3 Appointment of Auditor

Dan McPhee recommended that the CSRT appoint McCay, Duff and Company as auditors for the 2009 fiscal year.

A motion was presented by David Swift (ON), seconded by Rick Culver (ON), to appoint McCay, Duff and Company as auditor for the 2009 fiscal year. ***Motion carried.***

6.4 Executive Director's Report

Christiane Ménard reported that since she started in September 2008, she has completed an administrative and operational review and managed the development of the 2009-2012 strategic plan.

She reported that one of her priorities was pursue consultation with stakeholders and this was done through the strategic planning exercise, with industry partners, through her participation in the Health Action Lobby Group and the Collaborative Forum on Health Sciences. She is also working on establishing advocacy program and the dissemination of positions statements and media releases (i.e. H1N1 Influenza). A clear priority for the CSRT Executive Director is the promotion of the profession.

C. Ménard reported that in the past few months, a new bilingual web site was launched, lower premiums for professional liability insurance were negotiated and enhancements were brought to the CSRT awards program.

7. Motion to increase dues (see rationale)

A motion was presented by Pat Hogan (NB), seconded by Rick Culver (ON), that the CSRT membership dues be increased by 12.5% for the fiscal year 2010-2011 and by 3% per year for the next four years.

An amendment was brought forward by David Swift (ON), seconded by Carole Madeley, to separate the motion so that there is a different motion for the increase of 12.5% in 2010-2011 and a motion for the increase of 3% per year for the next four years. **Amendment defeated.**

An amendment was brought forward by Ted Yachemetz (MB), seconded by David Swift (ON) That the motion be changed to include the dollar value instead of percentage. **Amendment carried.**

The following amended motion was carried: That the CSRT membership dues be increased by \$15.00 for the year 2010-2011 and by \$5.00 per year for the next four years

8. Election of Officers

The incoming directors were introduced. As there was only one nomination for each position, no vote was necessary. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

- President-elect – Richard Culver (Orangeville, ON)
- Treasurer – Jeff Dmytrowich (Saskatoon, SK)
- Director of Professional Advocacy – Cynthia Welton (Burlington, ON)
- Director of National and Provincial Relations – Jeff Kobe (New Westminster, BC)

9. New Business

A request was made from the floor that future Annual General Meetings be scheduled at a reasonable time as this meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. This request was felt to be acceptable, and efforts will be made to schedule future AGMs after 8:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.