

Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual

February 9, 2021

5:30pm MST

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Brasch, President

Minutes

Present: J. Brasch M. Willows D. Martell P. Sobey N. Ali AS. Marsolais
 C. Chase S. Dubreucq M. Ghosh S. Etches R. Tanguay N. el – Guebaly
 R. Lodhi W. Shublaq R. Fraser G. Budd
 B. Hebert (recorder)

Regrets: D. Martell K. Lee

1. Call to Order: 5:34pm MST – J. Brasch
2. Approval of Agenda
 - No additions to the agenda

Motion by p. Sobey to accept the agenda.
Seconded by: C. Chase

3. Review Minutes from January 19, 2021 (Appendix 1)
 - Minutes from last meeting have been reviewed and approved.
 - All action items have been completed from January's minutes

Motion by AS. Marsolais to accept the minutes from January 19, 2021.
Seconded by: C. Chase

4. CSAM-SMCA Journal Club
 - First Journal Club of 2021 will be this Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6pm MST
 - M. Ghosh is recruiting facilitators for the March session
 - B. Hebert to send the BOD an email with the specific details and facilitator duties for recruitment
5. Cross Canada Check-In – J. Brasch
 - Opportunity for provincial/territorial reps to provide update on addiction issues in the area

- C. Chase - Thunder Bay, seeing an increase in overdose deaths - bitterly cold, shelters all close their doors at 8pm, contaminated drug supply
- M. Willows - Ottawa, Health Canada grant for 1M to start prescribing high dose dilaudid

6. President's Report – J. Brasch

- Letter to Health Canada about Special Access Program for Restricted Drugs
 - i. The CSAM-SMCA Executive wrote a statement that states we oppose Health Canada's proposal to reverse regulatory changes made in 2013 that prohibited access to restricted drugs through the Special Access Program (SAP) with respect to cocaine and related products.
 - ii. Letter has been submitted to Health Canada
- Invitation to participate as a representative in a stakeholder group for a clinical practice guideline on Medical Cannabis and Chronic Pain
 - i. R. Tanguay is already listed as a stakeholder in the process
 - ii. J. Brasch is petitioning for an individual from the BOD to volunteer
 - C. Chase – is willing to volunteer if it is only one meeting and review of the document
 - J. Brasch – to send C. Chase email to confirm this information
- Social Media
 - i. B. Hebert is asking that the CSAM-SMCA BOD send any articles, posts, etc. that they have read, and feel should be shared on the CSAM-SMCA social media feed
 - ii. The goal is to increase CSAM-SMCA social media presences in 2021
- Resignation of W. Lamba
 - i. W. Lamba will be stepping down from the BOD for family reasons, he specified his support for CSAM-SMCA and hopes to participate again when he has more time
 - ii. Nominations Committee – P. Sobey
 - P. Sobey to make a call for Ontario candidates in the next few weeks
 - a. If we only receive one candidate, they will assume the position for the remainder of the term (2021)
 - b. If more than one candidate declares, a vote will occur, and the elected candidate will assume the position for four years until 2024 AGM
 - c. The term will be renewable for a full four-year term at the 2024 AGM

Motion by J. Brasch to accept the report.

Seconded by: G. Budd

7. Recap of Special Meeting: Failed motion to adopt proposed bylaw change – J. Brasch

- A review of Bylaws found that the criteria for classes of membership are not specified within the bylaws, but determined by vote of the BOD or membership, or adopted as a policy. Thus, changes to the CSAM bylaws are not needed to allow health professionals other than physicians and PhDs to become full members.
- CSAM-SMCA Executive will meet to pursue how we will move forward with this action item

8. Conference Committee Update – P. Sobey

- Virtual Only Conference
 - i. In person/hybrid is not looking possible for the fall
- We are developing a new abstract submission platform with AMP
 - i. Launching in the Spring
 - ii. We will have a 6-year subscription to the platform
- The committee is set, and we are in the midst of distributing the workload for the conference
- Entertaining recommendations for speakers
 - i. If you have any recommendations email B. Hebert, P. Sobey and D. Martell
- Currently working on a theme:
 - i. Options that involve the wording – “Recovery Through Innovation”
- 2021 Hamilton Cancellation Options:
 - i. We cannot fully cancel the space; we will have to rebook for 2024 or 2025 to avoid a financial penalty
 - ii. If dates allow, the BOD would prefer to go back to Hamilton in 2024
 - The current dates available for 2024 is October 2nd – 6th
 - B. Hebert looking into dates later in the year
 - In 2025, there are more dates available
 - iii. Early October seems to be heavy with Conferences
 - Look at the dates of other addiction conference to ensure we do not conflict ie, ASAM
 - iv. B. Hebert to look further into the date options and confirm a cancellation plan

9. Review TOR and 2021 goals from those committees that have submitted:

- Journal Committee
 - i. Currently reviewing the performance of the individuals on the Editorial Board – may have 2-3 spaces available
 - ii. Individuals on the CSAM-SMCA BOD are automatically considered reviewers for the CJA
 - B. Hebert is to add this point to the TOR
 - BOD members are encouraged to accept one or two requests a year to review articles for consideration for the journal
 - iii. Is there a way for mentoring around the review of an article?
 - Make individuals feel more comfortable with this task

- There is a direct link with reviewing tips on the form that you agree to when you are to review an article

- Funding Committee
 - i. B. Hebert to look at when the committee was created – January 8th, 2019
 - ii. Goal for 2021 is to receive more funding requests
- As more committee chairs submit their work, we will continue to review them at the BOD meetings

10. Discussion about the SIG – Should CSAM-SMCA have some?

- Should we look at establishing any groups within CSAM-SMCA?
- We will encourage groups if someone would like to take charge and create one
 - i. If any member of the BOD has an area of interest, they would like to explore with the CSAM-SMCA membership or public, they can do so under the CSAM-SMCA umbrella
- Group Ideas:
 - i. Ethics and Philosophy of addictions (clinical vs political reasoning)
 - ii. Addiction Psychologists
 - iii. In-patient addiction Consultation Teams
- If a group is created, we can market participation in our newsletter, social media and at the conference
- Reach out to J. Brasch if you have thought or ideas for a group

11. Next Meeting: March 9, 2021 @ 5:30pm MST

- Education Committee to Report
- Conference Committee to Report

12. Adjournment: 6:35pm MST – J. Brasch

Action Items:

J. Brasch

- Email C. Chase regarding stakeholder group for a clinical practice guideline on Medical Cannabis and Chronic Pain (her participation)
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B. Hebert

- Send email to BOD to recruit Journal Club March Facilitators
- Finalization cancellation of 2021 in person conference/ rebook for 2024

- Revise Editorial Committee TOR (add in all BOD members are considered reviewers)

P. Sobey

- Send email to Ontario members to call for candidates for open BOD position