

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Virtual**

**March 9, 2021**

**5:30pm MST**

**Chair:** Dr. Jennifer Brasch, President

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

Regrets: K. Lee      S. Dubreucq

Absent: R. Lodh

**Minutes**

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

**Motion by P. Sobey accept the agenda.  
Seconded by: C. Chase**

3. Review Minutes from February 9, 2021 (Appendix 1)
  - a. Minutes from last meeting have been reviewed and approved.
  - b. All action items have been completed from February's minutes

**Motion by G.Budd to accept the minutes from February 9, 2021.  
Seconded by: M. Willows**

4. President's Report – J. Brasch
  - a. Letter to Health Canada about cannabis research
    - i. J. Brasch sent an email to BOD members with information and to consider signing this letter
    - ii. Letter is open for signing until March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

- iii. J. Brasch to assist N. el – Guebaly in signing the letter
  - b. Funding committee decision
    - i. P. Sobey and J. Brasch reviewed an application from VGH to host a series of addiction education webinars - agreed to support for a grant of \$5000
  - c. Nominees for Ontario Representative
    - i. There are 2 nominations for the Ontario representative vote (to be held the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>)
    - ii. Our hope is to get more participation in the voting process than last time
    - iii. B. Hebert to send CV, COI and letter of intent to the BOD for review of candidates
      - 1. If there are any issues send your feedback to P. Sobey
  - d. 2020 Project List
    - i. Review Membership Benefits
      - 1. C. Chase, S. Dubreucq and J. Brasch to discuss committee and how to reenergize it
    - ii. Granting program – very early discussions about starting a foundation this type of program would fall under this umbrella
    - iii. CMPA coverage
      - 1. P. Sobey call the CMPA and ask them to provide information about certain practices will be covered or not
    - iv. Funding committee members – have been recruited
    - v. Trademarking the Logo - P. Sobey needs to make a proposal to the funding committee to complete
    - vi. Staffing – in progress
    - vii. Partnerships – constantly looking for partnerships
    - viii. The remainder of the list will be reviewed at another meeting

5. Release on Decriminalization Policy – D. Martell & B. Hebert

- a. The policy brief was published In the CJA on Thursday (March issue)
  - i. Open access
- b. Got coverage through 2 media interviews
  - i. CBC interview – R. Tanguay
  - ii. Globe and Mail print interview – A. Hamilton
  - iii. Many members of the policy committee and CSAM-SMCA members shared this release on social media
- c. Have the opportunity to present the brief to the Canadian Medical Association committee April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm MST
- d. Next Policy – Outsource a medical writer?
  - i. The next policy the committee is going to focus on is to write a national guideline in quality standards in residential care facilities
  - ii. In early stages of forming a working group and partnership with CCSA and META-PHI

- iii. Has been determined that the lit. search and writing piece need to be done extremely well so there are no “holes” in our data.
    - 1. BOD is in general agreement that if the partnerships cannot offer the writing the Policy Committee is looking for that hiring a medical writer is important
  - iv. C. Chase to send email with information on the Mother and Child Program to D. Martell
  - v. It would be beneficial to have someone with experience working in residential treatment centers in the working group
6. Education Committee Update – M. Willows & R. Fraser
- a. R. Fraser and M. Willows will be co-chairing the committee
  - b. At this point they have reached out to the current committee to see which individuals would like to continue on the committee and which would like to resign
    - i. R. Fraser and M. Willows to meet and decide if they need to recruit additional members
  - c. Will begin to plan the fundamentals for the conference
7. Conference Committee Update – D. Martell & P. Sobey
- a. Brainstorming exercise to come up with a conference theme
    - i. Innovate, Rebuild and Recover
    - ii. These words were meant to be in reference to addiction medicine
  - b. Still on the hunt for plenary speakers
    - i. Send an email to P. Sobey and/or D. Martell with ideas
  - c. Looking at new virtual apps/platforms
    - i. Will have a decision made in the next 2 weeks which platform we go with
  - d. Designing a new app for abstract submissions – will get great value for the next 5-6 years
    - i. Ability to develop and manipulate the conference schedule
  - e. BOD members will be tasked to review submitted abstracts
8. Journal Club Update – M. Ghosh
- a. Next session is Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00pm MST
  - b. Facilitators – M. Ghosh, K. Lee and C. Chase
9. Round the table update
- a. AB continued iOAT funding for 2 years
  - b. Halifax seeing sweet tarts with massive overdoses
    - i. Large epidemic in crack cocaine in the youth group homes - Hardly any opioids in youth
10. Adjournment: 6:27pm MST – J. Brasch

## **Action Items:**

### **J. Brasch**

- Assist N. el – Guebaly in signing the Health Canada letter on cannabis research
- Connect with C. Chase and S.Dubreucq to discuss membership committee 2021 action plan

### **P. Sobey**

- Call CMPA and ask them to provide information about certain practices will be covered or not
- Create logo trademark proposal for funding committee

### **C. Chase**

- Send email with information on the Mother and Child Program to D. Martell

### **B. Hebert**

- Send CV, COI and letter of intent of Ontario candidates to the BOD for review