



CANADIAN FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' SOCIETIES

2017 CFCPS AGM Fairmont Edmonton Fri June 9th, 14:30

Attendance

Executive:

President	Dr. Jim Lane
Past President	Dr. Thomas Bouchard
Vice President	Dr. Martin Owen
Secretary	Dr. Vanessa Sweet
Treasurer	Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. Natasha Gajraj

Guild Representatives:

Vancouver	Dr. Jim Lane
Edmonton	Dr. Mary Ellen Haggerty
Calgary	Dr. Martin Owen
Saskatoon	Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick
Ottawa	Dr. Rene Leiva
Hamilton	Dr. Anthony Kerigan
Sarnia	(none)
Quebec	(none)
Montreal	Dr. Tommy Beaupre
Toronto	Dr. Lucas Vivas
London	Dr. Ramona Coelho
Halifax	Dr. Alana Cormier

Opening Prayer Deacon Dr. Randy Abele

Call to Order Dr. Jim Lane (14h40)

Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda for the 2017 AGM by Calgary
Seconded by Edmonton
Motion carried

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM by Edmonton
Seconded by Calgary

Motion carried

President's Report Dr. Jim Lane

(Written copy of President's report available at AGM and attached to minutes)

Dr. Lane highlighted several items. There were 4 general council meetings throughout the year, with executive teleconference meetings as required.

Advocacy - The CFCPS has been very active with advocacy within the last year. Dr. Thomas Bouchard has been heavily involved with the pending court case against the CPSO, which is being heard next week in Ontario. Dr. Lane acknowledged the hard work of the Ontario physicians who have been heavily involved in the protection of conscience rights, especially Dr. Ramon Coelho.

Administration - With respect to administration, this year saw a completely new executive elected so there were some significant transitions. We have also employed an administrative assistant who has been invaluable (Mrs. Natasha Gajraj).

Dues Collection – There is a \$30 fee for each person registered with a guild that is to be forwarded to the CFCPS. This will be addressed in more detail in the treasurer's report. Dr. Lane underscored the importance of administrative and financial stability in the year(s) going forward so that we can better serve Catholic physicians across the country.

Additionally, Dr. Lane represented the CFCPS at the CMDS meeting in Ontario in May and the Canadian Physicians for Life Conference in BC in October.

Motion to accept the President's Report by Calgary
Seconded by Edmonton

NAFCMA Report Dr. Martin Owen

- FIAMC has existed for many years but Canada has never been formally involved. It is, like our own federation, an association of organizations not individuals.
- FIAMC would like CFCPS and the CMA to be united as a region in our representation within FIAMC. This would *not* be a merger of the organizations themselves, nor would this joint group have any authority over CFCPS or CMA but

rather, it simply formalizes how our groups would be represented internationally.

- Statutes of NAFCMA presented to AGM attendees
 - Article 6 requires member organizations to pay dues to NAFCMA. Practically speaking, there would not actually be any dues to pay because there would be no operational costs of NAFCMA. FIAMC is aware that CFCPS is still actively trying to establish its own financial stability and therefore would not be an active dues-paying group.
 - Dr. Owen has committed to keeping CFCPS apprised of any changes/updates with respect to FIAMC/NAFCMA finances.
- The benefit to having CFCPS and CMA aligned as NAFCMA is that it would allow for additional voting for various FIAMC motions

Motion to join with CMA within the NAFCMA by Calgary

Seconded by Toronto

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick

2016-2017 Financial Statement

- Opening balance: \$6257.60
- Closing balance: \$1147.17
- Outstanding credit: \$3000.00 (conference start-up funds)

Motion to accept the financial statement by Saskatoon

Seconded by Edmonton

Motion carried

2017 Budget Present-Status Update

- Reviewed conference funds that came through the federation. Ultimately the Edmonton guild is responsible for paying conference related bills.
- Many membership dues are outstanding
- Donation of \$2000.00 forthcoming from the Knights of Columbus

2018 Proposed Budget

- Estimated outgoing costs of \$8250

Motion to adopt the 2018 Budget by London

Seconded by Saskatoon

Motion carried

There was ensuing discussion from the floor about the possibility of pursuing status as a registered charity. The overall sentiment was that given then amount of advocacy work we are currently doing we would not be eligible.

Guild Dues – Most of the funds have come from Vancouver, Montreal, and Halifax. In 2016-2017 CFCPS entrusted dues collections to the individual guilds, with the understanding that the \$30 per person fee would then be forwarded to the federation.

Motion put forth to allow for several options for dues collections for this year (modified to include provision of consent to contact via email) to either have CFCPS directly contact individual guild members to collect dues, or have the guilds forward dues to CFCPS or lastly the guilds allow us to bill members directly.

Motion put forth by CFCPS president Dr. Jim Lane
Amendment requested by Saskatoon
Seconded by London
Amendment to motion wording carried

Amended motion seconded by Calgary
Amended motion carried

2019 Conference Motion to hold the 2019 CFCPS AGM/Conference in Toronto
Put forth by Toronto
Seconded by President Dr. Jim Lane
Motion carried

There was an expression of interest by Montreal to host the 2020 AGM and conference.

Guild Reports Moderated by Dr. Jim Lane
(Print copies of guild reports distributed at meeting and attached)

Addenda to the reports are included here, otherwise reports are as submitted.

1. Calgary – Dr. Martin Owen
 - Teleconferenced speaker series, which was very useful for members who are remote
2. Halifax – Dr. Alana Cormier
3. Vancouver – Dr. Howie Bright
 - Guild promoted a medical mission to Vietnam, the next of which is in October 2017.
4. Hamilton – Dr. Anthony Kerigan

- Meetings were made open to other health care professions which was found to be helpful for sharing insights and gaining new perspectives
5. London – Dr. Ramona Coelho
 6. Montreal – Dr. Tommy Beaupre
 7. Toronto – Dr. Lucas Vivas
 8. Ottawa – Dr. Rene Leiva
 - White Mass held in May with Archbishop Prendergast in conjunction with the Archbishop and several seminarians from Montreal
 9. Edmonton – Dr. Mary Ellen Haggerty
 - Major part of the year has been preparation for the conference
 - Journal clubs targeted primarily at medical students were undertaken to establish a social group. These were held on 5 occasions over dinner with a presenter/facilitator.

Dr. Dave McCann Award Dr. Jim Lane

This was the second consecutive year without a candidate for the award. \$100 contribution was requested from each guild. This year part of the issue was a late call for applicants.

Going forward, December 1 will be the call for applicants, with names requested from the guilds. The students will be asked to write a small essay on an ethical issue pertinent to Catholic Medical Professionals and the winner chosen from among the essays. The deadline is April 1.

There was strong encouragement for local applicants.

New Business (Two new motions regarding fees and the conference as above)

Elections of Officers The CFCPS treasurer and secretary have resigned to offset the elections of the executive. There was a call for nominations from the floor. Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick was nominated for treasurer and Dr. Vanessa Sweet nominated for secretary. Both accepted their nominations.

Motion to elect Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick as CFCPS treasurer
 Moved by CFCPS president Dr. Jim Lane
 Seconded by Vancouver
 Motion carried

Motion to elect Dr. Vanessa Sweet as CFCPS secretary
 Moved by CFCPS president Dr. Jim Lane

Seconded by Halifax
Motion carried

The remainder of the executive will complete their current two-year term as previously elected.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jim Lane
Motion to adjourn by Dr. Jim Lane

Closing Prayer

Bishop Bittman