



**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 14, 2014**
Ted Rogers School of Management
Ryerson University
55 Dundas Street West, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario

Present: Mac Mierzejewski (Chair)
Allen Rodgers
Doug Freer
Prem Kapur
Fiona Third
Dieter Mensch
Joanne Perron
Emiliana Blagoeva
Ruth LeDrew
Debbie Byrne
Wlodek Witt
Sandra McKendry
Catherine Fuller
Lianne Chan
JoAnn Thompson-Franklin
Nimet Meghji
Max Steinbach
Kazimierz Kusmierczak
Milena Nikolic
Ien Oei

Represented by Proxy: Dino Mazzuca
Dwight Vallee
Marjorie Hammond
Michael Greenwood
Sona Tahan
Hoang Dinh
Neil Luders
Sheila Williams

Staff Present: Ronda Kellington, Executive Director (Recorder)

1. Call to Order

Mac Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of AFCl. Board Members and Staff were recognized.

Quorum being present, Mac Mierzejewski declared the meeting regularly and properly constituted.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Nimet Meghji that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Catherine Fuller. All in favour. Carried.

3. President's Remarks

Mac Mierzejewski thanked Christina Rogoza for finalizing the new curriculum, a 200 hour training program. He also thanked staff members Sheila Williams and Ronda Kellington for all their efforts and recognized all Board members for their volunteer work.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of June 8, 2013 Annual General Meeting

Copies of the June 8, 2013 Annual General Meeting were circulated. No changes or corrections were made.

MOTION: Moved by Nimet Meghji that the minutes of the June 8, 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Doug Freer. All in favour. Carried.

5. Ratification of Actions Taken by the 2013-2014 Board of Directors

Mac Mierzejewski described the actions taken by the Board of Directors since the 2013 AGM:

- Approved the use of funds to redevelop the organization's website.
- Changed Ronda Kellington's job title to Executive Director.
- Moved the head office of the organization on January 6, 2014.
- Approved a fee structure for online instructors.
- Approved the addition of health benefits for staff members.
- Accepted Dr. Linda Rapson's retirement from the organization on January 31, 2014.
- Approved new bylaws for the organization, to bring forward to the membership.
- Approved a new name for the organization, to bring forward to the membership.

MOTION: Moved by JoAnn Thompson-Franklin that the actions taken by the AFCI Board of Directors since the June 2013 AGM be ratified. Seconded by Prem Kapur. All in favour. Carried.

6. Approval of Name Change of the Corporation

Mac Mierzejewski presented information on the discussion behind the desire to change the organization's name. With support from a marketing firm, the Board of Directors approved a new name for the organization – Acupuncture Canada. The Board is now asking the membership for support of the name change.

Members discussed the potential new name. It was noted that any change to the CAFCI designation is still under discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Doug Freer to approve a name change for the organization to Acupuncture Canada. Seconded by Nimet Meghji. One opposed. Three abstentions. Carried.

7. Approval of New Bylaws for the Corporation

Mac Mierzejewski presented the new bylaws for the corporation, which are required under the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. The differences between these bylaws and the previous bylaws were highlighted.

MOTION: Moved by Catherine Fuller that the revised By-Law of the Corporation be adopted as presented. Seconded by JoAnn Thompson-Franklin. One abstention. Carried.

Mac Mierzejewski noted that the organization must also submit Articles of Continuance and that the statement of purpose for the organization is unchanged.

MOTION: Moved by Prem Kapur that the Articles of Continuance be approved as presented. Seconded by Dieter Mensch. One abstention. Carried.

8. Presentation of the 2013-2014 Audited Financial Statement

Ronda Kellington presented the 2013-2014 Audited Financial Statement.

MOTION: Moved by Dieter Mensch that the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending January 31, 2014 be approved as presented. Seconded by Ien Oei. All in favour. Carried.

9. Appointment of the Auditor for 2014-2015

Ronda Kellington noted that the Bylaws require that members approve the appointment of the AFCI auditors for the coming fiscal year. The Board of Directors recommends that Welch LLP be retained.

MOTION: Moved by Catherine Fuller that Welch LLP be appointed as auditor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Seconded by Nimet Meghji. All in favour. Carried.

10. Election of 2014-2015 Directors

With the change to the new Bylaws, the Board is recommending the current Directors remain in place. A call for nominations will be forthcoming.

The Chair reported that the slate of Directors for 2014-2015 is as follows:

- Mac Mierzejewski, President (AB)
- Jacek Brachaniec, President-Elect (NB)
- Cathy Donald, Treasurer (NS)
- Nimet Meghji (ON)
- Catherine Fuller (ON)
- Kara Gray Breeze (SK)
- Marjorie Hammond (ON)
- JoAnn Thompson-Franklin (NB)
- Debbie Byrne (NL)
- Doreen Sharpe (ON)

MOTION: Moved by Ruth LeDrew that the slate of the Board of Directors for 2014-2015 be approved. Seconded by Lianne Chan. All in favour. Carried.

Mac Mierzejewski thanked all the Directors for letting their names stand for election.

11. Other Business

Ruth LeDrew discussed the situation of insurers not allowing doctors in Newfoundland to claim for acupuncture. She reported that six doctors are working together and attempting, through the Ministry of Health, to fix the problem. The Ministry has acknowledged that MDs should not have been excluded from coverage.

It was noted that the incidence of pneumothoraxes in Alberta is still being investigated and that in the United States, some physiotherapists are now being allowed to practice acupuncture. Mac Mierzejewski invited members to email at anytime. Suggestions are welcome.

12. Adjournment

There being no other business, Mac Mierzejewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Lianne Chan that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Nimet Meghji.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.