



**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 6, 2015**
Radisson Admiral Hotel Toronto -
Harbourfront
249 Queen's Quay West
Toronto, Ontario

Present: Mac Mierzejewski (Chair)
Allen Rodgers
Prem Kapur
Emiliana Blagoeva
Debbie Byrne
JoAnn Thompson-Franklin
Nimet Meghji
Gerald Nemanishen
Jacek Brachaniec
Wendy Boland
Cynthia Gokavi
Irene Biemann
Neil Luders
Cathy Donald
Linda Rapson
Fedra Salias
Sheila Williams

Represented by Proxy: David Esdaile
Doreen Sharpe
Catherine Fuller

Staff Present: Ronda Kellington, Executive Director (Recorder)
Christina Rogoza, Director of Education Curriculum

1. Call to Order

Mac Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Acupuncture Canada Annual General Meeting. 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 JoAnn Thompson-Franklin that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Gerald Nemanishen. All in favour. Carried.

3. President's Remarks

Mac Mierzejewski thanked staff and board members for their incredible work. He noted that the organization has accomplished a lot in the last year – a new name, a new office, a new website and the curriculum upgraded to a 200 hour program.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of June 14, 2014 Annual General Meeting

Copies of the June 14, 2014 Annual General Meeting were circulated. No changes or corrections were made.

MOTION: Moved by Prem Kapur that the minutes of the June 14, 2014 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Emiliana Blagoeva. All in favour. Carried.

5. Ratification of Actions Taken by the 2014-2015 Board of Directors

Mac Mierzejewski described the actions taken by the Board of Directors since the 2014 AGM:

- Approved new course transfer and cancellation fees.
- Developed a new certification level to correspond with the new 200 hour educational core program.
- Approved new criteria for hiring faculty examiners and added examiners to the faculty roster.
- Updated organizational policies including policies on
 - conflict of interest
 - copyright
 - expenses
 - finance
 - privacy
 - trademarks
 - governance, and
 - personnel.

MOTION: Moved by Jacek Brachaniec that the actions taken by the Acupuncture Canada Board of Directors for the 2014-15 membership year be ratified. Seconded by Gerald Nemanishen. All in favour. Carried.

6. Presentation of the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statement

Treasurer Cathy Donald presented the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statement.

MOTION: Moved by Cathy Donald that the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended January 31, 2015 be approved as presented. Seconded by JoAnn Thompson-Franklin. All in favour. Carried.

7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2015-2016

Cathy Donald noted that the Bylaws require that members approve the appointment of the Acupuncture Canada auditors for the coming fiscal year. The Board of Directors recommends that Welch LLP be retained.

MOTION: Moved by Jacek Brachaniec that Welch LLP be appointed as auditor for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Nimet Meghji. All in favour. Carried.

8. Election of 2015-2016 Directors

The Nominations Committee prepared a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors for 2015-16. The following Directors' terms are continuing:

- Jacek Brachaniec, PT, President (NB)
- Debbie Byrne, PT (NL)
- Cathy Donald, PT (NS)
- Mac Mierzejewski, PT (AB)
- Doreen Sharpe, PT (ON)
- JoAnn Thompson-Franklin, PT (NB)

The following members are seeking election to a second term:

- Nimet Meghji, DC (ON)
- Kara Laree Gray, DC (SK)

The following members have put their names forward to fill vacant positions on the Board:

- Emiliana Blagoeva, PT (ON)
- Doug Freer, PT (ON)
- Prem Kapur, RAc (ON)
- Gerald Nemanishen, MD (BC)

In response to a call for nominations from the floor, Nimet Meghji nominated Allen Rodgers. Allen accepted the nomination. With 7 candidates nominated for 6 available Board positions, an election was required. Irene Biemann and Christina Rogoza were approved as scrutineers and ballots were distributed. While the scrutineers counted returned ballots, the meeting continued with the next agenda item.

9. Other Business

Emiliana Blagoeva presented information on an upcoming ICMART conference and distributed materials to members.

Jacek Brachaniec made special mention of Mac Mierzejewski, who is finishing his term as President. Jacek thanked Mac for all of his work on behalf of the organization.

Election of 2015-2016 Directors

The scrutineers finished their count and Mac Mierzejewski read out the results. The following members were confirmed to the 2015-2016 Board of Directors:

- Jacek Brachaniec, PT, President (NB)
- Debbie Byrne, PT (NL)
- Cathy Donald, PT (NS)
- Mac Mierzejewski, PT (AB)
- Doreen Sharpe, PT (ON)
- JoAnn Thompson-Franklin, PT (NB)
- Nimet Meghji, DC (ON)
- Emiliana Blagoeva, PT (ON)
- Doug Freer, PT (ON)

- Prem Kapur, RAc (ON)
- Gerald Nemanishen, MD (BC)
- Allen Rodgers, MD (ON)

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

MOTION: Moved by Gerald Nemanishen that the ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Cathy Donald. All in favour. Carried.

10. Adjournment

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

MOTION: Moved by Jacek Brachaniec that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Nimet Meghji.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.