



Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, June 26, 2022 – 12:45pm AT
Halifax Convention Centre - Room 501

MINUTES

Item 1 Call to Order

Dr Dolores McKeen called the meeting to order at 12:59 pm AT and Dr Nice confirmed that quorum was reached. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Item 2 In Memoriam

Dr Andrew Nice asked members to observe a moment of silence in memory of colleagues who had passed away since the last annual meeting.

Item 3 Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

The June 21, 2021, annual business meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Item 4 Report of the President

Dr McKeen reported that CAS had made advocacy a priority. The profession has struggled with surgery backlogs and staff shortages and engaging health authorities to impact future policies will be an ongoing focus. The assistance of provinces will be instrumental with government outreach as CAS continues to work with the BCAS on the CRNA issue. In November 2021 the CAS board passed a motion to engage FPAs.

On June 12 and 13, 2021 the second virtual Annual Meeting occurred. The feedback received from the membership has been positive and the meeting was noted as dynamic. CAS successfully won the bid to host the 2028 WCA in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The past year brought some important partnerships, including a 3-year exclusive agreement with MD Financial/Scotiabank to be a financial provider and educator. Other educational offerings included a leadership event in March, the third Neuroanesthesia Section Round, and a new CPD Module, *Anesthetic considerations for endovascular treatment of acute ischemic stroke*, that was launched in May.

CAS' social media presence has expanded with the creation of LinkedIn and Instagram pages. The national office staff continue to work remotely. Staff changes have included the hiring of Ashley Smith as the new Director, Membership, Education and Communications and with Carolyn Gillis' retirement, Fatima Khan has been onboarded as the new Editorial Assistant.

Item 5 Report of the Treasurer and Presentation of Financial Statements

Dr Hilary Grocott thanked former Treasurer, Dr James Kim for bringing financial security to the association. Audited statements were pre-circulated to the membership, and they were approved by the board earlier this month. CAS had a surplus of \$190K and is financially sound with slight gains in the surplus.

Item 6 Appointment of Public Auditor for 2022

Dr Grocott requested support to appoint the CAS auditors for 2022.

MOVED by Dr Hilary Grocott, **SECONDED** by Dr Giuseppe Fuda
"THAT the firm Kriens~LaRose LLP be reappointed as the CAS auditor for 2022."

CARRIED

Item 7 Report of the Editor-in-Chief, CJA

Dr Stephan Schwarz noted the Canadian Journal of Anesthesia submissions were high in 2021, with 1005 submissions; the projections for 2022 are comparable. There have been two million full text downloads, 207 articles published and an acceptance rate of 30%. It takes approximately 105 days from submission to final acceptance, which is comparable to the last two years.

The readership of the journal is primarily international, with only 12% of readers being Canadian. The 2021 Impact Factor is forthcoming.

The CJA has worked to develop the Editorial Board by focusing on gender equality and expanding the critical care membership on the board. There is also a visual refresher of the Journal in progress and the contract with Springer Nature expires at the end of 2023 and the publisher is expected to propose terms for a contract renewal by December 2022.

Item 8 Canadian Anesthesia Research Foundation (CARF)

Dr Doreen Yee reported that there were significant donations in 2021, totalling almost \$8K. A virtual wine tasting event was hosted, however, it did not result in a significant revenue for CARF. James Beckstead donated a \$200K endowment fund for a new award in his name that celebrates innovation in anesthesia and enhanced recovery and the inaugural award will be given out this year. Sections have been engaged to create awards, as CARF will supplement them. The Obstetrics and Education/Simulation Section awards did not have many applications. CARF assets have had almost 11% return on investments.

Item 9 Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society International Education Foundation (CASIEF)

Dr Joel Parlow reported that the needs of remote and Indigenous communities in Canada were being explored, in addition to the international support provided. COVID has curtailed in-person volunteers since early 2020, however, over the past year there have been Global Health Fellows from the UK in Ethiopia for 3–6-month placements. CASIEF is resuming in person visits with a colleague currently in Rwanda for a 3-month period. A new fellowship program in Knowledge Translation will be commencing shortly for recently graduated Rwandans. CASIEF donations are stable at approximately \$120K annually and financial support has mainly come from donations from Canadian Anesthesiologists. Despite limited corporate and foundation support, donations have continued to steadily increase every year. The current drive to increase donations is to amplify programs by expanding donor pools beyond the anesthesiology community. CASIEF has launched an improved website and noted that gaining social media ambassadors is a priority. Members can assist CASIEF by supporting colleagues/residents to volunteer with CASIEF and by giving charitable donations.

Item 10 Association of Canadian University Departments of Anesthesia (ACUDA)

Dr Colin McCartney sent his regrets and Dr McKeen encouraged the membership to read the ACUDA report, as part of the 2021 Annual Report in the Drop Box.

Item 11 World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA)

Dr Dylan Bould reported that WFSA is an umbrella organization for anesthesia societies. Dr Adrian Gelb is WFSA's current President and sends his regrets for the AM due to COVID. Dr Bould welcomed Christine Stave as the incoming CEO and noted that the next WCA will be held in Singapore for March 2024. The 2026 WCA will occur in a low income or middle-income country, possibly somewhere in Africa or the Middle East. The DEI committee created is now a permanent fixture at WFSA.

Item 12 Election of President and Vice President

Dr Bainbridge requested support to elect the incoming President and Vice President of CAS.

MOVED by Dr Ron George, **SECONDED** by Dr Doreen Yee.

"THAT the Lucie Filteau be elected as President"

CARRIED

MOVED by Dr John Murdoch, **SECONDED** by Dr Angela Ridi.

"THAT the Giuseppe Fuda be elected as Vice President"

CARRIED

The President's medal was bestowed to Dr Filteau and the Past President's medal to Dr McKeen. Dr McKeen presented Dr Bainbridge with a token of appreciation for his 6 years of service on the Executive Committee.

Item 12 Date and Location of Next Meeting

Dr McKeen reported that the 2023 CAS AM will take place June 9-11 in Quebec City with planning underway.

Item 13 Close of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm AT