



Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2021 – 4:05pm ET

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Item 1 Call to Order

Dr Dolores McKeen called the meeting to order at 4:17pm ET 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 20, 2020, annual business meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Item 4 Report of the President

Dr McKeen reported that CAS was faced with challenges throughout the pandemic, however, the society was dedicated to learning and advocating for the membership and profession through various position statements and involvement in roundtable discussions. CAS has begun collaborating with BCAS to launch an advocacy campaign acknowledging the invaluable role of nurses in perioperative care, while unilaterally rejecting the notion that CRNAs could replace FRCPC specialists as suggested by the Ministry of Health in British Columbia. The proposed implementation of CRNAs has been delayed, however, this solution continues to threaten the profession. CAS has partnered with various organizations to prioritize physician wellness, and committee-led workshops have been well-received. Dr McKeen shared that CAS continues to support the DEI Committee's work and has observed an expansion of online CEPD modules. The CAS national office is now fully remote and has operated successfully since the onset of the pandemic. Dr McKeen thanked Dr Kim for his time as Treasurer and welcomed Dr Schwarz as the CJA's new Editor in Chief. Dr McKeen noted that Daniel Bainbridge and Dr Hilary Grocott were co-chairs of CAS' Congress Organizing Committee and wished the society success in winning the WCA 2028 bid.

Item 5 Report of the Treasurer and Presentation of Financial Statements

Dr James Kim reported that the 2020 audit report and audited financial statements were approved by the CAS Board earlier this month and noted that while the report is designated as a draft, the numbers are final and awaiting sign off. Dr Kim noted that McGovern Hurley LLP prepared the audit report and indicated that CAS' assets were divided into cash values, investments, capital assets and prepaid expenses. CAS' investments were managed by Jarislowly Fraser and noted that returns were lower than most years given the pandemic. While CAS incurred significant expenses in 2020,

the society benefitted from allocating AM expenses for Halifax to 2022. CAS had an overall net income of \$168k in 2020. There were approximately \$407k in 2020 AM expenses given HR costs and the AM budget is annually calculated at a deficit despite efforts to break even. Dr Kim expressed his farewell as he finalizes his term as CAS Treasurer.

Item 6 Appointment of Public Auditor for 2021

Dr Kim requested support to reappoint the current CAS auditors for 2021.

MOVED by Dr James Kim, **SECONDED** by Dr Colin McCartney

“**THAT** the firm McGovern Hurley LLP be reappointed as the CAS auditor for 2021.”

CARRIED

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

Dr Stephan Schwarz reported that CJA observed a 40% increase in submissions, and a 23% increase in published articles since 2019, with over 2 million full text downloads. The journal currently holds a 26% acceptance rate with an average of 12 days between submission and a first decision.

Dr Schwarz noted that the CJA’s impact factor was 3.779 in 2019 and the 2020 score would be released later in the summer. Dr Schwarz noted that CJA’s Scopus CiteScore increased from 5.3 to 6.1 in 2020 and that CJA was ranked #9 in comparison to various anesthesia and critical care medicine journals. The CJA was awarded as one of the top 10% of qualifying journals based on journal author satisfaction survey data by Springer Nature. Dr Schwarz shared that the CJA was undergoing various staff changes and was in the process of reviewing the CAS-CCCS MoA, special themed issues and renewing the CJA’s visual appearance and the guide for author renewals. The CJA is financially stable,

Item 8 Canadian Anesthesia Research Foundation (CARF)

Dr Doreen Yee reported that CARF’s programs faced several delays due to the pandemic and noted that the planned research lecture by Dr Harsha Shanthanna was rescheduled for the 2022 AM in Halifax. CARF has raised more than \$50k to date for the career scientist award as part of the Change4CARF campaign and has acquired monthly donors via CanadaHelps. Dr Yee shared that the Dr James Beckstead endowment was \$200k and that CARF received approximately \$92k donations in 2020. There were seven CAS awards presented in 2020 along with two COVID-19 research awards totalling \$120k. In 2021, there were six awards presented, totalling \$180k. CARF generated award funds by bridging the Dr James Beckstead endowment and various other donations. CARF observed a 6.7% investment return in 2020 with a total asset amount of \$2.78 million as of December 2020.

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

Dr Joel Parlow reported that CASIEF’s volunteers were grounded since the onset of the pandemic, however, noted that the team continued to build partnerships and provide support to anesthesia care teams through virtual training sessions and donations for PPE supply to partner countries. While expenses were lower than budgeted given the lack of travel expenses, full financial details will become available in the coming months. CASIEF has renewed its charitable organization status and is looking to increase its profile and

fundraising efforts. Dr Parlow reported that CASIEF had released the anticipated short films and encouraged the Board to view and share the films to colleagues to help increase monthly donors. CASIEF's expenses are managed by donations and the support of CAS who covers 50% of the foundation's costs. Dr Parlow shared that CASIEF was undergoing a rebrand and that their Board recently finalized a three-year strategic plan, noting that a formal report would be shared shortly. There have been several recent graduates from the Rwanda program, however, retention remains a complicated issue with decreasing numbers. John Bailey has taken the lead in Rwanda and the Guyana program remains virtual. Dr Parlow reported that CASIEF's efforts were focused on the significantly underserved anesthesia needs of Ethiopia when considering its population of 150 million people, with access to only approximately 100 anesthesiologists. The Ethiopia program recently launched the first anesthesia residency program that welcomed its first cohort in February. CASIEF aims to resume travel in early 2022 while ensuring to keep members safe in countries that will likely be unvaccinated.

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

Dr Colin McCartney reported that ACUDA was conducting quarterly meetings along with monthly EC meetings. ACUDA is primarily focused on the Canadian HHR crisis and is in the process of developing a white paper that will be submitted for publication by Dr Mateen Raazi. ACUDA has continued to provide covid support to help initiate protocols and establish initiatives as the pandemic progresses. Dr McCartney noted that ACUDA was collaborating with CAS and Dr Roanne Preston in BC to address the CRNA issue and was also working with Dr Beverley Orser to advocate for rural and remote anesthesia care partners.

Item 11 World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA)

Dr Dylan Bould reported that he was one of two North American representatives for the WFSA, and that activity was heavily impacted by the pandemic. The WFSA plans to conduct a virtual bid in September 2021 in place of the original in-person event in Czech Republic. The WFSA has been affected by the UK's cuts to international aid funds and decreased numbers in the WCA, however, finances remain stable with increasing income values and a successful investment profile with \$3.6 million in assets. Dr Bould was asked to join a working group that represents various divisions internationally, however, he noted that the WFSA primarily represented high income countries, with a lack of representation in Asia for an example. Dr Bould highlighted the importance of international collaboration and inquired whether CAS and ASA would be open to consider the development of formal regional sections to allow for collaboration.

Item 12 Date and Location of Next Meeting

Dr McKeen reported that the 2022 CAS AM will take place June 24-27 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with the ABM scheduled for June 26, 2022.

Item 13 Close of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm ET.