



Paramedic Association of Canada Annual General Meeting

October 15, 2010

16:30 hrs ET

Saint John Regional Hospital
Saint John, NB

Meeting called by: Chris Hood, President

Type of meeting: Annual General Meeting

Chairperson: Chris Hood, President

Recorder: Donna Lefurgey, Registrar

Attendees: **Executive** – Chris Hood, President; Dwayne Forsman, Secretary Treasurer; Donna Lefurgey, Registrar; Pierre Poirier, Executive Director
Board of Directors – Sherman Hillier, BC; Jodi Possia, MB; Greg Furlong, ON; Jean-Marc Nantel, QC; Norma Hicks, NB; MCL Denis Leduc,

Regrets: Eric Glass, Chairman

Minutes

Agenda item: Introductions and approval of agenda

Presenter: Chris Hood

Discussion: None

Motion: British Columbia - To accept agenda as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Nominations for Position of President

Presenter: Grant Ross

Grant Ross made a second call for nominations for the three year term for the position of president of the PAC. There were no further nominations.

Chris Hood accepted a nomination from the floor at the October 15, 2010 PAC Board of Directors meeting, earlier in the day.

Motion: N/A

Agenda item: President's Report (Attached)

Presenter: Chris Hood

Motion: Ontario - To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Executive Director's Report
(*presentation attached*)

Presenter: Pierre Poirier

Discussion:

- National Occupational Competency Profile
- Canadian Forum Health Sciences Education
- Canadian Standards Association
- Canadian EHS Research Consortium
- Consortium of Paramedic Regulators
- EMS Chiefs of Canada
- Canadian Required Equipment List, CPRC
- Strategic Direction, Business Planning (Revised for 2011-2014)
- CMA & PAC NOCPs relationship - CMA uses the document for purpose of accreditation, PAC owns the document...accreditation requirements 7 of 10 provinces and majority of the population, broad stakeholder support (would include EMSCC, SPEC and the regulators (not necessarily all regulators))

Motion: Pierre Poirier - To accept report as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Dwayne Forsman

Discussion: None

- Dwayne Forsman, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2009 Audited Financial Statement.
- Current Membership:
- Spoke to 3rd paragraph in the auditor's letter because PAC is a national association it presumably would be representative of all provinces; however, all provinces are not members of PAC hence the reference in the auditors letter.
- PAC manages CERC financials
- Wares account for merchandise – Board earlier in the day approved donating the inventory to chapters and the funds allocated to general revenue. BC Chapter agreed to investigate the possibility of dealing directly with a supplier who handles the BC wares and forward a recommendation to the PAC Executive for decision. (Creative Embroidery)

Motion: British Columbia - To accept report as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Government and Media Relations

Presenter: B.J. Chute

Discussion: None

- Honour House – new initiative can be viewed at <http://www.honourhouse.ca>

Motion: Ontario - To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Benevolent Trust **Presenter:** Grant Ross/Bill Lewis

Discussion: None

- Pursuing a national monument for paramedicine, will be raising funds to support this initiative
- 2 line of duty deaths, both Canadian Forces Medics, in June 2010
- Continue with initiative to move to arms-length entity from PAC
- Will be seeking charitable status
- Provided an overview the 2009 financial statements which have been reviewed however, they are not audited – not much activity in 2009
- Goal is to support immediate financial needs (\$5,000 is dispersed within one week to support the immediate financial needs of the family)
- Benefits are available for all paramedics in the Country

Motion: Grant Ross – To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Bylaws and Constitution **Presenter:** Grant Ross

Discussion: None

- No Bylaw changes are recommended for 2010; therefore, there is no requirement to file with Industry Canada
- No resolutions to present.
- Bylaws will be reviewed and refreshed over the next year members may contact Grant Ross through info@paramedic.ca

Motion: British Columbia – To accept report as presented.

Second: Manitoba

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)/Labour Mobility **Presenter:** Eric Glass

Discussion: None

- Provided an overview of the history of the AIT and Labour Mobility for the profession
- Federal, provincial and territories have signed on
- It is mandatory that all professions meet the labour mobility requirement within a specified period of time
- Anticipate that the development and implementation of a national examination for paramedicine may address some of the existing issues around the movement of practitioners between Canadian jurisdictions.

Motion: Chris Hood – To accept report as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Strategic Plan

Presenter: Pierre Poirier

Discussion: None

- Being vetted through the chapters, comments will be compiled and the board will finalize.
- Same principles as 2006-2008 document.

Motion: N/A - Received for information

Agenda item: Chapter Reports

Presenter: Dave Deines

a) British Columbia

- B.C. supportive of PAC.
- Labour issues in B.C. currently, 2009 legislated back to work by the government annual service delivery act
- Ambulance services were moved from Emergency and Health Services Commission to the Provincial Health Authority
- B.C. reconsidering self-regulation
- Most significant outcome, change practice requirements to obtain an order in council, this can now be achieved solely on the decision of the Minister of Health

Manitoba/Ontario Carried

b) Manitoba

Presenter: Jodi Possia

- Membership numbers are at 100% - well over 1000 members currently. Have around 1200 to 1300 registered members in the province, membership in the association is now at 1000
- Education program at Red River College now accredited by CMA at the PCP level.
- Provincial legislation underway – passed 2nd reading in April 2009.

Ontario/BC Carried

c) Ontario (*Written Report - attached*)

Presenter: Greg Furlong

- 1500 members at present – 6500 or more registered
- Goal is to attain over 50% membership
- Striving towards self-regulation - the process to be completed by 2013
- Two new chapters (Renfrew County and Northern Ontario ~100 new members)

Manitoba/BC Carried

d) Canadian Forces

Presenter: MCPL Denis Leduc

- Involvement requested of PAC to assist with a process to determine seamless movement of medics between military and civilian
- Training of military medics takes place in BC and Quebec
- Pursuing a consistent standard of practice across the country

Ontario/BC Carried

d) Quebec

Presenter: Jean-Marc Nantel

- Approximately 900 members currently (~ 4000 paramedics in the province)
- Changed strategy to attract future members
- Advanced care paramedic training is a high priority – 1st cohort scheduled to begin in January
- Profession continues to approach the government for self-regulation

Manitoba/BC Carried

e) New Brunswick

Presenter:

Norma Hicks

- Approximately 1000 practitioners in the province.
- Working with COPR to meet the requirements of the Agreement on Internal Trade
- In the process of getting approval for ACP discipline
- The complaint process is currently taxing the resources of the Association

NB/Ontario Carried

Agenda Item: New Business

a) Election of President

Presenter:

Grant Ross

Grant Ross called for nominations for President for a third and final time.

As there were no additional nominations for the position of President, Chris Hood was elected, by acclamation, to serve a three-year term as President.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by New Brunswick, seconded by the Canadian Forces the meeting was adjourned.
