



Paramedic Association of Canada Annual General Meeting

October 28, 2011

1800 hrs CT

Victoria Inn and Conference Centre
Winnipeg, MB

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 – BJ Chute, BC; Jodi Possia, MB; Greg Furlong, ON; Shelley Brown, NB

Benevolent Trust – Grant Ross

Regrets: Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Canadian National Defense

Minutes

Agenda item: Introductions and approval of agenda

Presenter: Chris Hood

Discussion: None

Motion: Manitoba - To accept agenda as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: **Motion Carried**

Agenda item: President's Report (**presentation attached**)

Presenter: Chris Hood

Highlights:

- NOCP – 2011 Technical document approved by the Board of Director's earlier today. It will be used to develop a blueprint for a National Examination. CMA submission (Late Fall 2011)
- Transition
- Renewal Process
- Advocacy – presentation to the Senate regarding pandemic preparedness earlier this year was well received.
- Summa Communications providing guidance on government relations – Website www.sendthepros.ca
- The PAC website has been redesigned see www.paramedic.ca

Motion: New Brunswick - To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

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

Presenter: Pierre Poirier

- National Occupational Competency Profile – Board approved October 28, 2011. Agreement has been reached with the Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators (COPR) to use the PAC NOCPs as a base for development of a national examination. The NOCPs also have been submitted in draft form to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) for their use in accreditation of paramedic educational programs.
- CMA/COPR/SPEC & PAC NOCPs Relationship - CMA uses the NOCP document for the purpose of accreditation, PAC owns the document...accreditation requires 7 of 10 provinces and majority of the population, broad stakeholder support which would include Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada (EMSCC), Society for Paramedic Educators in Canada (SPEC) and the regulators (not necessarily all regulators).
- An overview of the major changes to the NOCPs was provided and it was noted that decisions on how and when to implement the revised NOCPs are still required and will require collaboration with SPEC, COPR and the CMA.
- Canadian Centre for Security Science – looking for people to do research for standards on things that can affect paramedics. <http://www.css.drdc-rddc.gc.ca/cprc/index-eng.asp>
- International Paramedics – International Paramedic is a worldwide network with a global perspective on paramedicine issues, medical response and community health and response systems. Members include Canada, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Australia and Switzerland. Leaders: Matt Wombold and Garry Windgrove. www.internationalparamedic.org. <http://www.jems.com/article/administration-and-leadership/international-paramedic-association-crea>
- **Advocacy** – A government relations event is being planned for November in partnership with the EMSCC. www.sendthepros.ca ; <http://www.emscc.ca/2011/10/the-safest-hill-reception-of-the-year/>
- **Canadian Standards Association** – develops standards for paramedics in Canada - PAC is involved in reviewing concept papers and is involved in several of the projects (Canadian Required Equipment List, CPRC, Broadband 700 Mhz). <http://www.csa.ca/cm/ca/en/home>
- Canadian Interagency Board - Modelled after the American IAB: www.iab.gov

Motion: Manitoba - To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Dwayne Forsman

Dwayne Forsman, Treasurer provided an overview of the 2010 Audited Financial Statement.

- Will be working with representatives in Alberta and Saskatchewan to re-establish those provinces as Chapters of PAC.
- Pursuant to a motion at the 2010 AGM all PAC wares were disbursed to Chapters.

Motion: British Columbia - To accept report as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agenda item: Canadian Benevolent Society (presentation attached) **Presenter:** Grant Ross

- Grant Ross provided an overview of the history of the Canadian Benevolent Society.
- The Society now operates as an arms length entity from PAC and is registered as a non-profit agency.
- The Society continues pursuit of a national monument for Paramedicine and efforts to raise funds to support this initiative are ongoing. Website: www.paramedicmemorial.ca
- Society pins are available for a donation of \$30; a society pin can be worn at any time.
- Memorial pins are available at a cost of \$5; memorial pins should only be worn while attending a memorial service, or for a specific memorial event such as a burial, or Remembrance Day.

Motion: Grant Ross – To accept report as presented.

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: NOCP (highlighted in ED Report) **Presenter:** Pierre Poirier

- Will be cross referencing the document to make it more user friendly
- All 2011 changes will be identified in the document
- Formatting changes are underway and should be available on-line shortly
- A full interactive document will be posted to the website in the near future

Motion: Chris Hood – To accept report as presented.

Second: Ontario

Carried: Motion Carried

Agenda item: Strategic Plan **Presenter:** Pierre Poirier

Executive Director, Pierre Poirier provided a high level overview of the development process of the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan. Updates for 2012 will include: Improving Professional Practice, providing professional practice, promoting the paramedic profession.

Motion: N/A - Received for information

Agenda item: Chapter Reports **Presenter:** Dave Deines

a) British Columbia

- BC paramedics do not have recognition status as a profession
- The BC Government recently amended the Act and regulation that governs the licensing board; it now places control with the employer, authority of the Board was removed.

b) Manitoba

Presenter: Jodi Possia

- Provincial election recent - 4 points promised
- ACP promise for a program to be in a post secondary institution
- Credentialing program is also a priority
- Self regulation submission by the end of the year
- PAM AGM planned for the end of the year

c) Ontario

Presenter:

Greg Furlong

- Working with CRTC on developing standards
- Government relations campaign launched with respect to scope of practice, education and training
- AGM in November in Niagara Falls
- Self regulation has been delayed, the review will continue in December – <http://www.hprac.org>

e) New Brunswick

Presenter:

Shelley Brown

- Self regulating in NB
- Working with CRTC on developing standards
- Government relations campaign launched with respect to scope of practice, education and training
- ACP Exam was contracted and the first exam was held
- On-line registration was launched this year
- NB hosted pan Canadian expert panel on primary health care – renewal of health care and the development of primary health care and multi-disciplinary teams

Adjournment

On a motion by Manitoba, seconded BC the meeting was adjourned.
