



Paramedic Association of Canada Annual General Meeting

September 14, 2012
1430 hrs CT
Delta Chelsea Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

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 – Dave Denies, BC; Jodi Possia, MB; Greg Furlong, ON; Chris Hood, NB; Dawn Campbell, PE; Martin Rouleau, Canadian Forces Health Services

Benevolent Trust – Bill Lewis

Guests: Amanda Paisley, Secretary PANB; Grant Hardy, Secretary, PAPEI; Cameron Ritzer, MB

Regrets: Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland,

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**

2012 Delegate Votes:

British Columbia – 34

Manitoba – 11

New Brunswick – 11

Ontario – 13

Prince Edward Island – 2

Pursuant to PAC Bylaws Chapters hold 1 vote per 100 members.

Agenda item: President's Report

Presenter: Chris Hood

Motion: PEI - To accept report as presented.

Second: New Brunswick

Carried: **Motion Carried**

Highlights:

Diamond Jubilee Medals

A new commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

The Paramedic Association of Canada is honoured to have received 30 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals to award to deserving individuals. Nineteen of which have been reserved for Provincial chapters and allocated, based on membership numbers. The remaining eleven (11) are reserved for nominations from the national body. Broken down as follows: BC – 9; MB – 3; ON – 3; NB – 3; PE – 1; and National – 11.

Nominations closed on August 1st and PAC has received a total of 61 nominations which will be vetted by the PAC Selection Committee who will be meeting September 19th to do the final selections and send the package to the Chancellery for approval. Presentation ceremony is planned for the third week in November in Ottawa.

NEW Affiliation with PACCC

The Physician Assistants Certification Council of Canada has invited PAC to appoint an individual sit on its' certification council. Chris Hood, PAC President has accepted the invitation and will attend his first meeting in October in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants AGM.

NAEMT - www.naemt.org/

Executive has been invited to attend the National Association of Emergency Technicians (NAEMT) national meetings and have scheduled a meeting between PAC Executive and the NAEMT Board. October 29 to November 2nd.

Government Relations event is planned for November in conjunction with EMS Chiefs and support from Summa. We are expecting good cross representation from medics across the country from staff perspective and leadership.

Agenda Item: **Election of Treasurer**

Presenter:

Chris Hood

First call for nominations for the position of Treasurer for a three year term was announced. Dwayne Forsman was nominated to the position of Treasurer for a three year term.

Motion: Ontario

Second: British Columbia

Carried: Dwayne deferred acceptance.

Agenda Item:	Chairman's Report	Presenter:	Greg Furlong
Motion:	New Brunswick - To accept report as presented.		
Second:	PEI		
Carried:	Motion Carried		

Highlights:

a) National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP)

- Approved 2011 NOCP Document has now been posted on the PAC website.
- French Translation will be ready shortly.
- The new document will be forwarded to the CMA to make use of for their accreditation process; as well it will be forwarded to the COPR for use in development of a Paramedic National Examination.
- High fidelity simulation and supervision are the two items that PAC addressed
- NOCP Committee will be investigating copy right and trade mark procedures to ensure that PAC retains ownership of the NOCPs.
- NOCP2011 Document – The priority and focus of the executive has been to continue to work to update the existing NOCPs and to garner support at a national level to continue the use as this document for the purposes of program accreditation to support labour mobility under the Agreement on Internal Trade. www.paramedic.ca click on NOCP

b) EMSCC/PAC Government Relations Event

A complete package of information to support member's attendance at the EMSCC/PAC Government Relations Event will be circulated to participants.

Links:

Email from Chiefs <http://www.emscc.ca/2011/10/the-safest-hill-reception-of-the-year/>

Summa website www.summa.ca

- A package has been developed by SUMMA for use by provincial Chapters, PAC has taken care of the front end piece which can be used by the chapters and customized if they so choose.
- PAC met with SUMMA last week the Abacus data poll is being set up and can be customized for use by each provincial chapter. Contact Greg for information and guidance.

c) CRTC/CITIG

- Radio Telecommunications deals with all recommendations that go to the CRTC.
- CITIG - Interoperability interest Group – Chair represents the profession; mandate is policy setting. www.CITIG.ca
- CRTC radio communications project - Canadian interoperability <https://iab.gov/>
- Chair represents the profession on a working group that provides advice on the testing phase regarding location accuracy, text to 911 and work on next generation 911.
- EMSCC and PAC will be running an interoperability workshop in the Winter. Near future is to have everybody lining up with Standard 25, www.Project25.org

d) HHR Data Base

- Executive continues to pursue creation of a health human resource data base for the profession to track demographics of the paramedic workforce.

Agenda Item:	Executive Director's Report	Presenter:	Pierre Poirier
Motion:	Manitoba - To accept report as presented.		
Second:	NB		
Carried:	Motion Carried		

Highlights:

a) Canadian Standards Association

- CSA has offered support to PAC to develop national standards that are evidence based.
- Research gap analysis will be updated in collaboration with the EMSCC
- In order to initiate the project, a letter of support is required from PAC.

b) National Research Agenda

Research projects being funded through CPRC

- National Research Agenda <http://paramedic.ca/official-release-of-the-canadian-national-emergency-medical-services-research-agenda/>

c) CPR Project with CAEP

- CPR Project with CAEP – CAEP contributed @K to the project, the same ask has been requested of PAC.

d) International Paramedic – www.internationalparamedic.org

- Parties continue to work on development of bylaws and incorporation of the organization.

e) Drug shortage

- Provided an overview of some of the current issues related to the shortage of drug production...this is not the only issue there are also other issues that contribute to the limitation of availability of particular drugs, the reason for this is associated to jurisdictional legislation, etc.

Agenda Item:	Election of Treasurer	Presenter:	Chris Hood
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Second call for nominations for the position of Treasurer for a three year term was announced.

There were no new nominations received.

Agenda Item:	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Dwayne Forsman
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Motion: Ontario - To accept report as presented.

Second: PEI

Carried: **Motion Carried**

Highlights:

- Current paid membership is ~ 7000 paid members, 7 Chapters have paid
 - Outstanding membership fees from, NF and the Armed Forces
 - Quebec no longer able to fund membership fees.
 - Yukon waiting to hear from them
 - Have significantly reduced overhead operating costs for items such as telephone answering and mailing. More automated, at a lesser cost.
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Agenda Item: Election of Treasurer

Presenter:

Chris Hood

Third call for nominations for the position of Treasurer for a three year term was announced.

Dwayne Forsman accepted the nomination.

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

Adjournment

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