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Annual General Meeting l'assemblée générale annuelle

Fiscal years: exercices fiscaux
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Du 1er juillet 2020 au 30 juin 2021

AGM Date: Monday / Lundi 17 Jan 2021

Location / Via Zoom Video Conference / Par vidéoconférence Zoom
Fredericton, N.B.

Time / heure: 19h00 – 20h30

1. Call to order 19h00 / Ouverture de la séance 19h00
2. Proof of quorum / Preuve de quorum
3. Approval of the Minutes of November 25th, 2020 / Approbation du procès-verbal du 26 novembre 2018
4. Approval of the agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour
5. Chair's Report & questions from the floor / Rapport du président et questions de l'auditoire (Paul McDonnell)
6. Presentation of financial statement & questions from the floor / Présentation des états financiers et questions du public (Trisha Fournier-Hoyt)
7. Executive Director's Report & questions from the floor / Rapport du directeur exécutif et questions du public (Shannon O'Brien)
8. Board Appointments - Confirmation of existing board members and future nominations / Élection du conseil - Confirmation des membres actuels du conseil et nominations futures. (Paul McDonnell)

Board Resignations:

Amberee Hardy resigned as a board member and has moved to Guelph, Ontario. /

Amberee Hardy a démissionné de son poste de member du conseil d'administration et a déménagé à Guelph, Ontario.

Paul McDonnell has resigned as Chair of the Board of Directors. / Paul McDonnell a démissionné de son poste de president du conseil d'admnrstration

Appointments:

Announcement of the election and appointment of Barbara D'Entremont as Chair of the Board of Directors. /

Nominations: Annonce de l'élection et de la nomination de Barbara D'Entremont à titre de présidente du conseil d'administration.

New Business: Changes to the By-Laws / Nouvel element d'affaires: Modifications des statuts

Adjournment / Levée de la séance

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS:

Article 8.1: First, the current wording in article 8.1 is stated as follows:

- 8.1 Officers, Directors
 - 8.1.1 The governing body of the Organization is referred to as the Board of Directors.
 - 8.1.2 The Board of Directors is comprised of the following Officers - Chair, Past Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – **and up to five (5) members at large**. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.
 - 8.1.3 In addition, the Chairs of the Standing Committees (as appointed in accordance with Article 12.1 of these By-Laws) may attend meetings of the Board of Directors to present Committee reports and recommendations, as required, but they are not considered part of the composition or quorum of the Board of Directors, nor are they eligible to vote at Board of Directors' meetings.

We would like it to read as follows: 1) Moved that article 8.1.2 be changed to read as follows:

- 8.1.2 *The Board of Directors is comprised of the following Officers - Chair, Past Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – **and as many members-at-large as is deemed necessary**. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.*

Two other motions are required:

Changes are needed also to article 8.4 to make us compliant with the Companies Act.

- 8.4 Term of Office
 - 8.4.1 All Officers and Directors shall assume office immediately after the AGM.
 - 8.4.2 **Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years**, or until their successors are elected and have assumed duties.
 - 8.4.3 No Officer or Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
 - 8.4.4 Notwithstanding the above, the Members shall have the authority, by a Majority Vote, to reduce or extend the term of any elected Officer or Director.

2) Moved that article 8.4.2 and 8.4.3 be changed to read as follows:

- 8.4 Term of Office
 - 8.4.1 All Officers and Directors shall assume office immediately after the AGM.
 - 8.4.2 **Directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years**, or until their successors are elected and have assumed duties.
 - 8.4.3 No Officer or Director may serve more than **three (3) consecutive** terms.
 - 8.4.4 Notwithstanding the above, the Members shall have the authority, by a Majority Vote, to reduce or extend the term of any elected Officer or Director.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Executive Positions:

Dates Appointed to Board:

Chair Paul McDonnell (since 2014)

2010

Paul was a professor in Psychology at UNB for 30 years and since has worked as a clinical child psychologist in private practice until his retirement in 2018. He is currently a Professor Emeritus at UNB and a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association. He was an instructor and consultant for the UNB Autism Intervention Training Program since its inception in 2004.

Past Chair (not currently held)

Vice Chair Kim MacKeigan (since 2014)

2010

Kim is a licensed speech-language pathologist (S-LP). For the past 22 years, she has worked at the Stan Cassidy Centre, working primarily with children and youth diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Kim was also an instructor with the UNB College of Extended Learning's Autism Intervention Training program and also served on a curriculum advisory committee for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Autism Training program.

Treasurer Trisha Fournier-Hoyt (since 2018)

2015

Trisha is a professional accountant and treasurer to the Board. She has been an active member since 2016. Trisha brings a great deal of knowledge of post-secondary and administrative process for her work experience in PSE, civil service, and public sector accounting.

Secretary Ginette Hannan (since October 2020)

2018

Ginette is a retired civil servant. She has an adult son and a 13-year-old grandson, both on the spectrum. She wants to help pave a better future for them and other families.

Plus 8 Board Members At Large:

Dates Appointed to Board:

Michael Elliott

March, 2020

Michael was raised in Newfoundland & Labrador and has a commitment to its long-standing heritage. He is a dedicated member of our Canadian Armed Forces and its citizens within. Most importantly, he is a proud father to a young, baronial boy impacted by ASD.

Barbara D'Entremont

May, 2015

Barbara is a licensed psychologist with over 20 years' experience. She is a full professor in the Psychology Department at UNB, and teaches courses on child development and clinical psychology at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Her research and clinical specialty is autism spectrum disorder. She also maintains a small private practice.

Greg Forsythe

February, 2018

Greg was a teacher in New Brunswick for 32 years mostly at the primary level. He had several students in his classes on the Autism Spectrum. Greg is politically active, engages in many fundraisers, and has directed choirs.

Board of Directors :

Dates Appointed to Board:

Katie LaCosta

May, 2019

Katie is a teacher in Anglophone School District West and mother to two children, one of whom has autism. She is proud to be involved in Autism Connections Fredericton, helping to run programming like the One-on-One Tutoring Program for Autistic Students, as well as the Parent Support Group. She is furthering her education in teaching students with exceptionalities like ASD and she advocates for awareness and acceptance of the autistic community.

Samantha Landry

January, 2020

Samantha has been with the center since summer 2017 first as a volunteer, then as summer staff, and now as a board member. Samantha is a social worker in the community who is passionate about assuring community services for individuals and families on the Autism spectrum.

Monique Lavigne

June, 2018

Monique is an Educational Assistant working in the Francophone School District. She is also the founder of *No Limits Soccer*, a program that runs every summer and that she created specifically for kids on the spectrum. Monique has two children, one of whom is autistic. She is dedicated to creating awareness and acceptance, as well as opportunities for the autistic population.

Liz McDonnell

2010

Liz is a retired paediatric occupational therapist who spearheaded the development of an Autism Team at the Stan Cassidy Centre in the early 1990's. She has been a long-time volunteer with the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, the Fredericton Therapeutic Riding Association, and on the board of Team Canada Healing Hands with whom she participated in a dozen international health care missions. She has served on ACF's board since 2010.

Judy McKinney

2014

Judy is a registered social worker/counsellor in part-time private practice, and a part-time job coach/ co-worker with an autistic adult. She also worked 18 years in a not-for-profit counselling agency. Alongside her autistic adult daughter, Judy seeks to learn and share awareness and advocacy for autistic people. Judy joined as a parent board member in 2014.