

**Persons With AIDS Society of British Columbia  
MINUTES**

**Annual General Meeting**

**held on August 26, 2006 at 11:00 am at  
the Training Room, 1107 Seymour Street, Vancouver, BC**

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**1. Registration of Members and Proxy Voters**

Meeting Chair:	Sheena Campbell
Number of Attendees:	52
Number of Proxies:	64
Number of Registered Voters:	116

**2. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Paul Lewand, Chair of the British Columbia Persons With AIDS Society (BCPWA). Paul welcomed the members attending the meeting and thanked them for their presence.

**3. Reflecting and Remembering**

One minute of silence was held to remember and give respect to those no longer with us.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Derek B., seconded by Wayne C.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED**

**5. Motion to Appoint the Independent Chair**

**Moved by Paul L., seconded by Ken B.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sheena Campbell be appointed the Independent Chair of the meeting.  
CARRIED**

The Chair remarked on her role, the Rules of Order and her hopes for the meeting. She noted that this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society and congratulated everyone on the important work that has been done over the years.

After several calls it was determined that an ASL Interpreter was not required. The Chair thanked Susi Bolender, Interpreter, for her presence at the meeting.

**Moved by Label, seconded by Ken B.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BCTF Rules of Order Fourth Revision, August 1984, be the rules by which the meeting is conducted.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Glyn T., seconded by Wayne C.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recording Secretary for the meeting, Alex Regier, is recognized.**

**CARRIED**

6. **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the AGM of August 20, 2005**

The Board of Directors of BCPWA have given their approval to the Minutes and have presented them for the consideration of the membership.

**Moved by Ken B., seconded by David; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the August 20, 2005 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

7. **Reports**

7.1 **Report from the Chair**

Paul Lewand, Chair of the Society, gave the following report on the work of BCPWA from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006:

Your Board of Directors, staff and volunteers worked hard to navigate the Society through the many obstacles faced during the 2005/2006 fiscal year. Mounting financial pressures on a number of fronts led to the unfortunate, yet necessary, laying off of staff in the Positive Prevention, Community Representation & Engagement (CRE) and Volunteer Training areas. As well, the loss of our good friend and co-worker, Tarel Quandt, deeply affected all who had known her. In spite of these difficulties, the Society forged ahead and a number of triumphs and advances in our work can be reported.

In October, 2005, we launched the first SeroSupportive Workshop for couples - an innovative new endeavour which was an unequivocal success. This workshop has laid the foundation for future, and even more progressive, work, and a second Workshop is planned for the next fiscal year.

Both of the Society's key fundraising events received dramatic makeovers for their presentation in 2005. A change in venues saw the 2005 AccolAIDS Awards Gala become an even more prestigious and successful awards event, while a new partnership with the National Walk Committee brought both

increased awareness and enhanced revenue to BCPWA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS WALK for LIFE.

During 2005/2006, the Society also made unprecedented advances in improving conditions for HIV-positive inmates through our work within prisons in presenting information and training modules to both inmates and staff, and by our participation on committees such as the Drug Free Institution Committee and the Program Advisory Council of the Fraser Valley Institution for Women. The work of our Prison Outreach Program has been presented at numerous conferences and has been cited by other national and provincial agencies, including the Canadian AIDS Society, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Alberta Harm Reduction.

The number of full voting members of the Society grew by almost 200 individuals in 2005/2006, and our record high number of media placements and website hits during the year shows that as our membership grew, so did our visibility, both within and outside the community. Our efforts to assist and encourage several of the province's Health Authorities in their HIV/AIDS program planning has supported members living throughout BC and we are now seeing changes and improvements in some areas. And, as in past years, we have continued to work hard to build our relationships with other ASOs and community groups throughout the province.

Our Society faced more than its fair share of problems in 2005/2006, yet we remained strong and true and ended the year with significant achievements and a dedicated and hard-working Board of Directors. I am proud that we continued to support and empower our members and all HIV-positive British Columbians alike while remaining true to our consumer-based mandate and acting always with the highest moral and ethical standards.

A Report from the Chair can be found in the Society's Annual Report, 2005-2006.

**Moved by Derek B., seconded by Mike V.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Report from the Chair be accepted.  
CARRIED**

## **7.2 Report from the Executive Director**

Ross Harvey, Executive Director of the Society, confirmed that the period of time being discussed was that of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Ross recognized and applauded the participation of the membership within the workings of the Society and noted the great influence that member participation had on the success of BCPWA's ventures. Much was accomplished over the

2005/2006 fiscal year in spite of difficulties faced. One of the greatest was the death of Tarel Quandt, the Director of Treatment Information and Advocacy. Tarel achieved much for the Society's members during the years she worked at BCPWA and was a well-loved and respected member of staff. She will be greatly missed. The Society also suffered from fiscal chaos due to changes at the Provincial Health Services Authority, who is BCPWA's largest contributing funder. To emerge as well as we did took much skill and determination. Despite efforts, a deficit was recorded on the year's operations. Although it is not large, it had been hoped to avoid accruing a deficit, and that remains the hope for this coming year.

Among the successes and achievements of the year, Ross noted that 2005/2006 marked the year where the greatest number of Board Members remained on the Board until the end of their terms. This fact helps to underline the importance of the strong election procedures practiced by the Society, and their positive influence on events. Ross gave hearty thanks to the entire Board for the excellent and abundant work done by them over the year.

Looking at volunteer statistics and activities shows the huge effort that our member and associate member volunteers put into the Society. 30,000 hours were worked in 2005/2006 by volunteers which shows amazing dedication.

Finally, the Positive Prevention Department which had to close last year due to lack of funding will be reinstated in the new fiscal year. The Department was not staffed during 2005/2006, but the Standing Committee continued to meet and continued producing positive prevention work to its best abilities. As of October 1, 2006, the Department will open once again with a full-time Director of Positive Prevention in position. There are many new opportunities and innovations in the area of prevention and everyone is encouraged to become involved. It is only through our members' input that the most cutting-edge and worthwhile policies and proposals may be crafted.

A Report from the Executive Director may be found in the Annual Report, 2005-2006.

**Moved by Damien C., seconded by Bernd H.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Report from the Executive Director be accepted.  
CARRIED**

**8. Report from the Treasurer**

Mahmoud Virani, the Society's Auditor, was unable to attend the meeting. Wayne Campbell, Treasurer of the Society, reviewed the Society's Financials for the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

The Treasurer reported that the Society was running a small deficit on the 2005/2006 fiscal year, which is noted in the Auditor's Report. This deficit is due to the Auditor's re-calculation of wages, benefits and other salary-related costs relating to the year's work. He confirmed that the Society's property tax burden had increased by close to 300% over the last few years. BCPWA currently pays \$72,000 per year in property taxes compared to \$35,000 just a few years ago. The Society is negotiating with the City of Vancouver in order to determine whether or not this amount can be decreased. The increased spending on travel and conferences is almost entirely covered by pharmaceutical funding and ensures conference attendance for Society volunteers.

**Moved by Keith M., seconded by Carrie C.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Report from the Treasurer be accepted.  
CARRIED**

**Motion to Accept the Audited Financial Statements  
Moved by Ken B., seconded by Keith M.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report, 2005-2006, be accepted as presented.  
CARRIED**

9. **Motion to Appoint the Auditor  
Moved by Wayne C., seconded by Ed S.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mahmoud Virani Inc. be appointed as Auditor for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.  
CARRIED**

10. **Proposed Election Procedures**

10.1 **Motion to Adopt Procedures**

**Moved by Carrie C., seconded by Tim; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the election procedures, as presented, be adopted.  
CARRIED**

10.2 **Consent to Act as a Director**

The Chair explained that the provincial *Business Corporations Act* establishes restrictions concerning eligibility to serve on the Boards of Directors of incorporated bodies, including societies incorporated under the *Society Act*. These restrictions apply to members of the BCPWA Board of Directors. Information on these restrictions is available at the meeting. Consent to Act as Director forms are to be signed by prospective Board Members before the election takes place.

10.3 **Director's Code of Conduct**

The Chair explained that any member who is elected to the BCPWA Board of Directors must sign the Society's Board Member Code of Conduct declaration, which was adopted by the Board of Directors on March 19, 2003.

10.4 **Nomination of the Voting Committee**

Moved by Glyn T., seconded by Derek B.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Voting Committee consist of Melissa Davis, Suzan Krieger and Jane Talbot.  
**CARRIED**

10.5 **Nomination of the Balloting Committee**

Moved by Wayne C., seconded by Mike D.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Balloting Committee consist entirely of non-voting associate members named as follows: May M., Vera G., Kasandra V., Terry S. and Mayu U.  
**CARRIED**

11. **Nominations from the Floor Open/Close**

The call for nominations from the floor was given by the Independent Chair. The following candidates were duly nominated, and agreed to allow their names to stand for election:

Ken Buchanan, Damien Callicott, Wayne Campbell, Mike Dilworth, Jim Harron, Bernd Hoops, John Kozachenko, Paul Lewand, Malsah, Keith Morris, Neil Self and Glyn Townson.

12. A short presentation on the Society's Positive Gathering, being held from October 20 to 22, 2006, was given. Meeting attendees were also reminded to participate in the AIDS WALK for LIFE, taking place on September 24, 2006.

13. **Lunch**

A break for lunch was held from 11:50 am to 12:20 pm.

14. **Candidates' Statements**

Each candidate was given two minutes to provide information about themselves.

15. **Election of the New Board of Directors**

The room was sealed until all of the ballots were collected.

16. A short presentation was given on the Society's SeroSupportive Workshop, taking place from October 30 to November 2, 2006. Meeting attendees were also encouraged to participate more actively in the governance of BCPWA through becoming involved in one or more of the Society's Standing Committees.

17. **Break**

A break was held from 12:55 pm to 1:15 pm.

18. **Resolutions**

Sheena Campbell, Independent Chair for the meeting, introduced the Ordinary Resolution to be considered by the meeting. The agreed procedure for consideration of

the Ordinary Resolution was that the mover would move the motion and then speak to the motion. The opportunity for debate on the motion would follow, with individuals taking turns speaking in favour of the motion and in opposition to the motion. The mover would be granted the privilege of closing debate on the motion. If any amendments to the motion were suggested, they would need to be dealt with separately and a simple majority vote would be required to pass the amendment.

### 18.1 **Special Resolutions**

There were no special resolutions submitted for consideration.

### 18.2 **Ordinary Resolutions**

#### 18.2.1 **Closure of Smoking Room**

WHEREAS BCPWA is an organization helping its members to live healthier lives;

WHEREAS our municipal, provincial and federal governments have banned smoking in public buildings;

WHEREAS smoking has been detrimental to the health of the smokers;

WHEREAS second-hand smoke has been medically proven to be detrimental to the health of non-smokers;

**Moved by Dominic B., seconded by Colin S.; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BCPWA's entire section of the 1107 Seymour Street's building be dedicated as a non-smoking area; AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the smoking room be closed for smoking and utilized for other uses.**

Debate on the motion having been opened, it was:

**Moved by Colin S., seconded by Jim; BE IT RESOLVED that a secret ballot take place in regard to the Ordinary Resolution 18.2.1: Closure of Smoking Room.  
CARRIED**

The secret ballot having taken place, the motion was defeated.

**Moved by Derek B., seconded by Carrie C.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots be destroyed.  
CARRIED**

19. A short presentation was given on BCPWA's Background Paper, "IT Developments in BC Health Care: Confidentiality at the Crossroads", and meeting attendees were urged to take action by talking to their GPs and writing to the Health Minister. The meeting was then shown the two television advertisements produced by BCPWA as part of their "End HIV Stigma" province-wide media campaign. A discussion of events and

seminars relating to the International AIDS Conference held in Toronto during the previous week then took place.

20. **Break**

A break was held from 2:20 pm to 2:30 pm.

21. **Announcement of the Board of Directors**

The following individuals were declared to be elected to the Board:

Ken Buchanan	2 year term
Damien Callicott	1 year term
Wayne Campbell	1 year term
Mike Dilworth	1 year term
Jim Harron	2 year term
Bernd Hoops	1 year term
Paul Lewand	2 year term
Malsah	2 year term
Keith Morris	1 year term
Neil Self	2 year term
Glyn Townson	1 year term

**Moved by Carrie C., seconded by Mike V.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots be destroyed.**

**CARRIED**

22. **Thanks to AGM Volunteers and Independent Chair**

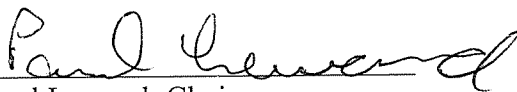
Sheena Campbell thanked the volunteers and offered congratulations on a job well done and the floor thanked Sheena for once again ably chairing the AGM.


23. **Adjournment**

**Moved by Wayne C., seconded by Mike V.; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting do now adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

  
Paul Lewand, Chair

  
Derek Bell, Secretary