



Society of Rural Physicians of Canada/ Société de la médecine rurale du Canada
AGM – April 13, 2018
St. John's NL

Minutes

Call to Order

Tom Smith-Windsor calls the meeting to order at 13:10 and thanks everyone for coming.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Gabe Woollam, seconded by Margo Wilson.

Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2017 AGM Council meeting by Claudette Chase, seconded by Margo Wilson.

Approved.

President's Report

Tom Smith Windsor reported that Lee Teperman has retired, and Jennifer Barr has taken over his position. Tom addressed the fact that the SRPC has had a tough year financially and has gone through some major changes at the office. He assured members that he is confident the staff has things under control and can manage the tasks at hand. Tom thanked the staff at the SRPC office for their efforts.

Tom thanked the following individuals for their contributions:

- Kweuku Dankwa for his work with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons on the Rural Speciality Initiative
- Etienne van der Linde for making a connection with CAEP, his work on the CPSO report and Rural Emergency Credential report.
- Stu Igelias for his work with ESS and CAGS.
- Jim Rourke for his work with the CFPC on the Rural Road Map.
- Karl Stobbe for his international work.
- Gabe Woollam and Margo Wilson for a great Rural and Remote Conference

Tom reminded members that the SRPC is the only voice for rural medicine and we need bigger numbers. He concluded by thanking the members and said what a privilege and honor it was to serve as SRPC president.

Treasurer Report

Gabe presented the budget that was approved at SRPC Council Meeting on April 11th.

Motion to approve the budget by Kyle Sue, seconded by Claudette Chase.

All in favour, approved.



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A communications committee has been formed to work on how we can increase membership as this is what is needed to make our budget more appealing. Automatic are now in place which should help decrease the number of lapsed members. They are working on a member's only section on the website to make it more appealing to join.

Nominations and Awards

As Chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee, John Soles introduces our new Council members:

- Atlantic Representatives - Chris Patey and Declan Fox
- Quebec Representative - Michelle Lajzerowicz
- Ontario Representative - Melissa Holowaty
- Northern Representative - Kyle Sue
- Member at Large – Merrilee Brown

John thanks Tom for his service as President and welcomes our new president Margaret Tromp and invites her to speak.

Margaret thanks Tom for his efforts and looks forward to representing the Society over the next 2 years.

New Business

Darlene Kitty steps down as member at large. She would like to see an Indigenous Health Committee added as a part of Council. She will act as the interim chair for now, will gather members and create the terms of reference for the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 13:45.