

# 2023 CAET Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 11:30pm (MDT) Zoom Meeting Hosted in Banff, Alberta

Establish Quorum (including proxies if applicable)

We have quorum, 13 attendees (Tim Woodford, Chelsea Maskos, Marianne LeBreton, Susan McGregor, Joanne Nikkel, Tabrez Hussein, Jordan Regier, Jennifer De Longe, Jessica Savoie, Sara Primrose, Roy Sharma, Madeline Harrison, Bruce Goddard)

## 1. Call to Order

- Tim calls meeting to order at 11:50 a.m

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

- Bruce seconds motion to accept agenda

## 3. Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes

- Sara and Tabrez second motion to accept last years minutes

## 4. Reports

### 1) President's Report

- Tim worked on ACMDTT
- Many emails sent out to members for a survey
- Fixed up the website

## **2) Vice President's Report**

- Brought in new Director.
- Helped with AGM and conference.
- Election year, actively recruiting for new board members

## **3) Director's Report**

- Helped with conference organization after stepping in mid term after Ashley Simpkins stepped down

## **4) Secretary/Registrar's Report**

- Sends emails occasionally
- Maybe delegate social media responsibilities here?

## **5) Website/Job Registry**

- Tim Woodford updated the website

- Paying dues is much easier, name and email comes through now, and it is all through the website
- Forum was also started for ways to connect across Canada, not well utilized right now
- Job advertisements are frequently posted

## **6) Newsletter**

- Marianne stepped in to run the newsletter
- Translating newsletter into French
- Lots of new ideas from current conference
- Open invitation to write an article for the newsletter
- Maybe include call for board members and engagement
- Pet photos
- Women's epilepsy clinic opening out East
- Susan asks if she can have slides from the conference posted onto the website, benefit of being a member!

## **7) Awards/Sponsorship/Nominations**

- Susan Rahey has created an education award in her name, she would like to fund it going forward.

- Given to student who attended this 2023 conference (Jessica Savoie)
- Joanne's 30th year attending a conference, given a gift as a token of appreciation

## **8) CBRET**

- 20 applicants, 2 deferred, 2 failed
- setting up practicals in the fall
- looking for a communication person in the Maritimes
- call for ideas for improvement for exams

## **9) BCIT Update**

- Vaso brings greeting from Kristi and Lindsey
- Happy to see lots of past graduates
- Likes the idea of combining AETC and CAET
- Second year of new program, 10 students are in their clinical already
- 4 students in the first year. Major reduction in healthcare students overall
- Expecting more applicants next term
- Include La Cite in this update next time?

- Update on in-house training. London Ontario is doing this, but it is becoming much more common

## **10) Treasurer's Report/Advertising**

- Overview of last years expenses (see attached)
- Because we did not have in person meetings last year, we had some roll over from last year's funds
- Disclosure of accidental reimbursement to vice president, will be fixed when the time comes to reimburse for her accommodations
- Expenses for this 2023 meeting: \$7000-8000 estimate

## **11) Provincial (East to West)**

- Ontario: Tony Card is setting up provincial tech group/society (NETO). Trying to double Toronto Sick kids techs to 20, will be starting in-house training. London Ontario is very short on techs
- Winnipeg: Staff up to 6 techs, will be a staff of 12 by 2025, also opening a 4 bed EMU in Sept 2023. Still struggling with limited staff currently
- Saskatchewan: Upgrading to a 4 bed EMU opening Sept 2023. Dr. Carter, Dr. Fleury, and Dr. Hunter are heading this. For peds we have two emu beds. Two new registered techs. We are currently at reduced call hours. New paediatric epileptologist added to Anne-Marie Denny for total of two pediatric epileptologists. Dr.

Huntsman moved to Halifax. For Regina, they are starting a 10,000 signing bonus with 1 year contract. They only have 3 techs currently.

- Alberta: Has a college that oversees professional medical technologists. Most recent bill from government stipulated that a regulatory college cannot have any social aspect or other organizations or local associations. Local association was dissolved, Susan is recreating it, with a new set of bylaws. She also applied for funding. This is through the college, and ended up with very significant funds. Banking is a challenge between board since they live far apart, cannot all meet in person at one bank. This has impacted meetings and educational sessions, with serious lack of funding and support.
- BC: There is a BC association, this goes well and meetings are well attended. Staffing in BC is a struggle. Many are working casual jobs on top of their regular full time jobs. Very low on techs with high wait lists. Very expensive to live there, so this contributes to difficulty recruiting. BC also recently got a significant wage increase to try to help with recruiting

Motion to accept all report as read

- Sara Primrose and Marianne Lebreton second

## 5. Future Meeting Site

- Next years conference will be Toronto, after this it will be in Ottawa for 2025

## 6. CAET Elections for Board/Team

- Chelsea is stepping down as Vice-President
- Tim will stay temporarily for now until we can find someone else to step into the President role
- Jordan can stay on as Director with limited attendance to the next conferences

## 7. New Business

- Possible amalgamation of future conferences with AECT
- Heather speaks on combining conference. Will help have more people to conference. Lots of people are dual registered. Will help with sponsorships
- Tabrez seconds this, thinks it will be very positive
- All in attendance are in favour, no objections

## 8. Confirmation of Acts

- All acts confirmed

## 9. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 12:44pm