

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, September 29, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Held via Teams Conference

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Chair, Robert Piasentin Recorder, Sandy Heikkila

### 1. Call to order and approval of agenda

**Motion:** That the Annual General Meeting of the Alzheimer Society of B.C. meeting be called to order at 5:33 p.m. and the agenda be approved as distributed.

Moved Karen Tanaka, seconded by Amy McCallion Carried

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

**Motion:** That the minutes of the September 29, 2021 Annual General Meeting be adopted as distributed.

Moved Karen Tanaka, seconded by Amy McCallion Carried

### 3. Report of the Treasurer

The Society's Financial Statements ending March 31, 2021 was included in Annual General Meeting Package distributed to Society members. An overview of the report was presented by Doug Pearce, Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Pearce also commented on the current financial situation during the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the Society remains in a strong financial position.

**Motion:** That the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Moved Doug Pearce, seconded by Brent Buchan Carried

**Motion:** That Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as the Society's auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Moved Doug Pearce, seconded by Paul Blanchet Carried

**Motion:** That the annual membership fee for the Alzheimer Society of B.C. remain at \$15.00 per individual, \$25.00 per family, \$25.00 per out-of-province membership and \$50.00 for a company or organization.

Moved Doug Pearce, seconded by Robert Piasentin Carried

### 4. Election of Society Directors and Introduction of Board Members

Presented by Robert Piasentin, Board Chair. Biographies of the four nominated board members were included in the Annual General Meeting package distributed to Society members. Four board members up for re-election were Brenda Eaton, Karen Thompson, Craig Burns, Joann Wong-Bittle.

One board member, Brent Buchan, has completed his term and has stepped off the board. Another board member, Val Stevens, has decided to step off the board.

**Motion:** That the following be elected as directors of the Alzheimer Society of B.C. for a two-year term, ending September 2023:

- Brenda Eaton
- Karen Thompson
- Craig Burns
- Joann Wong-Bittle

Moved Amy McCallion, seconded by Bill Baker

Carried

Robert Piasentin, on behalf of the board, said a farewell to outgoing board members Brent Buchan & Val Stevens and thanked each for their service, noting their numerous contributions. Brent Buchan thanked the board, staff and Society members for their support during his time on the board. Val was not in attendance so was unable to give her thanks at the meeting.

Robert Piasentin introduced the 2021/2022 board members:

- Amy McCallion, Chair
- Doug Pearce, Secretary/Treasurer
- Karen Thompson
- Brenda Eaton
- Bill Baker
- Karen Tanaka
- Craig Burns
- Joann Wong Bittle
- Paul Blanchet
- Robert Piasentin

## **5. Annual Report 2021**

Presented by Robert Piasentin, Board Chair. Was rolled into the Chair/CEO report for purpose of the AGM flow.

## **6. Report of the Chair**

Robert Piasentin, Board Chair, reflected on the Society's full fiscal year in a pandemic. Noting challenges and silver linings.

Robert thanked Barbara Lindsay for her role as interim CEO while they looked for a new CEO for her time and dedication she contributed to the Society and thanked her, on behalf of the Society & the board.

Robert went over the interim strategic plan and the goals set forth for it. The development of the plan is an important opportunity to reflect on a way forward for the Society.

Robert then touched on some key achievements over the past year which are featured in the Annual report, which was included in the AGM package.

Robert handed the virtual mic over to Amy McCallion, the incoming chair to say a few words.

Amy gave a brief thanks and thanked Robert for his time on the chair. Amy gave gratitude for Robert's time and work as the Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Society & the board.

Amy gave an introduction for new CEO Jen Lyle with a bit of her background and history.

**7. Report of the CEO**

Jen Lyle thanked and recognized the staff, volunteers, board members and all stakeholders for their involvement and dedication to the Society.

Jen touched on her personal experiences with dementia in her family, noting that her story is not unique, and that the pandemic has been challenging on many fronts. She outlined the Society's upcoming work, providing a few highlights from recent weeks as to how the Society is realizing its mission, and identifying areas that members can expect to see future activity. She thanked the staff, board, committee members, volunteers, and AGM attendees for their ongoing support of the Society's work.

**8. New business/discussion by members**

There was no new business or discussion by members.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Robert had a motion to adjourn the meeting:

Moved Karen Tanaka, seconded by Amy McCallion

Carried

Robert Piasentin adjourned the meeting at 6:10p.m.