

Board of Directors:

Members of the Board of Directors for 2017-2018 were Marie Lamey, Susan Forbes, Lynn Mackay, Allyson Burden, Jennifer Sweder and Sonya McLeod (October 2017 – present).

Report from the Board – Summary of Actions and Events:

The focus this year has been on

- ✓ Name change transition
- ✓ Canadian Association Meetings
- ✓ Health Canada consultations
- ✓ Membership

Financial Summary:

A summary of the Society's finances is appended to this report.

Members:

Our membership numbers currently (as of April 9, 2018) stand at:

Registered	22
Resident	07
Associate	05
Student	00
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TOTAL	34

2017 members pending renewal 9

Allyson has been actively working on increasing our membership numbers and continues to process new member applications. Please help us increase our community by encouraging your colleagues to renew their membership on time or to join our Association if they are currently not a member.

Name Change:

Following the acceptance of the new Bylaws and Constitution at the 2017 AGM, they were filed with the registry to comply with the new Societies Act. Along with this was the name change from Society to Association. Subsequently we were tasked with changing the following:

- i. Logo
- ii. Website domain
- iii. All webpages
- iv. Paperwork and forms
- v. Banking information
- vi. Emails

Yet to be done:

- i. Brochures – which will be done when the next order is placed (i.e. as needed)
- ii. Certificates – will be redone this membership year (in progress)

Canadian Association Meetings:

Since the last AGM the meetings to form a Canadian Association continued monthly until June when we took the summer off. A longer meeting was scheduled for late September 2017 to make some final decisions on what this new organization would look like. This meeting was postponed to October 2017 due to a Health Canada meeting in Ottawa that was scheduled for the same day which was attended by some of the participants.

After this meeting it became apparent that there were some basic issues that could not be agreed upon with NUPATH / 3CH and the participating provincial association.

In February 2018 the following five provincial associations met to continue the talks: BC Association of Homeopaths, Alberta Homeopathic Association, Manitoba Homeopathic Association, Ontario Homeopathic Medical Association and Syndicat Professionnel des Homéopathes du Québec. Due to the common interests and goals of these organizations the talks are going very well and have agreed upon a name, vision & mission statements for the new organization as well as formally signed a Collaboration Agreement.

The intention is to collaborate for a period of time to ensure we can work together prior to establishing a formal organization.

Health Canada Meetings:

On Wed April 5, 2017 Marie attended the second public consultation held in Vancouver regarding the proposed changes to OTC products. Health Canada had taken feedback from the previous consultations and made changes to their proposal for categorization and labelling of products according to risk level and health claims.

On Thursday June 15, 2017 Marie attended a smaller meeting with Health Canada representatives which included homeopaths and herbalists. Here they listened to more specific concerns from the health professions point of view.

On July 27, 2017 Marie attended an online webinar hosted by Health Canada to review proposed specific designs of labelling and get feedback from industry.

Due to the short notice (one week) we did not attend the meeting in September 2017 in Ottawa, but there was a representative from SPHQ there who reported the following:

I would summarize very roughly by saying that nothing has evolved very much since June. The presentation and exercise done on labelling, in the afternoon workshop, was pointless.

They are still mired in defining and classifying what should be regarded as mild (now Category 2) and what should be regarded as moderate and serious (now Category 3). The examples given still don't work.

They are planning on having more technical discussions this fall on this delicate categorization of symptoms and pathologies.

HANS:

We continue to be a member of the Health Action Network Society. We worked in collaboration with HANS on their movie night series of Just One Drop in October 2017 which was the Canadian premiere of this movie. Since then the Manitoba Homeopathic Association and Alberta Homeopathic Association have organized showings of this movie in Winnipeg and Calgary respectively.

We support the good work that this organization is doing and will continue to post their events on our website for everyone to access.

Newsgroup and Communications:

After sending out the survey last year no clear direction was established to make any changes to this communication tool so we will continue to use it as it currently is.

Sonya is now the moderator of the Yahoo Newsgroup. Please contact her if you are not on the Newsgroup or need further instruction on using it.

Treasurer Position:

After 10 years of holding the position of Treasurer, Susan Forbes has resigned from the board. We appreciate all her hard work and dedication through the many changes we have implemented, especially in the last few years. Thanks Susan!

Contact us:

If you have any suggestions for the Board, or feedback, please feel free to contact us. We can only do so much so any help is greatly appreciated.

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