

BCAH AGM Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2023 10:00 am

Present: Nathalie Allen (treasurer), Monaliz Caissie, Coleen Davis Stanton, Nicole Duelli, (director at large), Louise Fridman, Harkirat Kaur (secretary), Elaheh Ketabi left at 10:22, Marie Lamey (president), Lynn Mackay (vice-president), Marilee Roome, Heather Shofield (chair and director at large), Suzanne Sutherland, Anuradha Verma, Srini Vuppala.

1. AGM began at 10:01: it was determined that a quorum for the meeting was met.
2. The agenda was approved: Lynn approved the agenda and Nicole seconded it.
3. Approval of the minutes from the last AGM held November 5, 2022. Lynn approved the minutes of the last meeting and Marie seconded it.
4. Unfinished business from the last AGM: there was no unfinished business from the last AGM.

Ordinary Business

5. Director's report of the previous financial year: BCAH Treasurer, Nathalie Allen, shared the report for the year – see the Treasury report for details. 8 members approved the financial report; none opposed.
6. Director's report of activities and decisions since the previous AGM: Marie Lamey gave an update of the activities through the year. The membership has slightly reduced in the past year. We still need to fill the position of Membership secretary, and this past year Heather Schofield and Lynn Mackay have shared the duties of vetting new members. There were three Zoom meetings: a holiday social, Bill 36 update and recently, updates on the Health Canada cost recovery program. Since there appeared to be no interest for a case conference it has been deferred to next year. Furthermore, Marie gave some updates on the Health Canada cost recovery program and Bill 36 – see the Annual Report for details. In offering Canadian Homeopathic Association updates, Marie also shared some positive news regarding developments in meeting with the insurance companies, who were open to including homeopathy, although we may need to add a disciplinary

committee, among other changes. The work to continue advocating for homeopathy and homeopathic practitioners will continue. For other news and updates on the Canadian Homeopathic Association, the Canadian Coalition for Homeopathy, the Registry of the Allied Animal Health Practitioners of Canada and the BC Animal Owners Association, see the Annual Report.

7. Committee report: Nicole Duelli gave a short update on the Report on the Committee for the Advancement of Homeopathy as a Profession, and urged members to take a moment to skim the Final Report and become involved in any small or large way they can. In the discussion which followed, there was interest in a forum to discuss the results of the survey and report and to decide next steps. Nathalie shared the results of the Survey with the members. See the Report by the Committee and the Survey Report for more details.
8. Three positions were voted on today: President, Vice-president, Membership coordinator role. Since there is only one nomination for president, Marie Lamey was voted by acclamation for the role as president. There was only one nomination for the vice president role, Lynn Mackay was voted by acclamation as vice president. The position of membership coordinator still needs to be filled.
9. Discussion period: Nicole added that Canadians for Homeopathy is a consumer arm of the Canadian Coalition for Homeopathy and will continue to educate the Canadian public on using homeopathy at home and when to see a homeopathic practitioner. A moment of silence was taken for Lucy DePieri who always came to our AGM meetings and played a big role in the homeopathy community here. She will be missed by us all.

Attending the AGM today provides 1 CEU credit.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18