



## 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS

(Minutes of the AGM will be posted and an announcement will be sent at that time.)

#### **CHAIR**

The AGM was chaired by Barbara Catt, President, IPAC Canada.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

The Chair asked attendees to remember those whom we have lost in the past year: Eleanor Fehr, Patricia Landolfo, Lanch Sayers, Marion St. Goddard, and Dr. Frank Plummer. Our thoughts also turn to those whom have passed during the pandemic.

#### **QUORUM**

There were 88 persons in attendance, 83 of which were voting members. A quorum was reached.

#### **2019 REPORTS**

2019 Annual Reports were posted prior to the AGM. They are available for viewing at <https://ipac-canada.org/annual-report.php>. Chapter and Interest Group annual reports are posted to the same webpage.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

The 2019 Audited Financial Report is posted to <https://ipac-canada.org/annual-report.php>. Michael Rotstein, Treasurer, presented the 2019 Audited Financial Statements. Although the audited finances resulted in a loss of (\$6,289), this is a significant recovery over the 2018 loss of (\$66,564.00).

In response to a question from an attendee, Michael clarified that the Chapter Presidents Fund is held by IPAC Canada in a separate account and is used to provide funding to under-resourced chapters to enable their President to attend the annual Chapter President meeting at the conference. The Chapter President Fund is sustained by donations from chapters.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

##### Three Winning Chapters

Jennifer Happe, Membership Director, announced the three chapters which achieved the highest percentage of new members in 2019-2020. Each will receive one complimentary membership in 2020-2021 to the member of their choice. The winning chapters are:

IPAC HUPIC – 41% increase

IPAC Manitoba – 20% increase

IPAC Nova Scotia – 8% increase

##### New Member Contest

Jennifer announced the winners of the 2020 New Member Contest: Current member Lee Hanna and new member Jaclyn Ellik, both of Good Samaritan Society, Edmonton. The New Member Contest will continue for 2021. See information at <https://ipac-canada.org/join-ipac-canada.php>. The deadline is March 15, 2021.

##### Group Membership

Jennifer announced a new Group Membership which will come into effect January 1, 2021.

Group Membership will be available to employees of healthcare related institutions or agencies interested in fostering the purposes and objectives of the Association. Members must:

- 1) work at the same physical location OR
- 2) report to the same director supervisor. A direct supervisor is the person to which the employee directly reports and who supervises the employee's work on a day to day basis. The direct supervisor must sign off in attestation that they are the direct supervisor of each member of the Group

Additional information about Group Membership will be distributed at a later date.

## **ELECTIONS**

The results of the online election were announced:

For the position of Secretary/Membership Director, Jennifer Happe is elected unopposed.

For the position of Director (Chapters and Interest Groups), Stefania Cloutier is elected unopposed.

For the position of Director (Education), Kim Allain is elected.

The Chair congratulated successful candidates and thanked Lola Gushue and Anne Bialachowski for their interest and support.

Following are acceptance remarks from each of the winning candidates.

*Jennifer Happe – I am simply delighted for the opportunity to support IPAC Canada and our members for a second term. Thank you for placing your confidence and support in me. I look forward to working with the Board and our membership in the coming term to advance issues of importance to our community.*

*Stefania Cloutier – I am so excited to be joining the Board of Directors for IPAC Canada. The hard work and dedication of IPAC Canada members is commendable and I am honoured to serve the membership especially during these challenging times. I want to extend a huge thank you to Ramona Rodrigues, outgoing Director (Chapters and Interest Groups), for her service on the Board. Thank you to the Board members and for your warm welcome and to the membership for your support.*

*Kim Allain- Three years have gone by very quickly and I am honored to be able to continue in my role as Director (Education) for a second term. My heartfelt thanks to the membership for allowing me this opportunity. The education portfolio of IPAC Canada is exciting, rewarding and full of opportunities. I look forward to continuing my position on the Board towards achieving the goals of our robust strategic plan. Through a more experienced lens, I am committed to building on the momentum in my work through ongoing relationship building, active support for education committees, and exploring creative ways to meet the timely and relevant education and learning needs of our members. Again, my sincere thank you.*

## **BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Chair thanked outgoing Board members, Molly Blake and Ramona Rodrigues, for their service on the Board of Directors. She welcomed returning Board members, Jennifer Happe and Kim Allain, and new Board member, Stefania Cloutier.

A message from Molly Blake on leaving the Board of Directors:

*On my way out.... And of course I have something to say. I am so grateful for the opportunity to participate on the IPAC Canada Board, as well as be involved in national activities to move our specialty forward. Not only grateful for the opportunity, but also for the friendships and support I've found. Through IPAC Canada, I've gained access to expertise across the country... thank you to everyone who tolerates my frequent emails. (Please believe these aren't going to stop!)*

*It's always heart-warming to see people take time out of their already hectic days to answer an email, provide support, and give of their own time for someone, and something, else. Our hardest times often lead to the greatest moments; and gaining a better understanding of what we truly can do. These are the days we need 'hugs' the most. And here in the middle of the country I feel embraced. Gerry and Kelli – as always, thank you.*

A note from Ramona Rodrigues on leaving the Board of Directors:

*I am deeply thankful and blessed for the special, unique and amazing opportunity to serve on the Board of Infection Prevention and Control – Canada (IPAC Canada). I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve our profession. Over my term I have met amazing and dedicated Chapter and Interest Group presidents who have provided excellence in local education*

*opportunities, networking and promotion of the profession. The hope and the spirit of our volunteer leaders to persist and consistently step up to the plate without hesitation or reservation show the work ethic, commitment and integrity of our Chapter and Interest group presidents. I look forward to seeing IPAC Canada and the Chapters and Interest groups continue to build and reach even greater heights. Thank you and God Bless.*

**REVIEW OF AGM MINUTES**

The following have been appointed to review the AGM minutes: Karrie Yausie and Jennifer McMullen.

**FUTURE CONFERENCES AND NEXT AGM**

2021 Conference	Next AGM
May 2-5, 2021	Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Winnipeg	Winnipeg

**MORE INFORMATION**

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