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Sue, Dr. Kyle Cheong, St. John's, N.L.
Sutherland, Dr. Christy, Vancouver, B.C.

Taylor, Mr. Michael, Edmonton, Alta.
Tcholakov, Dr. Yassen, Montréal, Que.
Thomas, Dr. Réjean, Montréal, Que.
Thomsen, Mr. Bryce, Edmonton, Alta.
Thornton, Dr. Jane, London, Ont.
Tremblay, Dr. Guy, Québec, Que.
Trépanier, Ms. Chloé, Montréal, Que.
Trudeau, Dr. Jean-Bernard, Longueuil, Que.
Tuet, Dr. Gigi, Vancouver, B.C.
Tytus, Dr. Stephen, Burlington, Ont.

Van Aerde, Dr. Johnny, Ladysmith, B.C.

Wallace, Dr. Gordon, Nepean, Ont.
Wallani, Dr. Zufikarali, Markham, Ont.
Wang, Dr. Caroline, Vancouver, B.C.
Warrack, Dr. Ian, Kemptville, Ont.
Wasswa-Kintu, Dr. Samuel, Toronto, Ont.
Watson, Dr. William, Boston, U.S.A.
Wheeler, Dr. Jeffrey, Winnipeg, Man.
White, Dr. David, Toronto, Ont.
Wiley, Dr. Elizabeth, Prince George, B.C.
Williams, Dr. Carole, Duncan, B.C.
Wong, Dr. Edmund, Ottawa, Ont.
Wong, Dr. Julielynn, Toronto, Ont.
Wood, Mr. Rick, Saint John, N.B.

Young, Dr. David, Vancouver, B.C.
Yu, Dr. Tsai Hsing, St. Catharines, Ont.

Zamora, Dr. Mary, Oakville, Ont.
Zygmunt, Dr. Austin, Ottawa, Ont.

Non-Member Observers

Aikman, Mr. Jim, Vancouver, B.C.
Alinati, Mr. André, Ottawa, Ont.
Auger, Ms. Louise, Ottawa, Ont.

Barbe, Dr. David, Chicago, U.S.A.
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Bellavance, Mr. Sylvain, Montréal, Que.
Berg, Ms. Angelique, Burlington, Ont.
Blanchette, Mr. Denis, Montréal, Que.
Bourgoin, Ms. Mélissa, Montréal, Que.
Brossart, Ms. Bonnie, Saskatoon, Sask.

Chapman, Mr. Kevin, Dartmouth, N.S.
Clement, Dr. Louise, Ottawa, Ont.
Cloutier, Mr. Michael, Burlington, Ont.

Cordell, Ms. Cathy, Vancouver, B.C.
Craib-Laurin, Ms. Laurèl, Ottawa, Ont.
Cram, Mr. Robert, Winnipeg, Man.
Crolly, Ms. Allison, Winnipeg, Man.

Dahlgren, Dr. Hans, Stockholm, Sweden
Davie, Mr. George, Toronto, Ont.
Dennis, Dr. Mike, Ottawa, Ont.
Dowdall, Ms. Catherine, Toronto, Ont.

Ecker, Ms. Janet, Ajax, Ont.
Eidelman, Dr. Leonid, Ramat Gan, Israel
Epp, Mr. Michael, Vancouver, B.C.

Fischer, Ms. Debbie, Toronto, Ont.
Fralick, Ms. Pamela, Ottawa, Ont.
Fréchette, Ms. Danielle, Ottawa, Ont.

Gallinger, Mr. John, Ottawa, Ont.
Giasson, Mr. Erik, Montréal, Que.
Girouard, Mr. Gerin, Fredericton, N.B.
Gormley, Mr. Michael, Edmonton, Alta.
Gu, Dr. Faming, Beijing, China

Huston, Mr. Jim, Edmonton, Alta.

Kelly, Ms. Judy, Fredericton, N.B.
Kitts, Ms. Jennifer, Ottawa, Ont.
Kloiber, Dr. Otmar, Ferney-Voltaire, France
Knight, Mr. Anthony, Fredericton, N.B.
Kralj, Dr. Boris, Toronto, Ont.

Laberge, Mr. Normand, Verdun, Que.
Lauzon, Dr. André, Montréal, Que.
Lefebvre, Dr. Fleur-Ange, PhD, Ottawa, Ont.
Liu, Mr. Bing, Beijing, China
Liu, Ms. Huan, Beijing, China

MacCready-Williams, Ms. Nancy, Dartmouth, N.S.
MacLean, Mr. Andrew, Fredericton, N.B.
Magyarody, Mr. Tom, Toronto, Ont.
Maher, Mr. John, Fredericton, N.B.
Mallam, Ms. Katie, Dartmouth, N.S.
Maruca, Mr. Matthew, Winnipeg, Man.
Masood, Dr. Asim, Toronto, Ont.
Matsubara, Dr. Kenji, Tokyo, Japan
McFaul, Mr. Michael, Ottawa, Ont.
Meagher, Mr. Sean, Toronto, Ont.
Michael, Ms. Ann, Flouertown, U.S.A.
Milford, Ms. Nancy, Dartmouth, N.S.
Mowat, Dr. Andrew, London, England
Mowat, Dr. Anthea, London, England

Nelson, Mr. Patrick, Ottawa, Ont.
Nobert, Mr. Marcel, Saskatoon, Sask.
Noto, Mr. Yuji, Tokyo, Japan

Palmer, Mr. Bruce, Toronto, Ont.
Pavri, Mr. Yezdi, North York, Ont.
Plank, Ms. Elizabeth, Arlington, Que.
Poulin-Denis, Mr. Jacques, Montréal, Que.

Pratt, Mr. Courtney, Vancouver, B.C.
Robinson, Mr. Craig, Ottawa, Ont.
Rodrigue, Mr. Michel, Ottawa, Ont.
Rosenburg, Mr. William, San Diego, U.S.A.

Sapsford, Mr. Ron, Toronto, Ont.
Sawyer, Mr. Rick, Winnipeg, Man.
Scott, Dr. Bruce, Chicago, U.S.A.
Scott, Mr. W. Iain, Toronto, Ont.
Seckel, Mr. Allan, Vancouver, B.C.
Shore, Ms. Sharon, Vancouver, B.C.
Silas, Ms. Linda, Ottawa, Ont.
Smith, Mr. Sean, Calgary, Alta.
Sonberg, Ms. Melissa, Montréal, Que.
Stensmyren, Dr. Heidi, Stockholm, Sweden
Stojanovic, Mrs. Mira, Toronto, Ont.

Taylor, Mr. Victor, Edmonton, Alta.
Temple, Sir John, London, England
Thi, Ms. Helen, Vancouver, B.C.
Thompson, Mr. Robert, St. John's, N.L.

Vasic, Mr. George, Toronto, Ont.
Venosa, Ms. Franca, Toronto, Ont.
Vézina, Ms. Joanne, Verdun, Que.
Viccars, Ms. Deborah, Vancouver, B.C.

Wahl, Mr. Erik, San Diego, U.S.A.
Waikakul, Dr. Saranatra, Bangkok, Thailand
Wapner, Ms. Leah, Ramat Gan, Israel
Watson, Mrs. Wendy, Boston, U.S.A.
Way, Mr. Richard, Victoria, B.C.
Whitewood, Ms. Amanda, Bedford, N.S.
Wood, Ms. Kate, Calgary, Alta.

PROCEEDINGS

Introduction and official opening

1. The 150th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) was held at the Quebec City Convention Centre, Aug. 20-23, 2017. General Council met Aug. 21-23, 2017.
2. On Mon., Aug. 21, 2017, the meeting was declared to be duly constituted and in session. Welcoming and introductory remarks were provided.

Procedures and rules of conduct

3. Dr. Alexiadis indicated that under the CMA bylaw 12.3.4 (c) "The following may submit a nomination for the office of president-elect, which shall be carried out in accordance with the Association's Operating Rules and Procedures: ...any 5 delegates provided that such nomination is presented to General Council in session on the first day of General Council." The speaker announced that any further nominations must be presented to the chair of the Committee on Nominations through the Resolutions Committee by the end of Monday's General Council session.
4. Dr. Alexiadis sought consideration of the procedural motions 'en bloc'.

In keeping with Canadian Medical Association bylaw 18.1, the rules of conduct and procedural rules and guidelines for this meeting outlined in the 2017 procedures are adopted.

Resolution 17-1

Carried

General Council approves the use of plurality voting in elections when there are three or more candidates.

Resolution 17-2

Carried

5. Dr. Alexiadis introduced the Resolutions Committee comprised of Drs. Ernst Schuster (deputy speaker and chair), Joel Yelland, Alan Gow, Daniel Tardif and James Stewart.

The Art of Vision: A revolutionary new experience

6. Mr. Erik Wahl, internationally recognized motivational speaker, graffiti artist and author expressed through paintings and conversation the need to encourage innovation and superior levels of performance.

Address by the federal minister of health

7. Minister Jane Philpott, MD highlighted, amongst other matters, the agreement reached with the provinces and territories on a Common Statement of Principles on Shared Health Priorities, which outlines priorities for federal investments in home and community care, and mental health and addictions. She highlighted federal health portfolio priorities in Indigenous health, the epidemic of opioids and youth mental wellness.
8. In closing, she noted that the true test of a civilized society is how it treats its most vulnerable citizens and that doctors are essential to Canada's ability to succeed in passing that test.

Physician innovation: It's all around us

9. Dr. Abdo Shabah moderated a panel discussion with Drs. Gilles Julien, Julielynn Wong, Aaron Chiu and Jenette Hayward; each of whom described their innovation journey.

Exploring and innovating on the values that unite medicine

10. A panel comprised of Drs. Michael Kauffman, Dennis Kendel, Franco Rizzuti and Ali Damji discussed experiences, issues, challenges, responsibilities and opportunities for leadership in promoting collegiality within the medical profession. The panel discussed many elements including why intra-professionalism matters; leadership in a taut system; culture, attitudes and professionalism; and system-level considerations.

Innovative dialogue: Emerging issues

11. The speaker introduced the session as a forum for members to suggest, discuss and deliberate on emerging topics affecting patients and the profession to inform policy development.

Federal taxation

12. An overview was presented on issues relating to the proposed federal tax changes to Canadian Controlled Private Corporations, CMA advocacy work to date and future strategy.

Professional Autonomy

13. An overview was presented on issues relating to professional autonomy including strategic questions as to the risks and benefits of the shifts to profession-led regulation; the implications of diminishing the role of profession-led regulation on clinical practice and the health system; and how physicians can become effective partners in the planning and management of medical services in their regions.

Physician Resources

14. An overview was provided on issues relating to physician resources including strategic questions on why Canadians continue to experience gaps in finding a family physician and long waits for specialist consultations; whether the medical profession has a responsibility for ensuring an appropriate distribution and specialty mix to meet population needs; if so, what steps should be taken by the profession; and, if not, what alternatives there might be to government action.
15. Discussion on emerging issues resumed on Wed., Aug. 23, 2017.

Physician Health

16. An overview was provided on issues relating to physician health including strategic questions on the impact of physician health, stress and burnout on patient care; how to overcome the stigma associated with seeking help in light of the individual, cultural, and systemic barriers in acknowledging, identifying and addressing physician health issues; what the profession can do to build a culture of self-care and support; resources and practices required to identify and support victims of intimate partner violence, as well as colleagues or other individuals who are concerned or suffering from such violence; and the barriers physicians may experience in accessing care.

Pharmacare

17. An overview was provided on pharmacare in Canada including strategic questions on whether Canada has “hit the wall” in terms of its ability to expand the boundaries of Medicare beyond hospital and medical services; and how patients and physicians can be assured that they will have affordable access to cost-effective innovative medicines and reliable access to generic prescription drugs.
18. In closing, Board Chair Dr. Brian Brodie shared his observations on what he heard during the emerging issues dialogues that would inform the work of the CMA going forward.

Address by the Quebec minister of health and social services

19. Minister Gaéтан Barrette, MD spoke on various timely issues such as the provincial government’s balancing of the demand for patient care vis-à-vis taxes; user fees in relation to the *Canada Health Act*; medical marijuana and opioids; and the success of the Choosing Wisely initiative.

Inspiring the profession: How innovators drive change

20. A panel, comprised of journalist Elizabeth Plank, performing arts craftsman Jacques Poulin-Denis, producer André Lauzon, and yoga teacher and entrepreneur Erik Giasson, shared stories and perspectives on inspiration, initiative, resiliency, perseverance and courage that allowed each to reinvent their lives.

Walking the talk: Building a Charter of Shared Values for Canadian medicine

21. Dr. André Bernard, Doctors Nova Scotia Board Chair, led a session to receive input and feedback on the development of a Charter of Shared Values to articulate and further strengthen the professional responsibilities to which physicians can commit in support of a unified profession in the service of patients.

General motions

Consent agenda resolutions

22. The following resolutions were carried on consent on Aug. 22, 2017.

General Council approves the following motions contained in the General motions consent agenda: GM5-2, GM5-6, GM5-7, GM5-9, GM5-10, GM5-11, GM5-12, GM5-16, GM5-17, GM5-18, GM5-22, GM5-23, GM5-24 and GM5-25.

Resolution 17-3 *Carried*

Healthy population

The Canadian Medical Association supports development of clinical best practice guidelines for the provision of care to new immigrants and refugees.

Resolution 17-4 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports advocacy efforts to increase awareness of the physical and mental health risks associated with international commercial surrogacy.

Resolution 17-5 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports making naloxone and other opioid overdose prevention supplies available in publicly accessible locations.

Resolution 17-6 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports increased approval and funding of pharmacologic options for the management of chronic pain in older adults.

Resolution 17-7 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports mandatory adherence to national or province/territory-specific nutritional guidelines in Canadian schools, including a means to monitor and report school compliance.

Resolution 17-8 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association urges provincial and territorial governments to support the federal Genetic Non-Discrimination Act (Bill S-201) by enacting corresponding legislation that echoes privacy protection.

Resolution 17-9 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association calls on the federal government to implement a federal excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages and artificially-sweetened drinks sold in Canada to subsidize healthier food options.

Resolution 17-10 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association calls on the federal government to use Canada's term as G7 President in 2018 to add antimicrobial stewardship and antimicrobial resistance surveillance as part of their agenda.

Resolution 17-11 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association calls on governments to address the lack of access to insured health services for those residing in Canada, regardless of immigration status.

Resolution 17-12 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association promotes legislative changes to protect migrants and refugees from arbitrary and indefinite detention in jails and jail-like facilities in Canada.

Resolution 17-13 *Carried*

Vibrant profession

The Canadian Medical Association supports national recognition of physician administrators/executives with initiatives designed to recognize and support their contributions.

Resolution 17-14 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association recognizes the importance of continued involvement in the provision of clinical care for physician administrators/executives, and encourages organizations employing these physicians to provide clinical practice opportunities.

Resolution 17-15 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association encourages medical licensing bodies to require registrants to have training in cultural awareness.

Resolution 17-16 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports increased physician awareness and education in identifying and supporting victims of human trafficking.

Resolution 17-17 *Carried*

23. The speaker entertained debate of the remaining general motions on Tues. Aug. 22 and Wed., Aug. 23, 2017. All resolutions duly carried by General Council were forwarded to the Board of Directors for disposition.

Vibrant profession

The Canadian Medical Association will develop a national guide on levels of medical intervention for use across the continuum of care.

Resolution 17-18 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association supports a review of Canada's medical liability system and an evaluation of alternative models.

Resolution 17-19 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association recommends that MD Financial Management Inc. provide information regarding socially responsible investing when marketing and advising on its investment portfolios

Resolution 17-20 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association will work with stakeholders in medical education to encourage awareness of the difference between non-commissioned financial/insurance advisers employed by national and provincial/territorial medical associations and commissioned financial/insurance advisers employed by banks and other corporations.

Resolution 17-21 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association will create an electronic portal to allow medical organizations to upload their contact information.

Resolution 17-22 *Carried*

The Canadian Medical Association will support new projects and mechanisms to facilitate the expansion and increase the scale of innovative health system pilot projects in Canada.

Resolution 17-23 *Carried*

Healthy population

The Canadian Medical Association calls for mandatory labelling, warnings and a recall system for prescription pharmaceuticals sold in Canada that contain gluten and/or priority allergens.

Resolution 17-24

Carried

The Canadian Medical Association supports the inclusion of physical activity history within the vital sign section of electronic medical record systems.

Resolution 17-25

Carried

The Canadian Medical Association calls on governments to ensure improved accessibility and transferability of existing medical data residing in electronic health records across provincial/interprovincial interfaces.

Resolution 17-26

Carried

Valedictory address

24. On Tues., Aug. 22, 2017, Dr. Granger Avery said it had been an honour to serve as CMA president and thanked members for the privilege; he also expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors, staff and, above all, for the support of his spouse.
25. In closing, he called on physicians to pursue effective collaborative practice models and take those lessons nationwide, and to look after each other.

Physicians facing Canada's opioid crisis

26. The panel comprised Dr. David Juurlink, head of the division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto; Dr. Jean-Bernard Trudeau, assistant secretary at the Collège des médecins du Québec; Dr. Christy Sutherland, Medical Director of the Portland Hotel Society in Vancouver; and Dr. David Milne, staff anesthetist at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Centre in Halifax.
27. Members of the panel discussed the history and complexity of the opioid crisis as a public health issue including its proliferation as a prescribed treatment for chronic pain; the role of pharmaceutical companies; the dangers of counterfeit opioids; the principles and experiences of the Insite safe injection site; and common myths surrounding addiction. The discussion also focused on how physician action and advocacy can help reduce the damage caused by opioids; the management and treatment of pain and addiction; and harm reduction.

Installation of president and inaugural address

28. On Tues., Aug. 22, 2017, Dr. Laurent Marcoux of Quebec was installed as the 150th president of the CMA. A video was presented with Dr. Marcoux's reflections about colleagues who met 150 years ago to unite in their efforts to give Canadians the best care possible. He pledged to represent the CMA with respect, professionalism and courage.
29. He also expressed confidence in the ability to reach true reconciliation with First Nations; and the need to address the social determinants of health and to provide confidence and hope to patients. He expressed the wish that physicians' stories be those of pride and the joy in serving others. In closing, he thanked members for their support and confidence.

Celebrating the profession: CMA awards

30. The CMA Awards gala took place at the Quebec City Convention Centre on Aug. 22, 2017.
 - The CMA Awards for Young Leaders were presented to Mr. Bing Yu Chen and Ms. Simei (Amy) Li (students); Drs. Aravind Ganesh and Colm McCarthy (residents); and Drs. Farhan Asrar and Paul Dhillon (early career physicians).
 - The Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics and Professionalism was presented to Dr. James Silvius.
 - The Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action was presented to Dr. Peter Kuling.

- The Award for Excellence in Health Promotion was presented to the Sport for Life Society.
 - The Physician Misericordia Award was presented to Dr. Réjean Thomas.
 - The May Cohen Award for Women Mentors was presented to Dr. Gillian Hawker.
 - The John McCrae Memorial Medal would be presented to Captain Raymond Kao at a later date.
 - The F.N.G. Starr Award was presented to Dr. David Naylor.
 - The Owen Adams Award of Honour was presented to Mr. Ron Sapsford.
 - The Medal of Service was presented to Dr. Jean-Claude Forest.
 - The F.N.G. Starr Award was presented to Dr. Don Lalonde.
31. Terms of reference and a list of past recipients for each award is available at <https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/cma-awards.aspx>; biographical information for the 2017 award recipients is available at <https://www.cma.ca/en/Pages/2017-cma-award-recipients.aspx>.

Medical assistance in dying: Where do we go from here?

32. On Wed., Aug. 23, 2017, Dr. Jeff Blackmer provided an overview of the current legal and medical landscape since the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling on medical assistance in dying and highlighted that CMA policy reflects both sides of the issue.
33. Following his remarks, participants were polled on how likely they would be willing to participate in medical assistance in dying if a request was made by a mature minor (approx. two thirds); in an instance where mental illness was the sole underlying medical condition (approx. half); and in instances where advanced requests had been made (over 80%).
34. Participants engaged in interactive small group discussions on the clinical implications, risks and safeguards that should be considered in relation to medical assistance in dying in the case of mature minors, mental illness and advance requests. The small group discussions were followed by a second polling of the questions presented at the outset of the session; there were only minor variances between the results of the first and second polls.

Nominations and elections

35. The elections were held Wed., Aug. 23, 2017 with Dr. Cindy Forbes presiding.

President-Elect

- Dr. Gigi Osler (Man.) was elected President-Elect for the 2017-18 association year.

Committee on Ethics

36. The following individuals were elected to the Committee on Ethics for a 1-year term:
- Dr. Bryce Durafourt (Residents)
 - Ms. Tatyana Danylyshyn (Students)

Board of Directors

37. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term:
- Dr. Rao Tadepalli (Y.T.) – 2nd term
 - Dr. Charles Webb (B.C.)
 - Dr. Carl Nohr (Alta.)
 - Dr. Guruswamy Sridhar (Sask.) – 2nd term
 - Dr. David Cram (Man.)

- Dr. Adam Steacie (Ont.) – 2nd term
- Dr. Richard Tytus (Ont)
- Dr. Celina White (N.S.) – 2nd term

38. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for a 1-year term:

- Dr. Melanie Bechard (Residents)
- Mr. Henry Annan (Students)

Committee on Nominations

39. The following individuals were elected to the Committee on Nominations for a 1-year term:

- Dr. Jason Xiao (Y.T.)
- Dr. Steve Kraus (N.W.T.)
- Dr. Carole Williams (B.C.)
- Dr. Michael Giuffre (Alta.)
- Dr. Intheran Pillay (Sask.)
- Dr. Aaron Chiu (Man.)
- Dr. Shawn Whatley (Ont.)
- Dr. Yun Jen (Que.)
- Dr. Michelle Dow (N.S.)
- Dr. Dharm Sing (N.B.)
- Dr. David Bannon (P.E.I.)
- Dr. Wendy Graham (N.L.)
- Dr. Mithu Sen (Affiliate)
- Dr. Kimberly Williams (Resident)
- Dr. Franco Rizzuti (Student)

Audit and Finance Committee

- Dr. Christopher Jyu was elected to the Audit and Finance Committee for a 3-year term.

Appointments Committee

- Dr. Alike Lafontaine was elected to the Appointments Committee for a 3-year term.

CMA Board of Directors' business

40. Dr. Brian Brodie, Chair of the Board of Directors, introduced the Board business section.

2018 Membership fee

41. Dr. Brendan Lewis, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, presented the proposed membership fee.

The Canadian Medical Association full membership fee for the year 2018 will be maintained at \$495.

Resolution 17-27

Carried

Closing of General Council

42. The 150th meeting of General Council adjourned at 11:32 am on Wed., Aug. 23, 2017.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Opening

43. The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on Wed., Aug. 23, 2017 at the Quebec City Convention Centre. Dr. Laurent Marcoux presided the AGM; Dr. Maria Alexiadis provided support as moderator.

Appointment of Auditor

44. Dr. Brendan Lewis, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, presented the following motion.

The Canadian Medical Association will retain PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors for the 2018 association fiscal year.

Resolution AGM 17-1

Carried

Governance Committee report (Bylaws)

45. Dr. Shelley Ross, Chair of the Governance Committee, outlined the proposed bylaw changes to: remove archaic language; allow the Board of Directors to set membership fees; decouple the General Council meeting from the Annual General meeting; add a mechanism for special meeting of members; enable virtual participation in the AGM and absentee voting (through a phased-in approach); and continue to freeze the Board size — many of these changes forming part of the current governance review.

The Canadian Medical Association approves the bylaw amendments outlined in Appendix B of the 2017 Report to Members.

Resolution AGM 17-2

Carried

Members' Q&A

46. The stewardship panel of the Chairs and CEOs of CMA, MD and Joule, along with the Chair of the Committee on Ethics, engaged in a question and answer session with members. Questions included CMA's new strategic plan, mission and vision; CMA priorities including physician health and engagement on the Canadian Controlled Private Corporations file; opportunities to network with other association leadership; MD advisor compensation; Joule's role within the CMA Enterprise; and CMA functionality relative the move of staff to a temporary location and plans for the land at 1867 Alta Vista Dr.

New Business

47. Dr. Marcoux announced that as part of the 150th celebrations, CMA would be making a donation to underprivileged students in Quebec.

Adjournment

48. The legislative and business session of the 2017 annual meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm, on Aug. 23, 2017.