



NADD Ontario
Annual General Meeting
Friday, May 29th, 2009

MINUTES

Present:

❖ NADD Ontario Board members:

Elizabeth Arnold
Shelley Bishop
Mike Coxon
Liz Froese
Maria Gitta
Karen Hirstwood
Jim Johnston
Dr. Bob King
Susan Morris (Chair)
Brenda Quinlan
Naseema Siddiqui
Glen Walker
Regrets: Alex Conant, Jo Anne Nugent, Nancy Pilon

❖ 32 attendees in total, including NADD members and non members

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Susan Morris reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Mike Coxon and Karen Hirstwood m/s approval of agenda. Carried unanimously.
2. **Welcome and opening remarks:** Susan Morris welcomed all attendees to the AGM, and provided an overview of the strategic partnerships NADD Ontario has continued to develop over the past year. Further highlights of NADD Ontario activities were briefly summarized, noting that the Strategic Planning portion of the meeting would cover these more fully. Susan expressed thanks to the NADD Ontario Board and Executive for their work throughout the year.
3. **Approval of Minutes of 2008 AGM:** Naseema Siddiqui and Elizabeth Arnold m/s approval of 2008 NADD Ontario AGM Minutes. Carried unanimously.
4. **Annual Financial Report:** Karen Hirstwood, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report, summarizing NADD Ontario's financial position and processes. Karen Hirstwood and Maria Gitta m/s acceptance of the financial report. Passed unanimously.

5. Nominations Report:

Naseema Siddiqui (Chair) presented the Nominations Committee report, summarizing proposed revisions to the current Bylaws, and board election results.

The proposed Bylaw changes encompass a modification in Article IV (Board of Directors) Section 2 (Regional Representation) to reduce regional representation to one member each for Northern, Eastern, Western, Toronto, and Central regions, and increase at-large members to ten. Acceptance of the bylaw revision was motioned by Naseema Siddiqui and seconded by Jim Johnston. Carried unanimously.

Naseema thanked Nomination Committee members Barb MacDonald and Ron McCauley (NADD members who are not directors on the Board as per requirements of NADD Ontario By-Laws) for their assistance with the board elections. The results of the 2009 elections were reported, with Mike Coxon (At-large), Maria Gitta (At-large), Jim Johnston (Toronto), Susan Morris (Toronto) and Brenda Quinlan (Central) being acclaimed. Naseema Siddiqui and Sandi Bricker m/s acceptance of the slate of the 2009 NADD Ontario board of directors. Passed unanimously.

Naseema Siddiqui and Dr. Donna Loughheed m/s acceptance of the Nominations Committee Report. Carried unanimously.

6. Input to NADD Ontario Strategic Plan

Mike Coxon facilitated the strategic planning portion of the meeting. Mike's power-point presentation and written report assisted the membership to visualize the strategic planning process the board engaged in over the past year. An historical scan of recent and significant board activities was reviewed, with board members describing more fully the activities outlined on the 'Taking Stock' template (see attached). The goal of obtaining critical feedback from the membership during the networking portion was achieved through smaller round table discussions, and a summary report will be circulated to the membership once the information has been collated.

7. The NADD Ontario Chapter Recognition Awards

Susan Morris described the purpose and criteria of the NADD Ontario Chapter Recognition Awards, newly established in 2008.

Liz Froese read the nomination letter and presented awards to recipients Dr. Paul Fedoroff and Debbie Richards.

Susan Morris read the nomination letter and presented an award to recipient Gabrielle Cappelletti.

Dr. Donna Loughheed presented the NADD Ontario Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Bruce McCreary, providing a summary of his many distinguished achievements and contributions to the field of dual diagnosis.

8. Keynote: "Death By Indifference"

Dr. Bruce McCreary presented research and activities related to improving community-based medical care of people who have intellectual disabilities, citing research documents from the UK. 'Death by Indifference' is a report about institutional discrimination within the National Health Services in the UK, and people with a learning disability (intellectual disability) getting poor healthcare (see <http://www.mencap.org.uk/document.asp?id=284>). Dr. McCreary reviewed the research he has undertaken in Canada, discussing the imperative need to assist current generic healthcare practitioners and educate the next generation of providers. Revised consensus guidelines for the provision of healthcare to individuals with intellectual disabilities, and toolkits for physicians are being developed. The use of 'health passports' was encouraged as a means to highlight the personal and behavioural characteristics of a person that may complicate the provision of healthcare. The importance of advocating for a diagnosis of ID to be included on death certificates to enable tracking and research was proposed, noting that although the Regional Coroner's Offices will not conduct research, they are obligated to investigate if families suspect failing care to be associated with the death of their sons or daughters with ID.

9. Meeting Adjourned: m/s Naseema Siddiqui and Brenda Quinlan



Susan Morris, Chair

Shelley Bishop, Recording Secretary
for Jo Anne Nugent, Secretary