



**Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorder Alliance  
Annual General Meeting (AGM) MINUTES  
Fiscal Year 2018**

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

1:30 p.m. EST

The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre  
Ottawa, Ontario

Present: CASDA Board of Directors: Cynthia Carroll (Chair), Debbie Irish (Vice-Chair), Nathalie Garcin (secretary), Dave Mikkelsen (Treasurer), Jill Farber, Amy Lonsberry, Leslie Peters, Margaret Whelan, Sue VanDeVelde-Coke, Heather Driscoll, Adrian Bohach.

Members: List of attendees to the conference and AGM is attached. Quorum was met.

1. Call to Order

Cynthia Carroll, Chair of the CASDA, called the Annual General Meeting for the Fiscal year 2018 to order at 1:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Materials: Agenda for the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 meeting

The Agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting were circulated to our members for review prior to the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda is approved.

Motion to approve: Vincenza DiStavalo, seconded Denise McKee

3. Review and Approval of Minutes for AGM April 18, 2018

Materials: Minutes for April 18, 2018 AGM

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were circulated to our members for review prior to the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes agenda for the AGM was circulated to our members.

Motion to approve: Tanya McLeod, seconded Marg Whellan



#### 4. Annual Election of Directors

Sue VanDeVelde-Coke, introduced the slate of Directors for membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons are hereby appointment directors of the Corporation:

Current directors:     Debbie Irish  
                              Nathalie Garcin  
                              Margaret Whelan

New Director:  
Denise McKee           Northwest Territories  
                              Executive Director of the NWT Disabilities Council

Motion to approve: Nancy Freeman, seconded Marie-Hélène Poulin

#### 5. Annual Approval of Financial Statements

Materials: Financial Statements December 31, 2018

Dave Mikkelsen, Treasurer of the CASDA board, introduced the Audited annual financial statements to the membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members accept the 2018 financial statements.

Motion to approve: Dave Mikkelsen, seconded, John Manning

#### 6. Appointment of Auditors

BE IT FURTHER APPROVED THAT the form of Casey Levy Carter and Maclean is hereby appointed the public accountant of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual member's meeting or until a successor is appointed, at such remuneration as may be fixed by the directors, and the directors are hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

Motion to approve: Adrian Bohach, seconded, Dave Mikkelsen.

#### 7. Chair Report for 2018

Cynthia Carroll, presents her Chair report to the membership, and relates her statement to the call for action upon which CASDA was founded. The achievements of CASDA are far-reaching and include:

- 1) The National Needs Assessment (2014)
  - a. Which was first to establish a pan-Canadian study of the needs of people with an ASD and their families
  - b. first to highlight Indigenous Issues
- 2) Advocacy for the establishment of ASD Surveillance across Canada in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada.



- a. Their report was tabled in April 2018
- 3) Mobilized and achieved a Chair in Autism Research at York University, held by Dr Jonathan Weiss
- 4) The 2014 Canadian Autism Leadership Summit in Ottawa
- 5) Launch of Ready, Willing and Able in 2014, in partnership with the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL)
- 6) Launched the Canadian Autism Partnership Projects (CAPP) in 2016
  - a. With a 1<sup>st</sup> voice perspective
- 7) In 2018-2019, working on Advocacy and successfully securing funding from the federal government to support CASDA's operations
- 8) Launching of the BLUEPRINT for a National Autism Strategy in 2019

Debbie Irish, incoming Chair of CASDA, thanked Cynthia for her leadership and loyalty to the organization.

8. Motion to End meeting

Heather Driscoll thanks the members of CASDA for their attendance and support of CASDA.

Motion to approve: Amy Lonsberry, seconded, Tanya Mcleod.