

**Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Annual General Meeting
Business Meeting
Saturday, 10 September 2005
Montréal, Québec**

Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Charles Altman (ACCM), Michael Bailey, Jean-Pierre Bélisle, Derek Bell (BCPWA), Michelle Butcher, Barb Bowditch, Erika Burger, Nalda Callender, Walter Cavalieri (CHRN), Jonathon Cohen (Human Rights Watch), Susan Cress, Ian Culbert (Canadian HIV Information Centre), Theo de Bruyn, Anne Marie Dicenso (PASAN), Dionne Falconer, Mario Fréchette (MIELS-Québec), Mario Gagnon (Point de Repères), Geneviève Gagnon, Normand Gamache (RPVVIH), David Garmaise, Michelle George (Red Roads), Bruno Guillot-Hurtubise, Brian Huskins (CATIE), Robert Landry, Marc-André Leblanc, Raymond Leclair, René Légaré (Les Enfants de Béthanie), Gregory Liang, Sandy MacKinnon, Katherine McDonald, Maria Nengeh Mensah, Diane Nielsen (SafeWorks), Kim Pate (Elizabeth Fry Societies), Troy Perrot, Terry Pigeon, Lyse Pinault (COCQ-Sida), Terry James Power, Tamara Serasidis, Louise Tanguay, Marliss Taylor, Claire Thiboutot (Stella), David Thompson, Ginette Tremblay (CSSSPNQL), Eli Tshibwabwa, Dean Wilson (VANDU), Elisse Zack (CWGHR)

Board Present:

David Barr, Wayne Campbell, Ruth Carey, Robert Carr, Le-Ann Dolan, Jacqueline Gahagan, Michèle Lalonde, Stefan Matiation, Kevin Midbo, David Olson, Darlène Palmer.

Staff Present:

Glenn Betteridge, Joanne Csete, Richard Elliott, Terry Gould, William Hamilton, Natalie Morin, Jennifer Nicholls (minutes), Mélanie Paul-Hus, Richard Pearshouse.

1. Introduction, Welcome and approval of agenda

Kevin Midbo and Stefan Matiation co-chaired the session. Kevin welcomed the members and asked them to introduce themselves and to indicate their affiliations.

**Moved/Seconded Campbell/Thompson: That the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minutes of 2004 AGM

Moved/Seconded by Bell/Carr: That the minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Report of the President

Kevin gave the president's report, highlighting the strategic plan and work on needle exchange in prisons and sex work. Kevin welcomed the new members of the board and expressed regret at the loss of board member Michael Linhart.

4. Presentation and Discussion of 2004-2005 Annual Report

Joanne presented an overview of the Annual Report, highlighting work in the areas of combating stigma and discrimination and advancing access to treatment and harm reduction services in Canada and abroad. Richard Elliott presented an account of the Network's advocacy for access to treatment, particularly related to the Jean Chrétien Pledge to Africa Act. Richard Pearshouse presented highlights of the model legislation project. Joanne acknowledged the work of the staff, saying goodbye to several staff members, and welcomed Leon Mar as the new Director of Communications. The members raised several questions and comments about the Annual Report.

5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement

Bruno Émond presented the 2004-2005 audited statement prepared by the firm Jacques Davis Lefavre and responded to questions.

Moved/Seconded by de Bruyn/Falconer: That the 2004-2005 Audited Statement be adopted. CARRIED

Moved/Seconded by Bélisle /Falconer: That the firm Jacques Davis Lefavre be appointed as the auditors for the year 2005-2006. CARRIED

6. Presentation and Discussion of 2004-2005 Workplan & Budget

Joanne and Richard Elliott presented the 2005-2006 workplan and responded to questions from members. William Hamilton presented the 2005-2006 budget.

7. Strategic planning issues

Joanne led discussion on the strategic plan and the environmental scan, "The domestic and international environments for the work of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network in 2005 and beyond" which had been provided to members in advance of the meeting. She welcomed questions and comments from members.

8. Report of the Returning Officer

The Returning Officer, Bruno Guillot-Hurtubise, presented the results of the board election, which was conducted by a mail vote. The following five members were elected: James Burns, Ruth Carey, David Olson, Darlène Palmer and Denise Becker.

Moved/Seconded by Altman/Bélisle: That the voting ballots be destroyed. CARRIED

9. Other Business

David Thompson presented a motion from the floor that, in light of the Network's move out of Québec, the Board needs to examine the place of civil law and the French language in the business of the Network.

Moved/Seconded by Thompson/Mensah: That the board of directors of the Network: 1) study in the course of fiscal year 2005-06 the importance (the place) given to the French reality, the civil law tradition, and the French-speaking world in the work undertaken by the Network; 2) if necessary develop a workplan to facilitate and better integration (of the elements above) in the heart of the Network's work; and 3) report on these matters at the next AGM. CARRIED.

10. Evaluation

Stefan asked AGM participants to complete their evaluation forms before leaving.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Moved by Carey: That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED