

National Aboriginal Diabetes Association
3rd Annual General Assembly
Quebec City, Quebec

Friday, January 25, 2002

1. Call to Order

Roda Grey called the Annual General Assembly (AGA) to order at 4:00 p.m. Zipporah Ypma opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies were extended on behalf of Doris Greyeyes, National Aboriginal Diabetes Association (NADA) Chair, as she is unable to attend the AGA as Chair. Alex McComber and Roda Grey, Directors of the Board will Chair the AGA. Alex McComber declared his intention to run for re-election as Director of the Board of NADA. No objections were raised.

2. Appointment of Secretary

It was moved by Sylvia Mayo and seconded by Heather Jacobs-Whyte that Ginette Bisson record the minutes of the AGA. Motion carried.

3. Determination of Quorum

According to the by-laws, ten members must be present at the AGA to establish a quorum. It was determined that more than 10 members of NADA were present.

4. Approval of June 3, 2000 Annual General Assembly Minutes

The Minutes Review Committee of the 2nd AGA have not reviewed the Minutes from June 3, 2000. Linda Brazeau brought spelling corrections forward to Items 16.0, 17.0 and 20.0.

It was moved by Michael Perley and seconded by Carol Seto to accept the Minutes of the 2nd AGA with noted corrections. Motion carried.

Alex McComber apologized on behalf of the NADA for not translating the AGA packages into French. Minutes for the 3rd AGA will be translated.

5. Report on Voting Members

The Membership was informed that as of 3:30 p.m., 111 voting members were registered for the AGA.

6. Approval of Standing Rules

It was moved by Maureen Thompson and seconded by Keith Leclaire to accept the circulated Standing Rules of the AGA. Motion carried.

7. Approval of AGA Agenda

The following changes were proposed to the Agenda:

- Item 19 to Item 18.
- Item 20 to Item 19.
- Add Meeting Suspension as Item 20.
- Item 22 to Item 21.
- Item 21 to Item 24.

It was moved by Catherine Cook and seconded by Linda Brazeau to accept the Agenda with the changes. Motion Carried.

8. Chairperson's Address

Alex McComber, NADA Vice-Chair, welcomed members to the third Annual General Assembly. He shared that NADA had grown in the past year and a half. Due to the growth of the organization, NADA has had to relocate its office three times. Alex McComber thanked Kandice Léonard, Executive Director; Ginette Bisson, Project Assistant; and Gerri Prince, Administrative Secretary for their hard work and dedication to NADA.

The outgoing Board Members include: Doris Greyeyes, Deborah Wilde, Catherine Cook, Carolyn Buffalo, Elmer Ghostkeeper, Moneca Sinclair, Shelley Leighton and Robert Harris. Carol Seto is outgoing Advisor to the Board on behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Roda Grey and Solomon Awashish will remain on the Board. Maureen Thompson will continue to be an Advisor on the Board on behalf of Health Canada. NADA's Elder is Eleanor Olson from Manitoba.

Alex McComber described how NADA's communication with its membership is growing. NADA continues to strengthen existing partnerships and has built new partnerships over the past year. These partnerships include: the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, the Aboriginal Diabetes Working Group of the National Diabetes Surveillance Systems, Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission, and the National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization.

9. Introduction of Parliamentarian

Keith Leclaire was introduced as the parliamentarian for the AGA.

10. Appointment of Scrutineers

A call for volunteers to act as scrutineers was made, after the role of the scrutineer was explained to the assembly. The following people volunteered their names as scrutineers: Nadine McDougall, Carol Seto, Michael Perley and Amelia McGregor. It was moved by Maureen Thompson and seconded by Rita Martin to accept this slate of volunteers as the scrutineers. Motion carried.

11. Establishment of Minutes Approving Committee

As per the NADA bylaws, the AGA minutes must be approved by a Minutes Approving Committee, prior to distribution to members. A call was made for volunteers to act as the minutes Approving Committee for the 2002 AGA.

The following NADA Members responded to the call for volunteers to form the Minutes Approving Committee: Maureen Thompson, Kandice Léonard and Carol Seto. It was moved by Deborah Wilde and

seconded by Garry Carbonnell to accept this slate of volunteers as the Minutes Approving Committee. Motion carried.

12. Executive Director's Report

Kandice Léonard, Executive Director, provided information on NADA's activities for the year of 2000-2001. Highlights were taken from the 2000-2001 Annual Report that was distributed to the Members of NADA.

Highlights from the report include:

- Health Canada – Active member of the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, National Diabetes Surveillance Systems (NDSS) and the Aboriginal Diabetes Working Group of the NDSS.
- Co-host of the 2nd National Conference on Diabetes and Aboriginal Peoples with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission.
- Chair of the Aboriginal Diabetes Working Group a sub-committee of the National Diabetes Surveillance Systems.
- Disseminate information on behalf of the Interdisciplinary Health Research Team.
- “Pathways to Wellness”, an Aboriginal diabetes handbook for people living with diabetes, produced in partnership with the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada.
- Partnership with the National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representative Organization in updating NADA's Resource Directory. A New ‘How To’ section gives health workers ideas and steps for starting up new diabetes-related activities for their communities. The Resource Directory will be posted on NADA's website at www.nada.ca

NADA will continue work with their partners and form new partnerships to bring the awareness and prevention of diabetes and Aboriginal peoples. NADA's newsletters will continue to be provided to our Members three times a year.

NADA has relocated the office to 174 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

13. Financial Report

Deborah Wilde presented the Financial Report for the year 2000-2001.

Garry Carbonnell asked for an explanation of “audit pending” as written on the financial records. Alex McComber stated that the Board of Directors have tabled the approval of an audit of finances to the next Board meeting.

Maureen Thompson, Health Canada, stated that Health Canada oversees the financial statements of NADA. They have been satisfied that finances are in order and are aware that an audit is pending. She thanked NADA for a job well done and for the report.

It was moved by Garry Carbonnell and seconded by Leslie Labobe to accept the Executive Director's Report and Financial Reports as presented into the record. Motion carried.

14. Membership Reports

It was reported that as of 3:30 p.m., January 23, 2002 there were 997 members of NADA.

15. Introduction of Nominees for Board of Directors

The Nominations Committee received the following nominations for Board of Directors:

Nominee	Province	
Kathleen Cardinal	Alberta	
Chester Cunningham	Alberta	
Mary Geldart	New Brunswick	
Margaret Horn	Quebec	
Patty Knife	Alberta	Not present
Sharon Martin	New Brunswick	Not present
Alex McComber	Quebec	
Stan McKay	Manitoba	Not present, represented by Linda Brazeau
Laurie Peyachew	Saskatchewan	
Garry Carbonnell	Quebec	
Leslie Labobe	Prince Edward Island	
Franklin Wells	Alberta	Not present
Vivienne Smith	British Columbia	Not present
Sue Munro	Manitoba	Not present, represented by Joceyln Bruyere

Roda Grey reported that eleven (11) positions were to be filled on the Board. It was moved by Deborah Wilde and seconded by Heather Jacobs-Whyte to accept nominations for the Board of Directors from the floor. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Heather Jacobs Whyte and seconded by Michael Perley to nominate Rita Martin as a candidate for Director of the Board. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Deborah Wilde and seconded by Catherine Cook to nominate Linda Brazeau as a candidate for Director of the Board. Catherine Cook informed the membership that Linda Brazeau was on the Nominating Committee for the AGA. She stated that it could be perceived as a conflict of interest for Linda Brazeau's name to stand. No objections were raised by the membership. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Sandra Shade and seconded by Leslie Labobe that Cecilia Blackwater be nominated as a candidate for Director of the Board. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Leslie Labobe and seconded by Heather Jacobs-Whyte that Margaret Jadis be nominated as a candidate for Director of the Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deborah Wilde and seconded by Garry Carbonnell to close the nominations. Motion carried.

New ballots will be made available prior to voting for members to fill out. The new ballots will reflect all nominees, including the names brought forward on the floor.

16. Nominees Speeches

Each nominee was given 2 minutes to speak. They spoke in the following order:

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Linda Brazeau	Manitoba	
Cecilia Blackwater	Alberta	
Margaret Jadis	Prince Edward Island	

Laurie Peyachew withdrew her name from the slate of candidates for Director of the Board.

17. Resolutions

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws:

Whereas, the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association members do not receive a written yearly report prior to the Annual General Assembly,
And

Whereas, the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association Members have not received a yearly financial report prior to the Annual General Assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED to include the following addendum (indicated in the underlined section) to the bylaws:

That the National Aboriginal Diabetes Association distribute the yearly report, including the financial report at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Assembly.

Linda Brazeau explained the reason for the resolution is for members to have time to prepare for the Annual General Assembly prior to the actual date of the AGA.

An issue was raised that resolutions brought forward could end up costing the Association lots of money. Options on how to distribute the report were discussed. It was agreed that the wording of the motion could be left as presented. It will be the responsibility of the Board and Executive Director to determine how the actual distribution of the reports will occur as long as it was 21 days prior to the AGA.

It was moved by Sylvia Mayo and seconded by Linda Brazeau to accept the resolution to have the yearly report and financial statements distributed to members 21 days prior to the Annual General Assembly. Motion carried.

Kandice Léonard, Executive Director of NADA, received a request to consider a mail-in voting process for all members of NADA at the next AGA so that all Members would be able to take part in the voting.

It was moved by Sylvia Mayo to accept the recommendation to allow Members to mail in ballots for the next AGA. The motion was not seconded. Motion denied.

Alex McComber asked the Membership if there were any more resolutions from the floor. No further resolutions were brought forward.

18. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Roda Grey informed the membership that Doris Greyeyes, Catherine Cook, Deborah Wilde and Shelley Leighton were resigning from the Board of Directors. Carol Seto has resigned as Advisor to the Board.

She described each outgoing Board Member and Advisor as dedicated Members to NADA and the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. Each brought special gifts to share and were dedicated to working with individuals, families and communities to bring awareness of diabetes in Aboriginal Peoples. All were presented with a plaque in recognition of their contribution to NADA.

19. Announcements

Anne Ste. Onge, Ste. Onge (Bersitamis, QC) requested that the Minutes of the 3rd AGA and the 2001-2002 Annual Report be printed in French and English. Alex McComber stated that the Minutes of the 3rd AGA will be translated into French.

20. Suspend Meeting

The Chair called for a suspension of the AGA at 5:40 p.m. to allow for the election of the new Board Members. The meeting will resume on January 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. No objections were received.

Saturday, January 26, 2002

The AGA resumed at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2002 co-chaired by Roda Grey and Alex McComber.

21. Election of Board Members

The voting for new Board Members occurred on January 26, 2002 from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

22. Report of Scrutineers/Election Results

Amelia McGregor and Carol Seto presented the report of the scrutineers on January 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Eight-six (86) ballots were cast in total. There were no spoiled ballots. The voting was as follows:

Alex McComber	69 votes
Kathleen Cardinal	67 votes
Leslie Labobe	63 votes
Chester Cunningham	52 votes
Linda Brazeau	51 votes
Rita Martin	49 votes
Margaret Jadis	46 votes
Mary Geldart	45 votes
Garry Carbonnell	43 votes

Margaret Horn	42 votes
Vivienne Smith	42 votes
Cecilia Blackwater	41 votes
Stan McKay	41 votes
Sue Munro	40 votes
Sharon Martin	25 votes
Patty Knife	18 votes
Franklin Wells	17 votes

The eleven candidates with the most votes being elected to the Board of Directors include the following (as announced): Kathleen Cardinal, Chester Cunningham, Mary Geldart, Margaret Horn, Alex McComber, Garry Carbonnell, Leslie Labobe, Vivienne Smith, Rita Martin, Linda Brazeau and Margaret Jadis.

It was moved by Garry Carbonnell and seconded by Nichole Riese to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

23. Installation of New Board Members

The new Board Members were called forward and each agreed to further the mission of NADA. Past and continuing Board Members were then called forward, and the full Board was presented to the Membership.

24. Closing Remarks

Roda Grey thanked everyone for attending. She thanked the Past Board Members for the work they have done for NADA. She welcomed the new Board Members.

It was moved by Catherine Cook and seconded by Deborah Wilde to close the 3rd Annual General Assembly. Motion carried.

The AGA was closed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2002.