

CanWaCH AGM Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 24th 2020

13:00 - 14:30pm EDT

Zoom

Welcome

- Dr. Theresa Tam provided opening keynote address
- Presentation of CanWaCH 2020 Award Recipient videos

Agenda Item: AGM Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 13:19pm
- Quorum established, first ever fully virtual AGM
- Invitation extended for non-members to attend
- Overview of by-laws and voting procedures

Agenda Item	Motion to approve agenda
Key points	The agenda for this meeting was circulated by email to voting representatives 3 weeks ago. All information is also on the AGM website which has been shared with voting representatives.
Moved by	Harry Kits, World Vision
Seconded by	Fawad Akbari, Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC)
Vote	Approved

Agenda Item	Motion to approve of 2019 AGM Minutes
Key points	Also included with the agenda were the Meeting Minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting
Moved by	Jacquelyn Wright, Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC)
Seconded by	Bella Lam, Jane Goodall Institute
Vote	Approved

Agenda Item	Board Chair, Dr. Stan Zlotkin Report
Key Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years ago CanWaCH began offering our members the option to attend our AGM virtually or in person, this has prepared us for this year's virtual AGM amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. • CanWaCH members and our sector have made a collective effort over the past 10 years to advance MNCH and SRHR worldwide. CanWaCH's Project Explorer lists 1105 global developmental and humanitarian initiatives in 154 countries that were operational and launched between 2010 - 2020, with a combined funding value of \$14.7billion. • During this decade of impact we have been hit by COVID-19, which has exacerbated and placed a long overdue focus on pre-existing social, economic and demographic inequalities. The pandemic has had a massive impact on the health and economy of populations, but not equally. • We must leverage the power of partnerships to achieve a world where women, adolescents and children in all their diversity realize their right to thrive in full health. • 3 key lessons from the past that we can bring forward; a renewed focus on innovation, creativity and diversity. • 2020 has taught us to do things radically differently. We need to be intentional about innovation, we must overcome our doubts and our discomfort by embracing atypical partnerships, unusual approaches and new technologies. We have to leverage our creativity, better influence and persuade Canadians and decision-makers about the impact of what we do and earn their support. • During COVID-19 our ability to be in the field has forced us to think and work more creatively, yet we have not been able to reach our collective development goals. It is our responsibility to turn these difficult lessons into rewards in the coming decade of Canadian global health. • Our new reality has a silver lining, it will force us to challenge old ideas and assumptions and through innovation, creativity and diversity and more, we will achieve the CanWaCH vision of a world where children, adolescents and women in all their diversity realize their right to thrive in full health.

Agenda Item	CanWaCH CEO, Julia Anderson Report
Key Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you/ gratitude to: the Board of Directors, funding partners (GAC, WaGE, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), and the CanWaCH Team. • Reflecting on 2020: recognizing the devastation caused by COVID-19 and its secondary impacts while trying to offer hope. • This time last year we were thinking of milestones in terms of 10

	<p>years of Canadian global leadership in MNCH and SRHR, and ways to continue to push this leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a collective membership we explored how we could respond, support our partners in the global south, encourage and enable local leadership in innovative ways, how we could support our staff and their families and how we could support each other, under the auspices of advancing our mission to see the health and lives of the worlds most vulnerable population lifted up. • Advancing the health and lives of the world's most vulnerable populations is our goal, holding steady simply isn't enough. • We leveraged our advantage of being a virtual organization to support our members, we launched 'Webinar Wednesday's'; 38 webinars, with over 6,000 participants and 40 partnering organizations. Opportunity to bring new actors and sectors from across the world to engage. • Launched the 100 Days Pandemic Report which highlighted that long standing challenges such as rising poverty, desperate food insecurity and nutritional insecurity as well as a rise in VAWG was being seen. • We continued to make our voices collectively heard to decision-makers. We have a strong Minister, Minister Karina Gould, who has articulated that we can't beat the virus here at home unless we beat it everywhere, and that the world's most vulnerable must be held up during a time of crisis. • Looking ahead: we will take what we learned over the past year (diversity, inclusion, creativity and innovation - these will be the values that will drive us as we move forward). • We launched our new Strategic plan this year (it is on the website for review), we launched our Gender Equality Training Modules. • Flagship event in 2021:Global Health Impact Exchange (Feb 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combining virtual and small in-person moments in 3 cities to talk about innovation, creativity and innovation • Closing: thank you for your work, contribution to our work and commitment to our vision. Door is open to support members through this difficult period. <p>Launch of 2020 Global Health Impact Report (video preview)</p>
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Agenda Item	Treasurer Remarks (Sian Fitzgerald, Treasurer)
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanWaCH working to diversify funding base and contributions from other funders to support the overall organizational stability • This year's organizational audit was clean • The Board-approved audited financial statements will be posted shortly on our website. In the audited statements, there are comparables presented from the previous fiscal year 2018/2019 to this year (2019/2020), which shows relatively similar scales of revenue and expenses. Overall, in the Statement of Operations and Net Assets, revenue and expenses are slightly lower this year compared to last. • COVID-19 has paused some activities, but not caused substantive challenges. With flexible, talented and nimble staff reimagining activities - other than in-person gatherings and associated travel, the disruption has been minimal and we feel fortunate to still be in a healthy financial position overall. • On page 8, there was an adjustment to the 2018/2019 financials and in terms of economic dependence we are in the process of seeking renewed funding with GAC, our primary funder.
Agenda Item	Motion to appoint BDO Canada LLP – Lindsay as the Public Accountant of the Corporation until the 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting of members or until their successors are appointed at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors are authorized to fix such remuneration.
Moved by	Alice Ng Bouwma, World Renew
Seconded by	Chris Armstrong, Plan international Canada
Vote	Approved

Agenda Item	Governance Committee Remarks (Tonia Occhionero, Chair of the Governance and HR Committee)
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Governance Committee: approved the launch of a new Strategic Plan, supported leadership transition, and recruited a new CEO (Julia Anderson) • Review Recommended Slate of Directors: every year we put out a call for nominations. Gap analysis. Review criteria. Conduct interviews with nominees.

Agenda Item	Motion to approve the following nominees to CanWaCH's Board of Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominees to be elected for a 3-year term: Mark Brender, Partners in Health Canada; Rowena Pinto, UNICEF Canada; Barbara Grantham, Care Canada ○ Re-elect for a second 3-year term: Bill Chambers, Save the Children, Margaret biggs, Matthews Fellow in Global Health Policy; Tonia Occhionero, Canadian Association of Midwives
Moved by	Chris Dendy, RESULTS
Seconded by	Harry Kits, World Vision
Vote	Approved

Remarks and Thank You to Board Chair, Dr. Stanley Zlotkin

- Dr. Stanley Zlotkin is stepping down as Chair and from CanWaCH Board of Directors. CanWaCH and partners are very grateful to Dr. Zlotkin for all of his dedication and thoughtful contributions.

Meeting adjourned by Board Chair, Dr. Stanley Zlotkin

André Picard provided closing keynote address