

**NBACL/ANBIC  
Annual General Meeting  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7pm – 8:30pm  
Zoom videoconference**

**Attendees:**

Alex LeBlanc	Amond McKenna
Andrea Ross	Bruce Washburn
Chris Gallop	Colleen Ward
Darlene Jordan	Debbie Dixon
Dianne Cormier Northrup	Doug Macdonald
Friday Okholo	Gail Darcy
Gary Chase	Gordon Porter
Greg MacPherson	Jacques Therrien
Jennifer Fabrizi	Jessica Whynot
Jon Lownds	Josee Fournier
Joy Bacon	Karen Eagles
Kerri Leblanc	Kim Johnson
Krista Carr	Laura Lee Carrier
Lisa Pelletier	Lorie Mitchell
Louise Somerville	Louise Tardif
Louise Desjardins	Luc Ouellette
Robert Powell	Melanie Roberts
Michel Chiasson	Moira Wilson
Monica Schroeder	Morgan Ineson
Nancy Amos	Patti Byrne
Patricia Dineen	Patty O'Donnell
Paula Boudreau	Simon-Pierre Godbout
Suzanne Desrosiers	Terri Calhoun
Tony Munn	Roxanne Tarjan
Troy Kearns	Janet Leslie
Anna Slater	Crystal Reed
Stephen Pyke	Lisa Morissette
Lorraine Silliphant	Jean Louis Daigle
Lyne Couturier	Catherine Molloy
Kourtney Stevenson	Tanya Whitney
Donna Brown	Jessica Murphy
Bruce Grant	Gail Evans Brown

The AGM was also attended by all NBACL staff.

## **Call to Order**

President Suzanne Desrosiers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Suzanne requested that voting delegates show their voting cards on screen for 30 seconds. She also explained that she would call on NBACL Board members to put motions forward and to second motions given the virtual nature of the AGM.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** *Approval of the agenda.* Moved by Simon-Pierre Godbout and seconded by Roxanne Tarjan. Motion carried.

### **2. Minutes of September 2019 AGM**

**Motion:** *Approval of the minutes dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented.* Moved by Patricia Dineen and seconded by Nancy Amos. Motion carried.

### **3. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **4. President's Report**

Suzanne presented her President's Report, highlighting the impact of the Association's work through the pandemic and the development of a renewed 5-year strategic plan. See page 3 of the 2019-2020 Report to the Community.

### **5. Committee and project reports**

Committee chairs (listed below) presented reports from their respective committees. Written reports are available upon request.

- Governance Committee – Simon-Pierre Godbout
- Inclusion Committee – Patricia Dineen
- Inclusive Education Committee – Tanya Whitney
- Resource Development Committee – Moira Wilson
- Stakeholder Relations Committee – Roxanne Tarjan

**Motion:** *Acceptance of the Committee Reports as presented.* Moved by Donna Brown and seconded by Friday Okholo. Motion carried.

### **6. Auditor's Report**

Meagan Henheffer, NBACL's Chief Operating Officer, presented the Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, prepared by Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. Meagan reviewed the audit findings and noted that no issues or deficiencies were found.

**Motion:** *Acceptance of the Auditor's Report.* Moved by Patricia Dineen and seconded by Tanya Whitney. Motion carried.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

### Approval of Operating Budget 2020-2021

Meagan Henheffer presented the 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

**Motion:** *Approval of the Operating Budget 2020-2021.* Moved by Roxanne Tarjan and seconded by Nancy Amos. Motion carried.

## 8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions submitted by the membership this year. No motion was required.

## 9. Nominations Report

Simon-Pierre Godbout presented the Nominations Report for the 2020-2021 NBACL Board of Directors.

### The following board members have one (1) year remaining in their term

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|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| • Nancy Amos     | Parent/Self Advocate | Central    |
| • Roxanne Tarjan | Community member     | Fundy      |
| • Donna Brown    | Parent/Self Advocate | North West |
| • Nicole McGee   | Board Representative | Central    |
| • Tanya Whitney  | Board Representative | Central    |
| • Friday Okholo  | Community member     | Central    |

### The following board members have two (2) years remaining in their term

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|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| • Suzanne Desrosiers | Regional Rep     | Central    |
| • Patricia Dineen    | Community Member | Central    |
| • Jessica Murphy     | Regional Rep     | South East |

### The NBACL Board nominations for 2020 for a three (3) year term are:

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| • Janet Leslie         | Parent/Self-Advocate | Fundy      |
| • Anna Slater          | Regional Rep         | North East |
| • Jacques Therrien     | Regional Rep         | North West |
| • Patty O'Donnell      | Regional Rep         | Fundy      |
| • Debi Gallant         | Parent/Self Advocate | South East |
| • Simon-Pierre Godbout | Community member     | South East |

**Motion:** *Approval of the list of candidates presented.* Moved by Jacques Therrien and seconded by Roxanne Tarjan. Motion carried.

### \*Approval of Auditors for the 2020-2021 year

**Motion:** *Acceptance of Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. as the auditors for the 2020-2021 year.* Moved by Friday Okholo and seconded by Nancy Amos. Motion carried.

## **10. Election of Officers**

The election of officers will take place at the NBACL Board meeting on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Swearing in of New Board**

The Directors listed below were sworn in for the 2020-2021 year:

Suzanne Desrosiers

Roxanne Tarjan

Patricia Dineen

Friday Okholo

Patty O'Donnell

Simon-Pierre Godbout

Debi Gallant

Nancy Amos

Nicole McGee

Tanya Whitney

Donna Brown

Jacques Therrien

Jessica Murphy

Janet Leslie

Anna Slater

## **12. Presentation to Outgoing Board Members**

Suzanne thanked outgoing Board member Moira Wilson for the leadership, expertise, and passion she has contributed through her many years of service on the NBACL Board of Directors. Ken Pike, NBACL's Director of Social Policy, presented Moira with flowers at the Saint John office.

Sarah Wagner, Executive Director, thanked Suzanne for her skilled leadership during her term as President of NBACL's Board of Directors. Given the virtual nature of the AMG, Suzanne was presented with flowers earlier in the day.

## **13. Ratification of Actions of the Board**

**Motion:** *Approval of the ratifications of the Action of the Board for the past year.* Moved by Simon-Pierre Godbout and seconded by Donna Brown. Motion carried.

## **14. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **15. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **16. 2021 Annual General Meeting**

The 2021 AGM will take place in Saint John, NB.

## **18. Presentation: NBACL Strategic Plan 2020-2025**

**Sarah Wagner, Executive Director, NBACL**

**Ken Pike, Director of Social Policy, NBACL**

NBACL Executive Director, Sarah Wagner, provided an overview of the Activity and Results Report for the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Along with Ken Pike, NBACL's Director of Social Policy, Sarah introduced and briefly reviewed NBACL's new 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Engagement sessions were held with Local ACL's and NBACL staff members across the province to help inform NBACL's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, which is now available on NBACL's website. Sarah thanked the NBACL Board, Local membership, and staff for their engaged involvement in the development of the Plan and shared NBACL's excitement for the years ahead.

Following the presentation, brief discussion took place around NBACL's consultation strategy. It was also noted that the Plan is subject to change based on circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **17. Adjournment of the Business Meeting**

Motion to adjourn by Simon-Pierre Godbout. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.