

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTS
L'ASSOCIATION DES MÉDECINS BIOCHIMISTES DU CANADA



Minutes of AGM Meeting of the Canadian Association of Medical Biochemists

Date: 2017 June 8th

Executive/Exécutif

President/Président
Dr. Pierre Douville
Université Laval
Québec/Québec

Past-President/Président sortant
Dr. Brian Gilfix
McGill University
Montréal/Québec

Vice-President/Vice-Président
President-Elect/Président-élu
Dr. Elizabeth MacNamara
McGill University
Montréal/Québec

Secretary-Treasurer/Secrétaire-Trésorier
Dr. Karim Mourabit Amari
Université Laval
Québec/Québec

Councillors/Conseillers

Dr. Bassam A. Nassar
Dalhousie University
Halifax/Nova Scotia

Dr. Richard Cleve
Surrey Memorial Hospital
Surrey/British Columbia

Dr. Andre Mattman
University of British Columbia
Vancouver/British Columbia

Dr. Ami Grunbaum
McGill University
Montréal/Québec

Dr. D. Cole
University of Toronto
Toronto/Ontario

RCPSC Specialty Committee in Medical
Biochemistry / Comité spécialité
biochimie médicale du CRMCC

Dr. Andre Mattman
University of British Columbia
Vancouver/British Columbia

Education and Continuing Professional
Development Committee / Comité de la
formation continue et du développement
professionnel

Dr. Andre Mattman
University of British Columbia
Vancouver/British Columbia

Secretary/Secrétaire

Dr. Karim Mourabit Amari
Biochimie Médicale
CHU de Québec-Hôpital de L'Enfant-Jésus
1401, 18e rue
Québec, QC G1J 1Z4
karim.mourabit-amari.1@ulaval.ca

Location: Sherbrooke, Grand Times Hotel.
1, Rue Belvédère S, Sherbrooke, Qc, J1H0G8

Quorum is met. See attendance list.

1. Meeting called to order at 17:00. Agenda approved unanimously.
2. Minutes from last AGM are presented by president. No changes. Approval proposed by Anne Gangloff, seconded.

3. **President report:**

Choosing Wisely. This committee was led and started by Andrew Don-Wauchope who can no longer be member of CAMB. The committee is in need for a new president. No one in the AGM volunteered to preside it. The process is explained. A survey was done to select 5 subjects. Results from this survey were not available at this time to tell which 5 topics are of most concern to CAMB members regarding Choosing Wisely campaign. PD will lead this effort.

Area of Focused Competence diploma in molecular diagnostics. Dr Gilfix and Nassar worked on this first, then Yves Giguère and François Rousseau. Yves tells request to partner with other specialties did not yield positive result. It seems to be stagnating. Bassam Nassar questioned funding? labs? Interest? for such a program. Other subjects are listed separately below.

4. **Committee of specialty in MB** . Andre Mattman, president of COS in MB is invited to speak. We made efforts to develop a second entry point in MB from General Pathology. The intent is to develop core program that is shared. Right now, the initiative is blocked on the General Pathology side. There is a need to continue. Letter sent to CAP is seen as a positive event. Current situation in MB: Transition is completed, program is now subspecialty of internal medicine. New trainees will only enter at PGY4 after their internal medicine Core program (Or pediatrics). The royal college COS will ask for regular update of candidates for entry in MB programs. Few Programs running: Québec, BC, Hamilton, McGill, Montreal and Sherbrooke. Good job with trainees is needed. RCSPC Competency by design is the next big step. There is a need to define what MB adds to the healthcare system. A diagram is reviewed and presented which will be posted on the website. It is like a Clinical Flower interfaced with Clinical Laboratory aspects of medical practice and intertwined by MB. A discussion ensues and suggestions are made to improve the design. There is a need to valorize specialty. Ami suggests clinical skills for determination of test orders and consulting is an asset of MB. Adding real clinical examples will help.

5. **Update on participation in CALM (Dr. Pierre Douville)** no meeting this year

6. **Elections.** The council members were assigned in the fall of 2016. Due to the change of period for AGM and annual meeting (spring) , there is a 6 months gap for terms of office. The president proposes that all such terms be extended by up to next AGM in 2018 where appropriate and that elections take place in 2018. Approved unanimously.

Figure 1: As a reminder, during Fall 2016, this was presented at the CAMB AGM :
(Y means new or renew appointment in 2016. X means previous ongoing appointment. This slate was moved by B.Nassar and Seconded by J. Girouard, Approved unanimously.)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Dr. Pierre Douville, President	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Dr. Brian Gilfix, Past-President	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Dr Elizabeth MacNamara, Vice-President		X (3 months)	Y	Y	Y
Dr. Karim Mourabit Amari, Secretary-Treasurer	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Dr. Bassam Nassar, Councillor	X	X	X	X	
Dr. Andre Mattman, Councillor	X	X	X	X	
Dr. David Cole, Councillor	X	X	X	X	
Dr. Richard Cleve, Councillor	X	X	X		
Dr.Amichai Grunbaum , Councillor		X	X		

7. **Management of office** The president report problems with our contracted association management (Oxygen Events LTD, Mike Greenwood). Main issue was a fraud case. Account will be secured and things will be brought closer to Québec City, current location of President and Secretary Treasurer. Termination of management contract will be considered and alternatives will be investigated beside the necessary Do It Yourself approach required during transition. President states that this is an executive decision and that it doesn't require vote at the AGM.

8. Secretary-Treasurer Report: See attached file.
In summary, financial position of the CAMB is good. There is ample net unrestricted assets Sponsorship is less than previous year and there may be uncertainty on this front if next year meeting is joint with CAP. Fraud case is a major concern and a discussion ensues. We are waiting for sponsor's cheques at the time of AGM, this will be monitored by Bassam Nassar. Investment of assets and preservation of sufficient liquidity will be undertaken shortly. Bad debts are now named uncollectible membership fees and an update and review of the eligible member list will be undertaken to make this current.

Financial statements approval is moved. Approved by Dr Bernard Fruteau-de-Laclos, seconded by Anne Gangloff.
BDO Canada LLP appointment to carry annual review engagement for 2017 is moved. Approved by Bassam Nassar, seconded by Daniela Doroteia Ghita.
A budget is proposed for year 2017. Approved unanimously.
The intent to review accounting firm for fiscal year 2018 is moved. Approved by Jean Dubé, seconded by Yves Giguère

9. Letter from Dr Douville to Victor Tron, president of CAP was sent. Content is about interest for next year annual meeting to be joint with CAP in Québec City. Concerning this point, Dr Nassar raises that he considers essential that we have full CAMB activity time during this meeting and not just one joint symposium. This shall also meet minimum requirements for CME accreditation. Letter also informs Dr Tron about CAMB interest in Choosing Wisely campaign, reiterates interest of MB to advance talks with General Pathology for a common curriculum of training and it informs about CALM FAC diploma in molecular diagnostics.

10. President informs about website review that will be undertaken this year. The need is to have a secured communication platform possibly in the form of a forum with active resolutions and topics for discussion by members and directors.

Meeting ends at 18:03


Karim Mourabit Amari, md