



**National Network for Mental Health**  
**Réseau national pour la santé mentale**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**  
**1:00 p.m. EST**  
**via Teleconference**

**Present:** Jean Beckett, President; Brian Eaton, Secretary; Susan Miller, candidate Western Region, Calgary; Preetha Stephen, Board – Ontario; April Maksymchuk, Vice-President/Member At Large; Ellen Cohen, Member At Large/Treasurer.

Eugene LeBlanc, Joan Edwards Karmazyn, Krista Grear, Elizabeth Portman, Eva Smith, Heather McKee, Carmela Hutchinson

**Staff:** Julie Flatt, Marilyn Melanson, Janet Ruczay (Minute Taker)

**Regrets:** Dorothy Blake called with her regrets.

Brian Eaton was could not stay on the call due to poor reception, but before disconnecting indicated he is willing to stay on the Executive as Secretary.

### **1.0 Call to Order**

After roll call, quorum was determined, and Jean Beckett, President called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. EST.

### **2.0 Welcome and Introductions**

Jean welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions took place.

### **3.0 Acceptance of Agenda**

MOTION

It was moved by Sue Miller and seconded by Preetha Stephen that the agenda be accepted.

ALL IN FAVOUR

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

#### **4.0 Acceptance of AGM Minutes of September 20, 2012**

##### **MOTION**

It was moved by Preetha Stephen and seconded by Janet Ruczay that the AGM Minutes from September 20, 2012 be accepted as is.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

#### **5.0 Executive Director's Report -- posted on NNMH Website**

Prior to reading her report, Julie Flatt noted one small change that Eugene LeBlanc is leaving the Board as Mentor and Advisor, and she thanked him for his support and time. In her report she also thanked Joan Edwards Karmazyn for her support, and to Jean, April, Preetha, Ellen and Brian for their work on the Board.

##### **5.1 Acceptance of the Executive Director's Report as presented.**

##### **MOTION**

It was moved by Ellen Cohen and seconded by Krista Grear that the Executive Director's report for 2013 be accepted as presented.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

#### **6.0 President's Report**

Jean Beckett read the President's report and in it she stated that the NNMH needs new Board members from all of Canada except for Ontario. She thanked Janet for keeping the membership up-to-date and Ken Porter for managing the website.

##### **6.1 Acceptance of the President's report as presented**

##### **MOTION**

It was moved by Joan Edwards Karmazyn and seconded by Sue Miller that the President's report for 2013 be accepted.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

Sue Miller thanked both Julie and Jean for their hard work and finely detailed reports.

## **6.2 Fee Structure Change**

Sue Miller led a brief discussion on the change of membership fees.

There are 3 kinds of Membership:

### Voting Member with lived experience of mental health issues

Membership for people with lived experience of mental health issues is free, however we do ask for a \$20 annual membership donation, if able.

### Supportive Member

An Annual Supportive Member donation for people that do not have lived experience of mental health issues is \$39.

### Partner Organization

Any of the 3 Organization Partnership levels will provide a link to the organization's website and a 30-word description of the work the organization does, on the NNMH website. Partnership starts at \$95; however organizations can reduce the amount by up to \$45 if links and information about NNMH appear on their organization's website.

Questions: None

## **7.0 Treasurer's Report**

Marilyn Melanson, NNMH Finance Coordinator reported. She and Ellen Cohen, Treasurer worked together to prepare the report.

### **7.1 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

MOTION

It was moved by Krista Gear and seconded by Preetha Stephen that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

## **8.0 Acceptance of Audited Report for 2012/2013**

Marilyn briefly went over the Audited Report

Sue Miller thanked Marilyn and the Finance Committee for their work.

The following questions were put forward by the members.

1. What is the current fee charged by the auditor?

The NNMH has had the same auditor for about six years. The cost for this auditor is about \$2,500 per year, which is on par with other auditing firms and the cost over the years has been adjusted when the NNMH BUILT funding was not renewed.

2. Does the NNMH have any involvement with Mental Health Commission?

Joan Edwards-Karmazyn was involved a couple of years ago, but when the Commission was asked if they could form a consumer council, this was not permitted in the end.

When BUILT was funded, the MHCC contracted the NNMH for some IT assistance via contracts.

3. What do the professional fees cover?

– audit expenses, bookkeeping, information technology.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Ellen Cohen and seconded by Preetha Stephen that the Audited Report for 2012-2013 be accepted.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

**9.0 Appointment of Auditing Firm for 2013/2014**

There was a discussion of the advisability of changing auditors, and it was agreed that this will be revisited should the NNMH secure funding for 2014-2015.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Susan Miller and seconded by Ellen Cohen that the firm of Partridge Iggulden, Chartered Accountants at 110 Hanover Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario be engaged for the National Network for Mental Health's 2013-2014 audit.

ABSTENTIONS: None

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

**10.0 Presenting Current Board Members as Accepted by Acclamation for 2013/2014**

The proposed slate for 2013-2014 was presented.

For the first year of First term:

Nominated by Acclamation:

1) Susan Miller Western Region Alberta

The following are continuing Board Directors who are beginning the First of their Second term:

2) Ellen Cohen Member at Large Ontario

3) April Maksymchuk Member at Large Ontario

4) Brian Eaton BC/Territories

The following Board Director is continuing and beginning the Second year of Third term:

5) Jean Beckett Ontario

The following Board of Director is continuing and beginning the Second year of their Second Term:

6) Preetha Stephen Ontario

### **11.0 Acknowledgement – Past Staff**

Jean thanked Ken Porter and Janet Ruczay, both staff and volunteer with the NNMH for many years, for their hard work and dedication to the organization.

### **12.0 Other Business and Resolutions:**

Carmela Hutchison, Alberta Network for Mental Health (ANMH) welcomed the incoming slate and asked for feedback from the members present, on the Assisted Suicide issue.

It was suggested that the ANMH become an Organizational Member of NNMH providing a link to ANMH's website, and if desired submit a survey question, for consideration by the Board.

Carmela thanked the NNMH.

### **13.0 Closing Remarks**

Jean thanked everyone present for their participation, and asked members to spread the word about the new website and joining or rejoining the network.

### **14.0 Adjournment**

Both Ellen Cohen and Carmela Hutchison moved to adjourn the AGM.

The AGM of 2013 was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. EST.