

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 7, 2016
Quualout Lodge, Chase BC

1. The meeting was called to order and started 12:20. 24 members and Executive were present.

2. Minutes of previous AGM May 2015 had been previously circulated to the membership via email and were approved.

3. President's Report – Dr Dickeson gave an extensive report of the work of the Section during the past year. He included policy work such as MOCAP redesign, HSSBC processes and the Privileging project. He informed the members that the Section was successful in obtaining \$3.8 million of the \$55 m available for Disparity Funding. With some of the money, our Section has proposed a BMI surcharge. We hope this will be addressed in 2017. Going forward we will push for out of hours surcharges to be addressed at the negotiating table. Dr Dickeson asked the members to cooperate with the overhead study currently being developed with Doctors of BC. Questions about economic issues were deferred to the economics report.

4. Membership/Treasurer's Report. Dr Nguyen presented the financial statement for 2015 which realized a deficit of \$17,000 and the budget for 2016 with a proposed deficit of \$19,000. It was felt that assets of the Section were able to absorb this and it was moved by Dr Sutter and seconded by Dr Brosseuk

“to approve the financial report as presented”

CARRIED

It was further moved by Dr Sutter and seconded by Dr Dave Konkin and approved.

“to keep annual dues the same for 2017”

CARRIED

5. Dr Stephen Hiscock, CAGS representative for the Section, discussed the of work with CAGS. A report wasThere was some discussion regarding rural surgery as performed by GP surgeons. There is an impression that the skills of overseas trained GPs who perform surgery in rural communities was different that those that could be obtained with two years of family practice plus one model. Some surgeons commented that they were asked to evaluate trainees in the 2+1 GP surgery program and they declined as the goals and objectives were

unclear.

6. Election of Officers - the slate of officers for 2016-17 was presented. It was noted that Dr. Tracy Scott will be president-elect and Dr Court Babcock will be northern rep. It was moved by Dr Dan Jenkin, second by Dr Michelle Sutter,

“that the slate of officers for 2016-17 be approved as presented”
CARRIED

7. Dr Dickeson brought forward a motion for discussion to change the name of Section of General Surgery to General Surgeons of BC. It was felt this was a better reflection of the organization. There was general agreement among members and no discussion.

It was moved by Dr Tracy Scott, and seconded by Dr Stephen Hiscock.

“that the name of the Section of General Surgery be officially changed to General Surgeons of BC”

CARRIED

8. ECONOMICS REPORT – Dr Hwang presented a detailed economics report which included new and outstanding fee applications. A handout was circulated listing these items and is attached and forms part of these minutes. Questions were addressed as they were raised. There were no objections to the rough budget proposed for 2017 and 2018 of the baseline allocation and disparity funds. There were some questions raised about WSBC claims not being paid and members were told that this is being addressed by Doctors of BC and there was insufficient information to report. An online survey to members was being planned to assess the extent of the impact on and the opinions of the membership on this issue.

9. Meeting adjourned at 14:10

Nam Nguyen, MD
TREASURER

**Summary of Section of General Surgery fee changes
AGM 2016**

New

08271 Catheterization, complex \$200
07147 Insertion of peritoneal catheter under GA \$300

Pending

Insertion of thoracostomy tube \$200
Secondary pre-operative consultation – 80% of 07010
Laparoscopic internal drainage of pancreatic pseudocyst \$739.66
Replacement fees for plastics skin and soft tissue fees

Fee increases

April 1, 2013 \$442,546 spent to create 71010 and 71017
\$237,000 residual to be applied to consult and visit fees - **pending**

April 1, 2015 *\$275,000 “bootstrap” increase to most undervalued fees
*\$29,000 increase to 71008

Feb 1, 2016 0.45% across-the-board “Economic Stability Dividend” (~\$300K bonus)

April 1, 2016 *\$252,000 “bootstrap”
*\$96,916 increase to 71008
\$387,281 increase to consult and related fees
\$132,370 to create new hospital visit for malignancy fee - **pending**
\$447,291 more “bootstrap”
\$75,000 to remove 2 per 6 month restriction on 71017

April 1, 2017 *\$359,864 (~\$250K after cross billing) “bootstrap”
\$475,000 proposed BMI surcharge
\$636,407 more “bootstrap” and consult/visit fee increases

April 1, 2018 *\$361,560 (~\$250K after cross billing) “bootstrap”
\$369,000 1st assist of the day and office anoscopy
\$520,000 10% lap differential

\$778,110 more “bootstrap” and consult/visit fee increases

*From 0.5% baseline fee increases

