

2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (via videoconference)

Virtual CCBC Zoom Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Johnny Suchdev, Chair of the College Board, welcomed participants to the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia (CCBC or “The College”) 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and confirmed that quorum had been achieved with 194 eligible voters in attendance.

The Chair advised that the meeting would be recorded for minute-taking purposes. Any audio or visual recording or transmittal of audio or visual recording by any attendees was not permitted. The AGM was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

The traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Katzie and Stó:lō First Nations from which the meeting was being chaired, were acknowledged. Registrants were welcomed to give thanks and acknowledgment to the traditional territory(ies) they were joining from.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair acknowledged the devastating flooding affecting many areas of British Columbia and noted that the hearts of CCBC staff and Board members were with the communities and individuals affected during this unprecedented time.

During introduction of the CCBC Board, the Chair thanked Board Members who served through 2021, and welcomed new Board members. CCBC staff were introduced, and several guests were acknowledged.

4. APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Without objection, Chair Suchdev invited Mr. Barrie Lynch, Professional Parliamentarian, to preside over the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Lynch explained the purpose, process, and expectations of the AGM. It was confirmed that the AGM would be conducted in accordance with the provisions set out under the *Health Professions Act*, the *CCBC Bylaws*, the Standing Rules, and the most recent edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order*. Mr. Lynch confirmed that full registrants of the College were entitled to vote on the resolutions presented for consideration at the AGM.

41 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES**

42 Mr. Lynch advised that the Agenda was circulated electronically prior to the meeting and
43 was available on the CCBC website.

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45 ***Consensus Decision***

46 By consensus, the Agenda for the December 1, 2021 CCBC Annual General Meeting
47 was approved as circulated.

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49 It was advised that the December 1, 2021 AGM Standing Rules were circulated
50 electronically prior to the meeting and were available on the CCBC website. The process
51 for speaking and voting at the AGM was reviewed. It was noted that voting results would
52 be announced after each vote and that the meeting would end no later than 12:00 p.m.

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54 **Main Motion**

55 **It was MOVED**

56 That the “College of Chiropractors of British Columbia Annual General Meeting 2021
57 Standing Rules”, be approved as presented.

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59 **Amendment to the Standing Rules**

60 **It was MOVED**

61 That the main motion be amended by adding thereto, “That the Mover of each resolution
62 be allowed to speak to their resolution, for up to three minutes”.

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CARRIED

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65 **Amendment to the Standing Rules**

66 **It was MOVED**

67 That the main motion be further amended by adding thereto, “That the
68 December 1, 2021, College of Chiropractors of British Columbia Annual General Meeting
69 be allowed to conclude its business without being limited to two hours”.

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RULED OUT OF ORDER

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72 **Ruling of the Parliamentarian**

73 Mr. Lynch ruled that the Amendment to the Main Motion to extend the meeting time was
74 out of order, as it was contrary to legal precedents, which state that when AGMs are
75 called, the time of starting and closing must be provided. As such, the December 1, 2021,
76 AGM would conclude at 12:00 p.m. as indicated on the approved Agenda.

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78 **Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

79 The question was called on the Main Motion as amended. A vote was conducted by poll,
80 and Mr. Lynch declared that the motion was:

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CARRIED (001/21-22)

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83 The Main Motion as amended, now reads as follows:

84 *“That the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia Annual General Meeting 2021*
85 *Standing Rules be approved, and that the Mover of each resolution be allowed to speak*
86 *to their resolution, for up to three minutes”.*

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91 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

92 It was noted that the Minutes of the December 2, 2020 AGM, June 5 and July 20, 2021
93 EGM were circulated electronically prior to the meeting and were available on the CCBC
94 website.

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96 **Consensus Decision**

97 By consensus, the Minutes of the December 2, 2020 AGM, June 5 and July 20, 2021
98 EGM were approved as circulated.

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101 **7. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

102 Dr. Johnny Suchdev, the Board Chair, confirmed that his report had been circulated
103 electronically prior to the meeting and was available on the CCBC website.

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105 Michelle Da Roza, CCBC Registrar, acknowledged the unceded traditional territory of the
106 Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and noted that the Registrar's
107 Report had also been circulated electronically prior to the meeting and was available on
108 the CCBC Website. The Registrar expressed appreciation to registrants for their efforts
109 in 2021 to continue to provide quality care to their patients during the pandemic.

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112 **8. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

113 Karen Kesteloo, Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee, acknowledged the
114 territories of the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen Peoples. Highlights of the 2020-2021 Audited
115 Financial Statements included:

- 116 - The Independent Auditors Report, noting CCBC had been issued a clean audit
- 117 - The Statement of Financial Position showed:
 - 118 o The CCBC's financial health as of July 31, 2021
 - 119 o Assets have grown by \$200,000 to \$5.29 million, primarily due to the increase in
120 deferred revenue
 - 121 o Total net assets, at \$3 million, have declined by \$150,000 primarily due to a
122 strategic policy decision by the Board with respect to internally restricted research
123 funds
- 124 - The Statement of Operations indicated:
 - 125 o Revenue has increased in almost all categories
 - 126 o Changes in how the College records and reports Research and Registration fees:
 - 127 ■ Research and Registration fees are no longer allocated to the Research and
128 Legislation Funds respectively.
 - 129 o Unrestricted expenses are in line with the prior year apart from Governance and
130 Strategy
 - 131 o CCBC ended the year with a cumulative deficit of \$150,003
- 132 - The Statement of Change in Net Assets showed:
 - 133 o How the cumulative deficit of \$150,003 was allocated to each fund
 - 134 o The reduction of the Research fund target to reflect the change in Board policy
- 135 - Statement of Cash Flows indicates operational and investing activity during the year,
136 which reduced cash type holdings.

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138 In response to a question, it was noted that previously, Research fees were delineated
139 but are now part of licensing fees due to Board policy to reduce the target balance of the

140 Research fund. It was determined there was no purpose to segregate Research fees and
141 increase the fund because the reduction to the target balance would have been delayed.

142 143 144 **9. RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE CCBC BYLAWS**

145 Mr. Lynch explained that votes for each of the resolutions would require a majority to
146 pass. Each vote would be conducted immediately following discussion on the resolution.
147 Only full registrants of CCBC were eligible to vote.

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149 The College received a total of eight resolutions for the AGM. All of the resolutions on
150 the Agenda were for the consideration of the Board and were not binding on the Board.

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152 As requested by Registrants who submitted resolutions, all of the resolutions were
153 deemed to be duly moved. Up to six full registrants would be permitted to speak to each
154 of the resolutions. Speakers in favour of the resolution and in opposition to the resolution,
155 would be heard in alternating order.

156 157 **9.1 Resolution #1**

158 Delegates were referred to “Resolution #1”, included with the AGM Agenda.

159 160 **It was MOVED (Dr. Shawn Thomas)**

161 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CCBC board directors update the standards of the
162 Professional Conduct Handbook Section 15 and the Radiographic Equipment
163 Ownership Guide for CCBC Registrants document to reflect the current evidence,
164 policies, and best practices of the Canadian health professions.

165 166 **Discussion on the Motion**

167 Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dr. Franchesca Lee, and
168 Dr. Matthew Kittleson. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- 169 - Updating the Radiographic Equipment Ownership Guide to maintain the College’s
170 vision and to be seen as moving forward with objectivity
- 171 - The importance of being able to easily determine whether a Chiropractor is operating
172 within accepted radiology parameters
- 173 - The importance of CCBC leading in this aspect
- 174 - Aligning with the Canadian Association of Radiologists, which would hold value when
175 speaking with the public.

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177 There were no registrants who wished to speak against the resolution.

178 179 **Question on the Motion**

180 The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch
181 declared that the motion was:

182 **CARRIED (002/21-22)**

183 *207 eligible registrants voted in favour*
184 *16 eligible registrants voted in opposition*
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186 187 **9.2 Resolution #2**

188 Delegates were referred to “Resolution #2”, included with the AGM Agenda.
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190 **It was MOVED (Dr. Mark Foullong)**

191 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CCBC take a stand to protect and maintain the right to
192 medical freedom of choice for all health/medical interventions for BC registrant
193 chiropractic doctors (not impose any conditions on licensure) and BC chiropractic
194 patients (not impose conditional or discriminatory access to chiropractic care). That
195 CCBC registrants and chiropractic patients in BC maintain the right to choose medical
196 privacy and have honoured their medical privacy, and further their right to choose
197 whether or not to engage in health/medical procedures free of coercion, manipulation or
198 mandates.

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200 **Discussion on the Motion**

201 Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Mark Foullong, Dr. Cory Hewko, and Dr. Brian Bittle.
202 Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- 203 - Freedom of choice
204 - Chiropractor's offices have not been shown to be a place of COVID-19 transmission
205 - Implication that a vaccine mandate would be unethical and against the Chiropractic
206 Oath
207 - Scope of practice in British Columbia
208 - The importance of informed consent for Chiropractors and patients.

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210 Speaking against the resolution was Dr. Michael Maxwell. Comments were offered in
211 opposition to the motion, regarding:

- 212 - Chiropractors do not have the scope of practice to speak on the topic.
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214 **Question on the Motion**

215 The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch
216 declared that the motion was:

217 **CARRIED (003/21-22)**

218 *173 eligible registrants voted in favour*
219 *48 eligible registrants voted in opposition*
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221 **9.3 Resolution #3**

222 Delegates were referred to "Resolution #3", included with the AGM Agenda.
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224 **It was MOVED (Dr. Cameron Allan)**

225 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CCBC leverage the appropriate sections of the *HPA* of
226 British Columbia to actively engage other regulated health colleges to facilitate access
227 to Public Health Diagnostic imaging PACS systems for registrants of CCBC and actively
228 change any appropriate legislation, bylaws and PCH under their jurisdiction and make
229 request for change of any pertinent legislation outside of their jurisdiction to facilitate
230 recognition of access to Public Health PACS systems in British Columbia.
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232 **Discussion on the Motion**

233 Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Cameron Allan, Dr. Shawn Thomas, and
234 Dr. Richard Hawthorne. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- 235 - The archaic nature of British Columbia to not have access to the digital PACS system
236 - The importance of the system to ensure accurate diagnoses
237 - How the system reduces the need for secondary exposure to X-rays
238 - The fact that some patients never receive follow up from their medical doctor on
239 imaging

- 240 - The cost factor and burden on the healthcare system by referring patients back to
241 their medical doctors.

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243 There were no registrants who wished to speak against the resolution.

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245 **Question on the Motion**

246 The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch
247 declared that the motion was:

248 **CARRIED (004/21-22)**
249 *208 eligible registrants voted in favour*
250 *16 eligible registrants voted in opposition*

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252 **9.4 Resolution #4**

253 Delegates were referred to “Resolution #4”, included with the AGM Agenda.

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255 **It was MOVED (Dr. Cameron Allan)**

256 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CCBC will leverage the appropriate sections of the *Health*
257 *Professions Act* of British Columbia to actively engage the College of Physicians and
258 Surgeons or other appropriate health Colleges’ or Ministry of Health to facilitate referral
259 rights for registrants of CCBC Chiropractic Doctors to refer for Diagnostic Imaging
260 services offered by private and public clinics regulated by Colleges’ or the ministry of
261 health other than the CCBC, and actively change any appropriate legislation, bylaws and
262 PCH under the CCBC jurisdiction and make request for change of any pertinent
263 legislation outside of CCBC jurisdiction to facilitate recognition of referral rights of
264 Chiropractic Doctors to Public Health and private imaging in British Columbia.

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266 **Discussion on the Motion**

267 Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Cameron Allan, Dr. Kelsey Bjola, and
268 Dr. Don Nixdorf. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- 269 - Not having referral rights for diagnostic imaging services reduces access to safe and
270 appropriate care
271 - The ability of Chiropractors to expedite the process for patients to receive imaging
272 services
273 - Reducing the burden on healthcare systems
274 - The importance for the College to ensure standards of care are met, which includes
275 ensuring patients have access to the public imaging system.

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277 There were no registrants who wished to speak against the resolution.

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279 **Question on the Motion**

280 The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch
281 declared that the motion was:

282 **CARRIED (005/21-22)**
283 *202 eligible registrants voted in favour*
284 *18 eligible registrants voted in opposition*

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286 **9.5 Resolution #5**

287 Delegates were referred to “Resolution #5”, included with the AGM Agenda.

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It was MOVED (Dr. Cameron Allan)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CCBC recognize the designation of diplomates and fellows of post graduate Chiropractic certifications in British Columbia and actively change any appropriate legislation, bylaws and PCH under their jurisdiction and make request for change of any pertinent legislation outside of their jurisdiction to facilitate recognition of Chiropractic post graduate certifications in British Columbia.

Discussion on the Motion

Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Cameron Allan, Dr. Kelsey Bjola, and Dr. Mark Foullong. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- Post graduate chiropractic certification skillsets, which enhance patient access to care
- Unburdening an overburdened healthcare system
- Other jurisdictions in Canada, which already recognize these qualifications
- Recognition that additional education should allow for additional designations
- Finding the right doctor for the right patient (i.e., serving specific populations better)
- Specialty training as a strength which can advance the chiropractic profession.

There were no registrants who wished to speak against the resolution.

Question on the Motion

The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (006/21-22)

*192 eligible registrants voted in favour
27 eligible registrants voted in opposition*

9.6 Resolution #6

Delegates were referred to “Resolution #6”, included with the AGM Agenda.

It was MOVED (Dr. Cameron Allan)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CCBC recognize the designation of diplomates and fellows of Chiropractic Neurology in British Columbia and actively change any appropriate legislation, bylaws and PCH under their jurisdiction and make request for change of any pertinent legislation outside of their jurisdiction to facilitate recognition of Chiropractic Neurology in British Columbia.

Discussion on the Motion

Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Cameron Allan, Dr. Kelsey Bjola, and Dr. Ashkan Jalili. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding Chiropractors that specialize deserve to be recognized.

Speaking against the resolution was Dr. Michael Maxwell. Comments were offered in opposition to the motion, regarding the fact that Chiropractic Neurology is not a degree, but an educational program.

Question on the Motion

The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (007/21-22)

182 eligible registrants voted in favour

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9.7 Resolution #7

Delegates were referred to “Resolution #7”, included with the AGM Agenda.

It was MOVED (Dr. Gordon Case)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board of the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia will establish an independent arbitration procedure to settle disputes between the board of the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia and the members of the College.

Discussion on the Motion

Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Gordon Case, Dr. Don Nixdorf, and Dr. Cameron Allan. Comments were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- Unfairness of the current process (i.e., There are no significant checks or balances regarding the relationship between members of the College and the Board)
- Resolving disputes within the College
- The necessity for registrants of the College to have a strong equitable voice in regard to policies to ensure fairness
- Seeking an independent party/official of another regulatory college when complaints involve a Director of the Board
- Fostering a good environment between registrants and the College.

There were no registrants who wished to speak against the resolution.

Question on the Motion

The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (008/20-21)

*182 eligible registrants voted in favour
42 eligible registrants voted in opposition*

9.8 Resolution #8

Delegates were referred to “Resolution #8”, included with the AGM Agenda.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Dr. Gordon Case)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia will draft and adopt policy to never fund research.

Ruling of the Parliamentarian

Mr. Lynch confirmed that Resolution #8 was out of order as the Mover did not respond to contact from the College regarding the wording of the motion. The resolution intends to bind future Boards with use of the term “never” and therefore is out of order. Mr. Lynch informed the assembly that an amendment could be made to change “never” to “not”.

Consensus Decision

By consensus, the amended motion was approved.

390 *The Main Motion as amended, now reads as follows:*
391 *“Be it resolved that the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia draft and adopt*
392 *policy to not fund research”.*

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394 **Discussion on the Main Motion as Amended**

395 Speaking for the resolution were Dr. Gordon Case and Dr. Cameron Allan. Comments
396 were offered in favour of the motion, regarding:

- 397 - Defining a threshold requirement for policies or decisions with clear
398 instructions/framework for the College to interact with research
399 - Implications of bias when the College funds research
400 - Responsibilities of the College, which may not include funding research.

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402 Speaking against the resolution was Dr. Richard McIlmoyle. Comments were offered in
403 opposition to the motion, regarding:

- 404 - Potential restrictions on future boards if information is not available to make educated
405 decisions on matters of public safety or regulation for Chiropractors (i.e., utilizing rapid
406 reviews to inform the Board to make researched and evidence informed decisions).

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408 **Question on the Motion**

409 The question was called on the motion. A vote was conducted by poll, and Mr. Lynch
410 declared that the motion was:

411 **CARRIED (009/21-22)**
412 *168 eligible registrants voted in favour*
413 *58 eligible registrants voted in opposition*

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415 **10. CLOSING REMARKS / ADJOURNMENT**

416 Dr. Johnny Suchdev, Chair of the Board, resumed the role of Meeting Chair.

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418 The Chair acknowledged Dr. Stephen Mogatas and Dr. Arvin Bahri for their past service
419 as Board Members who have contributed to the CCBC Board.

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421 **CONCLUSION**

422 The December 1, 2021 Annual General Meeting of the College of Chiropractors of BC Board
423 Meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m.

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428 **Post-Meeting Note**

429 Following the AGM, CCBC staff verified and confirmed that 261 full registrants of CCBC
430 were in attendance.

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