

**SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY OF CANADA FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 27, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting**

AGENDA

1. Dr Phil Tibbo declared a quorum at 3:50 p.m. and called the meeting to order.
2. Motion by Dr. John Gray and seconded by Florence Budden to approve the agenda. **CARRIED.**
3. Motion by Paul King-Fisher and seconded by Julia Gajewski-Noel to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2014 AGM. **CARRIED.**
4. SSCF Chair's report:

The SSCF was established in 1994 when the late Dr. Michael Smith made a generous donation of half of his Nobel Prize Laureate monies to the SSC. The donation helped form an endowment fund to which others could contribute and support research, now the SSCF. We are forever grateful for Dr. Smith's generosity. His legacy is an inspiration to others to invest in research initiatives.

Research to better understand the biologic basis, psychosocial determinants, as well as pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment options for schizophrenia is absolutely vital. The SSCF is committed to fostering and supporting research in all areas related to schizophrenia (e.g. biological, psychological, and social) to ensure that recovery is possible.

SSCF activities in the 2014/2015 year include, but are not limited to, the following endeavors.

- While most of the SSCF Board meeting are via teleconference technology, the board meets face to face at least once per year. This occurred on Nov 20 2014 in Ottawa. These face to face meetings are recognized as a great opportunity to meet and discuss many various issues/topics related to the SSCF.

- A major activity over the last year was the revising of the SSCF By-laws, motivated by the new Industry Canada regulations. One significant change was to the constitution of the Board, now being comprised of 5 SSC Board members and 4 non-SSC Board members. This allows for recruitment of knowledge experts and other interested parties outside of the SSC who are passionate about the work of the SSCF and its mandate. The Board was extremely thankful for the tireless work of Paul King-Fisher on the by-law changes.
 - In 2014 the SSCF welcomed Dr Tina Montreuil to the SSCF board. Dr. Montreuil is a clinical and research psychologist based in Montreal and was a past recipient of SSCF research funds. The SSCF board welcomes Dr. Montreuil and looks forward to working with her on SSCF board matters in the future.
 - In partnership with the Canadian Consortium for Early Intervention in Psychosis (CCEIP), the SSCF is funding a research project that is investigating relapse predictors in early phase psychosis. The SSCF in particular is supporting focus groups for family members in four sites across Canada, investigating the families' perspectives on relapse. A final product of this research will be a tool that families can use to aid in relapse prediction of their loved ones.
 - The SSCF Chair continues to represent the SSC/SSCF boards on the development committee for the Institute of Psychosocial Research, a project spearheaded by the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario. Once the Institute has identified research projects that fit the SSCF mandate, the SSCF would be a potential funding partner.
 - With the dissolving SHOPP/CIHR program, the SSCF has been exploring other partners to leverage research funds to continue to support psychosis research in Canada. The Board Chair has been contacting and meeting with various organizations/foundations to pursue this further, and is optimistic that a new partnership will be formed in the upcoming year.
5. Moved by Phil Rogers and seconded by Paul King-Fisher that the SSCF 2015 Audit be approved. **CARRIED.**
 6. Moved by Phil Rogers and seconded Julia Gajewski-Noel to appoint BDO as next fiscal year's auditors
 7. Election of persons to the board of directors (current slate of directors below; By-laws state 5 SSC board members and 4 non-SSC board members; vacancies at time of SSCF AGM = 2 SSC members).
 - a. Dr Philip Tibbo (Chair) SSC
 - b. Phil Rogers (Treasurer) SSC; stepping down
 - c. Florence Budden SSC
 - d. Paul King-Fisher SSC
 - e. Marie Knutson

- f. Dr Bill Honer
- g. Dr John Gray
- h. Dr Tina Montreuil

Moved by Paul King-Fisher and seconded by John Gray that the slate of officers be accepted. **CARRIED.**

8. Introduction of the board

9. Adjournment. Moved by Donna Methot that the meeting be adjourned (at 4:20 p.m.)
CARRIED.