

Scleroderma Association of B.C.

2021 Annual General Meeting

Agenda:

1. October 2020 AGM Minutes
2. May 2020 to September 30, 2021 Board of Directors Report - Highlights
3. May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 Financial Report
4. Election of 2021 – 2022 SABC Board of Directors
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. MINUTES OF THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – October 3rd, 2020

Board Members Present: Rosanne Queen, David Queen, Patrick Livolsi, Tiasha Burch, Jeff Gammon, Michele Gervais, Pat Thomasson, Grant Dustin, Veronika Killow

Introductions and Opening Remarks 9:00 am

The Scleroderma Association of B.C.'s standing president, Rosanne Queen called the meeting to commence and welcomed attendees to the 36th AGM and Conference. Rosanne acknowledged the challenges of COVID-19 to our community, but nevertheless was grateful to be able to safely come together via Zoom.

Tiasha welcomed and thanked everyone for joining. She began the AGM by showing participants how to work Zoom for the AGM. Tiasha directed people how to participate in the election of the board and clarified that Presenters will be recorded and made accessible for later use, but the AGM portion will not be recorded.

David welcomed everyone and acknowledged his role as MC for the AGM. He again reminded participants to refer to the AGM reports provided on the SABC website. David thanked the standing Board for their work during the past year.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion moved by Tiasha Burch. Seconded by Patrick Livolsi. Approved, all in favour, motion to adopt the agenda was carried.

Adoption of 2019 Minutes

Motion moved to adopt the minutes from the 2019 AGM by Rosanne Queen. Pat Thomasson seconded this motion. Approved, all in favor, motion to adopt the minutes was carried.

Board of Directors Report - Highlights

Despite the effects of Covid-19, the Directors on the SABC Board moved ahead to achieve the SABC's mandate. The SABC purchased a Zoom account in order to meet regularly with members and other organizations during this challenging time.

June Awareness and fundraising also continued despite the pandemic. Many communities from around the province engaged in a virtual walk. Total fundraising resulted in \$45,000 for the year, thanks to everyone who participated! \$43,000 was donated to the SABC Research Project. Quarterly updates for the program continue to be made available on the SABC website. Our Bulletin Magazine was again developed in partnership with Quebec and Manitoba. The Bulletin was sent out semiannually to members, donors, clinics, rheumatologists and hospitals around the province. The production and mailing of the magazine was once again sponsored with grants from Jansen and Boehringer Ingelheim.

Judy Hooper motioned to accept the Board of Directors Report. Dianne McPhee seconded this motion. Approved, all in favor, motion to accept the report was carried.

Financial Report

Patrick Livolsi reviewed the April 2020 financial summary contained in the AGM reports. The year's greatest expense continued to be donations made by SABC to the SABC Research Project at St. Paul's Hospital.

This year's revenue consisted of \$100,053.61 with expenditures reaching \$87,695.07 for a net amount of \$12,358.54. It should be noted that the expenditures included in the AGM report requires an adjustment. It is listed \$7,000 higher than it should be due to some donation cheques sent but not yet cashed.

Financial report adopted by Elizabeth Miller, seconded by Pat Thomasson. Approved, all in favor, motion to adopt the report was carried.

Election of the Board of Directors

Veronika Killow and Grant Dustin have retired their board positions. The floor was opened to nominees for new members.

Board of Directors for 2020-2021:

Re-elected: Rosanne Queen – President, Michele Gervais – Vice President, Tiasha Burch, David Queen, Pat Thomasson, Patrick Livolsi – Treasurer and Jeff Gammon - Secretary

New Nominees: Valerie Doyon, Jessica Jun, Grace Kim, and Elizabeth (Beth) Miller.

Motion to adopt the nominees for 2020-2021 made by Tiasha Burch, seconded by Pat Thomasson. Approved, all in favor, motion to adopt was carried.

With no additional business, the 2020 AGM was adjourned at 9:27 am.

2. 37th SABC DIRECTORS' REPORT (May 2020 to September 30, 2021)

Research

Work on the SABC-sponsored Research Program continues with the aim of identifying biomarkers specific to people who have pulmonary fibrosis caused by systemic sclerosis. This research program is creating a firm foundation for intensive research to control lung and skin damage in patients with scleroderma and lung damage in patients with IPF. Being able to distinguish between pulmonary fibrosis that is idiopathic (of various or unknown origin) or the result of scleroderma will allow medical professionals to provide patients with an accurate diagnosis.

Identifying reliable biomarkers also provides an opportunity to develop a functional cure; an ongoing treatment that corrects and prevents the disease from continuing to damage the affected organs (in this case, lungs).

On 1 January 2021, Dr. Boyang Zheng joined the SABC Research Program as a postdoctoral fellow for one year on a part-time basis to work on the auto-antibody aspect of the Program with Drs. Dunne, Keen, and Ryerson. Dr. Boyang Zheng recently completed his rheumatology fellowship at McGill University in Montréal and will also be seeing patients through the rheumatology and scleroderma clinics at St. Paul's Hospital.

In February 2021, Dr. Keen completed the biostatistical analysis of the biomarker laboratory results obtained before the holiday break in December 2020.

For a full update, visit our Website: <https://sclerodermabc.ca/sabc-research-project/>

Financial Report

For fiscal year 2020-2021 (May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021), revenue consisted of \$111,826.16 with expenditures of \$70,352.93 for a net increase of \$41,473.23. Major disbursements included research contributions of \$45,000.00 to St. Paul's Foundation, \$10,000 to CRCHUM and \$5,000 to the Canadian Scleroderma Research Group. SABC had \$119,147.23 in total cash and investments at the end of April in 2021.

Following the second virtual ride/walk fundraiser held in June which raised over \$65,000, SABC currently has \$124,650.94 in total cash and investments as of August 20, 2021. A research distribution of \$65,000 has been awarded to the St. Paul's Foundation as well as \$5,000 to the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal towards their Scleroderma Patient-Centered Intervention Network (SPIN) Platform. Further contributions to research initiatives will be undertaken throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.

Fundraising & Raising Awareness

2020 Move for Scleroderma virtual campaign: \$47,526 was raised by 5 teams across the province.

Scleroderma Ride for Research raised \$36,060, Walking for a Cure – anywhere in BC \$4,296, Valemount \$2,660, Victoria \$2,470 and Campbell River \$1,860. Due to COVID, Rosanne & David Queen conducted a virtual cheque presentation in the amount of \$43,000 to the SABC Research Project. Alex Colosimo created a fantastic YouTube video to post on social media showing the support we received across the province. This video was set to the music of Nicole Edwards who is also one of our members.

\$5,000 was donated from SABC to the Canadian Scleroderma Research Group (CSRG), \$1,000 to SPIN and \$1,000 to CHUM, the Scleroderma Research Chair in Montreal.

2021 Moving to Cure Scleroderma virtual campaign: \$65,366.10 was raised by 8 teams across the province.

Scleroderma Ride for Research (Vancouver) raised \$38,715. Moving to Cure Scleroderma – anywhere in BC \$6,071.10, Kamloops \$4,880, Victoria \$3,200, Prince Rupert, \$4,360, Sea to Sky \$3,550, Valemount \$2,810 and Campbell River \$1,555. Alex Colosimo & Valerie Doyon once again created a YouTube video using the music of Nicole Edwards. Rosanne Queen presented a cheque for the SABC Research Program at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation for \$64,191.10.

SABC again showed their support of SPIN by donating \$5,000 and of CHUM by donating \$10,000 for research equipment.

A special thanks to Global BC for their in-kind donation to help promote this year's Moving to Cure Scleroderma awareness and fundraising campaign. They promoted our campaign on television stations Global BC and BC1, on their website, social media and editorial coverage.

Education Days

On January 20, 2021, we held our first virtual seminar on "Wound Care & Scleroderma, Keeping You in the Know" by Lauren Wolfe. We had approximately 38 in attendance.

On April 22, 2021, SABC hosted Scleroderma & Medical Cannabis by Dr. Caroline MacCallum and Fonda Betts of Greenleaf Medical Clinic with approximately 25 in attendance.

Communications

We continue to produce our semi-annual magazine, *The Bulletin*, with grants from both Janssen and Boehringer Ingelheim. These magazines were not only sent to our members but to our donors, rheumatologists, hospitals, and family clinics around the province.

As well, we continue to share member-specific news and tips with the newsletter, *Sclerodata*.

Like all websites, they are ever-changing. We will be updating our website this year so we can continue to provide up to date information regarding scleroderma and upcoming events.

This year with the help of our 3 board members, Jessica, Grace and Valerie, we are now on Instagram and Twitter, with Jackie Alexander and Robyn Fox continuing to share information on Facebook about upcoming events, research and items of general interest to scleroderma patients.

Synergy of Three – SABC partnership with Scleroderma Manitoba & Sclérodermie Quebec

This continues to be a strong and collaborative relationship to the benefit of the three organizations. The semi-annual magazine, *The Bulletin*, is developed through the combined efforts of staff at Sclérodermie Quebec and volunteers in Manitoba and British Columbia. The three websites are continuing to improve with interaction from those in each organization to create a better platform for people to get information. We continue to share ideas on how to be the best that we can be for the patients and their families.

President's comments

Once again, 2021 has been an interesting year. It's so good to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Again, I would like to thank the SABC Board for all their work. Because she is leaving the Board this year, I would especially like to thank Pat Thomasson for the years she graciously served and for being the kind voice on the telephone and the kind words in the email. Volunteering is very rewarding, requiring personal time. For those that give their time, I'm truly grateful.

Rosanne

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 May 01 – 2021 April 30

BALANCE SHEET	APR 30 2021	MAY 1 2020
Scotiabank		
Operating	\$88,032.71	\$48,364.01
Research	\$903.34	\$995.26
Technology	\$0.05	\$0.05
Research GIC	\$20,035.90	\$18,219.85
Technology GIC	\$10,175.23	\$10,094.83
TOTAL	\$119,147.23	\$77,674.00

PROFIT & LOSS (OPERATING)

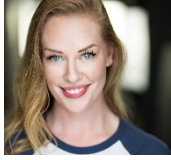
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Conference	\$700.00	Bank Charges	\$17.75
Dues	\$0.00	Events	\$700.00
General	\$60,624.51	Grants	\$17,000.00
Interest	\$227.80	Office	\$2,939.63
Research	\$2,181.90	Other	\$1,323.00
Ride for Research	\$9,024.75	Professional Fees	\$1,217.23
Walk – BC Virtual	\$33,167.20	Promotion	\$856.31
Other Revenue	\$5,900.00	Donations	\$45,000.00
		Travel	\$1,299.01
Total	\$111,826.16		\$70,352.93

Net \$41,473.23 (Profit)

4. ELECTION OF 2021 – 2022 SABC BOARD of DIRECTORS

Nominees to serve as Directors of the SABC Board follow. There will be a call for further nominees at the AGM. SABC by-laws require the election of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and one or more other persons as Directors.

NEW NOMINEES (PRE AGM)



Chelsea Fitzpatrick-Lindsay is the third generation of Fitzpatrick's to make Park Insurance her career. Formerly a broker, she is now the COO & VP of Operations. Chelsea is both a Douglas College and Sauder School of Business alumni, where she focused on leadership, organizational behaviour, sociology, psychology, business administration and marketing. She hopes this knowledge, in addition to her public speaking skills, social media experience, and network, will greatly benefit the SABC. Chelsea first met SABC president Rosanne Queen when she was 5 years old and has been inspired by her ever since. Over the last 11 years she's been privileged to be mentored by Rosanne, who she now considers a great colleague and true friend. Chelsea is driven to advocate, raise funds and make a difference for scleroderma patients and their families, and looks forward to getting to work!

NEW NOMINEES (DURING AGM)

RETURNING DIRECTOR NOMINEES



Michele Gervais (Vice President)



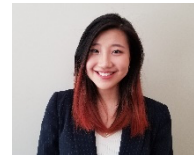
Tiasha Burch



Patrick Livolsi (Treasurer)



Beth Miller



Grace Kim



David Queen



Rosanne Queen (President)



Jeff Gammon (Secretary)



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Valerie Doyon

- 5. NEW BUSINESS
- 6. ADJOURNMENT