

Scleroderma Association of B.C.

2020 Annual General Meeting

Agenda:

1. October 2019 AGM Minutes
2. May 2019 to September 30, 2020 Directors' Report
3. May 2019 to April 2020 Financial Report
4. Election of 2020 – 2021 SABC Board of Directors
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – October 5th, 2019 Port Coquitlam, Poco Inn Hotel & Suites

Board Members Present: Rosanne Queen, David Queen, Grant Dustin, Neil Mackie, Tiasha Burch, Dianne McPhee, Michele Gervais, Pat Thomasson

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 35th AGM and conference.

Acknowledgement given to Helen White from Yellowknife for joining in person as well as 8 students from UBC. 2019 is the first year we have trialed hosting our conference as a webinar and ask participants for their feedback on this feature.

Gratitude and recognition given to Priscilla Standbury for her legacy contribution to the scleroderma community. \$5000 was raised on the sale of her book, \$2500 went to the renal department at St. Paul's Hospital, the other \$2500 went to the SABC Research Project at St. Paul's. Copies of her book are available for purchase and the funds will continue to go towards these projects.

Thank you to the standing board for their work last year.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion moved by Michele Gervais. Seconded by Pat Thomasson. Approved, all in favour, motion carried.

Adoption of 2018 Minutes

Motion moved to adopt the minutes from the 2018 AGM by Dianne McPhee. Grant Dustin seconded this motion. Approved, all in favour, motion carried.

Directors Report Highlights

Last year's community service reward went to Bob Buzza. His daughter Robyn joined the AGM and conference this year and we continue to be grateful for the contribution the Buzza family has made to the SABC.

The 2018 Dhanda Scholarship recipient, Alice May, is now practicing medicine in Alberta.

The SABC Research Project funded by the Scleroderma Association of B.C. continues to progress at the clinic in St. Paul's Hospital. The majority of research funds raised have gone to support this project and our members have contributed skin and blood samples. 2019 June Awareness walks and rides in Victoria, Valemont, Vancouver and Kamloops contributed a total of ~\$52000 to this research project.

The SABC was invited to participate in a meeting to review stem cell transplant protocol in Canada which was held in Montreal in April 2018. Tiasha Burch attended and continues her involvement in this work.

Collaboration with Scleroderma Manitoba and Scleroderma Quebec initiated in 2018 continued with all provincial organizations updating their websites and initiating the production of a semi-annual magazine, *The Bulletin*. The magazine distribution list includes all BC rheumatologists and SABC members. Production of a 2019 autumn edition is underway which aims to broaden reach to an even larger mailing list of health care providers.

Doreen Lassam motioned to move the minutes. Donna Gervais seconded this motion. Approved, all in favour, motion carried.

Financial Report

David Queen reviewed the April 2019 summary as presented in the AGM program. The SABC's greatest expense has been donations primarily made to the SABC Research Project through St. Paul's Hospital.

Financial report adopted by Neil Mackie, seconded by Dianne McPhee. Approved, all in favour, motion carried.

New Business

2019 marks the first year the SABC has hosted the AGM in the fall due to limited capacity during June Awareness events.

After receiving participant feedback this is also the first year attempting to host this conference with the addition of online webinar participation.

Feedback on these changes is sought for further analysis and future consideration on how we can continue to improve these events.

Election of the Board of Directors

Dianne McPhee, Neil Mackie, and Michael Queen have retired their positions on the board. The floor was opened to nominees for new members.

Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

Re-elected: Rosanne Queen – President, Michele Gervais – Vice President, Tiasha Burch, David Queen, Grant Dustin, Pat Thomasson, Veronika Boyeva

New Nominees: Jeff Gammon – Secretary, Patrick Livolsi – Treasurer

Motion to adopt the nominees for 2019-2020 made by Kathryn O'Neil, seconded by Carl Hird-Rutter. Approved, all in favour, motion carried.

With no additional business, the meeting was moved for adjournment by Doreen Lassam and seconded by Pat Thomasson. Approved, all in favour, motion carried. Adjournment of the 2019 AGM at 9:17 AM.

2. 36th SABC DIRECTORS' REPORT (May 2019 to September 30, 2020)

Awards

Also during the October conference, the 6th annual Gurmej Kaur Dhanda Scleroderma Community Service Award was presented to Dianne McPhee for her many years of service both to SABC and within the scleroderma community.

The Gurmej Kaur Dhanda Memorial Scholarship Award was given to our own board member Veronika Boyeva.

Research

Work on the Scleroderma Association of B.C. sponsored Research Project continues. SABC funds and co-leads a research study that began recruiting scleroderma patients with and without interstitial lung disease (ILD) in July 2017. Blood samples have been taken from patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) only and both blood and skin samples have been taken from control participants. 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, with the

expectation of receiving future support from donations and, hopefully, research funding agencies. For a full update, visit our Website: <https://sclerodermabc.ca/sabc-research-project/>

Financial Report

For fiscal year 2019-2020 (May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020), revenue consisted of \$100,053.61 with expenditures of \$87,695.07 for a net increase of \$12,358.54. Disbursements included research contributions of \$71,009.10 to St. Paul's Foundation and \$5,000 to Toronto General and Western Hospital. SABC had \$77,674.00 in total cash and investments on April 30, 2020.

Following the first virtual ride/walk fundraiser held in June which raised almost \$45,000, SABC currently has \$114,656.35 in total cash and investments as of August 1, 2020. Further disbursements to research initiatives will be undertaken throughout the fiscal year.

Fundraising & Raising Awareness

2019 fundraising campaign: Scleroderma Ride for Research raised \$52,911, Valemount raised \$4,780, Victoria raised \$11,408 and Kamloops raised \$1,910 for a total of \$71,009.10. A cheque was presented to St. Paul's Foundation for our Scleroderma Association of BC Project in August 2019.

2020 Virtual campaign: Scleroderma Ride for Research raised \$36,060, Walking for a Cure – anywhere in BC raised \$4,296, Valemount raised \$2,660, Victoria raised \$2,470, Campbell River raised \$1,860 for a total of \$47,546. Due to COVID, Rosanne & David Queen conducted a virtual cheque presentation in the amount of \$43,000 to the SABC Research Project. The balance raised will be held for other research projects across Canada.

For World Scleroderma Day, on June 29th, Canada Place, BC Place Stadium and Telus World of Science (all in Vancouver) were light up in scleroderma "blue" to show our support for all those living with scleroderma around the world.

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.

Communications

In June 2019 we published our first copy of *The Bulletin* and again in the Fall and Spring of 2020 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 news and tips through the newsletter, *Sclerodata*.

Like all websites, they are ever changing. We continue to provide up to date information on scleroderma and upcoming events.

We continue to have an active Facebook page which shares information about upcoming events, research, and items of general interest to scleroderma patients.

February 2020 brought a change to our logo. We felt that the name also needed to say "scleroderma". We feel the new logo clearly portrays the beauty of BC: the mountains, ocean, and rivers!

President's comments

As a volunteer organization, I would like to thank our board members for their continued commitment. 2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. With the challenges of COVID, I hope that you can continue to reach out for support, to use the technology that is available to us, i.e. zoom or just by picking up the phone. As Dr. Bonnie says: "Be kind. Be

calm. Be safe." *Rosanne*

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

2019 May 01 – 2020 April 30

BALANCE SHEET

Scotiabank

Operating	\$41,746.94
Research	\$995.26
Technology	\$0.05
Research GIC	\$18,219.85
Technology GIC	\$10,094.83
TOTAL	\$71,056.93

PROFIT & LOSS (OPERATING)

INCOME

Conference	\$3,758.47
Dues	\$0.00
General	\$25,113.55
Interest	\$176.18
Research	\$12,621.59
Ride for Research	\$44,955.74
Sales	\$70.00
Walk – Valemount	\$4,948.88
Walk – Victoria	\$8,409.20
Total	\$100,053.61

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$27.22
Events	\$6,250.73
Fundraising	\$169.24
Grants	\$6,000.00
Office	\$1,086.16
Other	\$1,150.00
Promotion	\$962.99
Donations	\$76,009.10
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Travel	\$0.00
	\$94,312.14

Net \$5,741.47 (Profit)

4. ELECTION OF 2020 – 2021 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)

NEW NOMINEES (DURING AGM)

RETURNING DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Rosanne Queen (President)
Jeff Gammon (Secretary)
Tiasha Burch
Pat Thomasson

Michele Gervais (Vice President)
Patrick Livolsi (Treasurer)
David Queen



Michele Gervais



Tiasha Burch



Pat Thomasson



Patrick Livolsi



David Queen



Rosanne Queen



Jeff Gammon

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT