**MINUTES**

**CLASS AGM**

**November 7th, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Jonathan Shapero. In attendance: Dr. Mary Lou Baxter, Dr. Alain Dansereau,Dr. Karen Edstrom, Dr. Chris Gallant, Dr. Brandon Howell, Dr. Marissa Joseph, Dr. Jamie Le, Dr. Ron Lemckert, Dr. Mark Lupin, Dr. Gail Nield, Dr. Dusan Sajic, Dr. Rahul Shuka, Dr. Harvey Shapero, Dr. Thierry Tremblay. Proxy votes received by Dr. Scott Barr and Dr Martie Gidon. Quorum for the meeting confirmed.

Motion to approve the Agenda by Dr Lemckert, Seconded by Dr. Sajic. Carried.

Motion to approve minutes of AGM 2023 by Dr. Howell, seconded by Dr. Harvey Shapero.

Carried. \*

Business arising from the minutes 2023: Laser Safety Course continuance.

Our laser safety course director, Dr. Howard Bargman was contacted but he declined to continue as course director and unfortunately could not recommend a comparable replacement. Dr. Lupin found that the courses offered in the US were excellent, but costly and would investigate further. It was also suggested that we approach Dr. Bargman to see if he would be willing to videotape his presentation for our use.

**President’s Report**Dr. Shapero reported that CLASS had excellent representation at the meeting with 18 members attending, and contributed 3 invited speakers: Dr Lupin, Dr Shukla and Dr. Joseph.

CLASS also obtained exhibitor/sponsors : Beautifi ( Gold sponsor), Merz ( Platinum sponsor) L’Oreal( exhibitor) Avari ( exhibitor). Small profit from the sponsors was able to cover the registration and honorariums for our speakers. Our 2025 meeting will be in Montreal, and Dr. Shapero reported that the Caribbean Dermatology Association approved CLASS to join again with their 2026 November meeting in the Bahamas. All in favour to support this meeting.

**Vice-President’s Report** Dr. Howell confirmed the date for our 2025 meeting is November 15th at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and will be contacting potential speakers. Dr. Dover, Dr. Richer and Dr. Braun had indicated they would present at the 2024 meeting but later declined so we will contact them again to see if they are available for our Montreal meeting.

**Secretary’s Report** Dr. Alexander was unable to attend. Dr. Shapero reported that we currently have 72 members. In past year lost 3 members due to retirement/resignation, 1 medical leave) Two new applications were received and their names circulated to membership. No objections received.

**Dr. Tessa Weinberg**  **Sponsors:** Dr. Ari Benchetrit

General Practitioner, Winnipeg, MB Dr. Jonathan Shapero

**Dr. Aaron King Sponsors:** Dr. Dusan Sajic

Dermatologist, Dunnville, ON Dr. Rahul Shukla

A late application was received from :

**Dr. Hani Sinno** Sponsors: Dr. Dusan Sajic

Plastic Surgeon Montreal Dr. Jonathan Shapero

Motion to approve new member applications en bloc Dr. Dusan Sajic, seconded by Dr. Harvey Shapero. Carried.

It was suggested that we actively increase our efforts to recruit new members to CLASS, particularly new junior doctors and residents. Information about CLASS and the meeting Resident Paper Award has been sent in the past to the program directors, but Dr. Joseph and Baxter suggested that the information would be best forwarded by CLASS members to their residents. Dr. Joseph suggested a visually dynamic E-mail with information about CLASS resident membership and benefits would be best.

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**Treasurer’s Report** - Dr. Sajic - The 2023 year end financial report was circulated for review.

Major expense ( ) is for the annual meeting, with majority of the meeting income coming from exhibitors. There was an unfortunate incident with the hotel after the 2023 meeting with some scratch damage to the flooring in the exhibit hall, and declaring it was the responsibility of CLASS to pay for repairs. This was disputed but they persisted in the claim for several months before finally dropping the case;

Motion to accept treasurer’s report by Dr. Lupin, seconded by Dr. Shukla. Carried

Motion to reappoint accountant Cameron Keller by Dr. Howell, seconded by Dr. Lupin

**Public Relations**- Dr DeLorenzi –Nothing to report and will resign from executive of CLASS

**New Executive**: The proposed slate for 2024/2025:

President: Dr. Brandon Howell

Vice-President: Dr.Ashlin Alexander

Secretary: Dr. Marissa Joseph

Treasurer: Dr. Jonathan Shapero Communications: OPEN

Historian: Dr. Lindsey Craw

Member at Large: OPEN \*\*

There were no nominations from the floor to fill open spots on the executive committee.

Motion to accept the Executive Board as proposed by Dr. Gallant, seconded by Dr. Shukla

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting moved adjourned by Dr. Lupin and seconded by Dr. Howell.

**NB: Post meeting addendums**:

\*Dr. Joseph pointed out an error in the 2023 AGM minutes. Dr Lindsey Craw was noted in error as a Dermatologist and minutes will be amended to record her as a Pediatrician.

\*\*Dr. Mary Lou Baxter accepted position on Executive Board for “Member at Large”