
President Tom Spence introduced himself and welcomed members to the 71st Annual General Meeting.

Tom Spence declared the Annual General Meeting open at 10:00 a.m. He explained that in 2020 the Government of Saskatchewan amended legislation to permit holding a meeting of members by a communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. He noted that meeting materials are available on the website and outlined the voting procedure. Spence reported that a quorum was in place and outlined eligibility for voting. He noted that the meeting was being recorded for SaskAbilities' internal use.

Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting

Tom Spence drew attention to the minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting, available on SaskAbilities' website.

Motion (Stan Lautsch/Grant Wilson): *To approve the minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting as presented.* **Carried.**

Nomination and Election of Board of Directors

Andy Livingston, chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, reported that the Board has fixed the number of directors for the 2021-2022 term at 14 directors and presented nominations as follows:

To be Directors: Bruce Acton, Brenda Bancescu, Paul Blackstock, Kyle Chriest, Michelle Hunter, Stan Lautsch, Andy Livingston, Brad Mitchell, Dr. Tomi Mitchell, Nicole Onufreychuk, Sandra Ruff, William Schwarz, Tom Spence, and Dr. Grant Wilson.

Tom Spence called for further nominations. There were none.

Motion (Bruno Konecni/Bill Schwarz): *That nominations cease.*

Carried.

Andy Livingston congratulated the new Board.

President's Report

Tom Spence reported that in the days following the declaration of a worldwide pandemic in March 2020, the Board established three key priorities to guide SaskAbilities' response. Management and staff members quickly adapted service delivery to support clients in safe ways. Many of these initiatives allowed staff members to provide service in places and ways that were not possible before. Federal, provincial, and municipal governments continued to support SaskAbilities during 2020, helping it to serve clients safely, protecting staff members' pay and benefits, and keeping the community safe. Special events looked different than in other years, but the support of community was unwavering. With

the assistance of the Government of Saskatchewan and the Draggins Rod & Custom Car Club, significant capital improvements were made at Camp Easter Seal. Spence thanked his fellow Board members for their wisdom and dedication to the mission. He thanked management and staff members for their unfailing commitment to Saskatchewan people experiencing disability. He welcomed new directors Dr. Tomi Mitchell and Nicole Onufreychuk and bid farewell to Bruno Konecnsi and Lori Meyer. He also thanked Joan Nelson for her 20 years of service as executive assistant. Tom Spence noted it was an honour and a privilege to serve as President for the past two years.

Executive Director's Report

Ian Wilkinson welcomed members to the meeting. He encouraged members to read and share the 2020 Annual Report which is available on the website at saskabilities.ca. Ian Wilkinson described the experiences of SaskAbilities' clients, staff members, and directors during a year like no other. Clients and staff members demonstrated how adaptable and resilient they were. Change was constant and rapid but through it all, everyone connected with SaskAbilities rose to the challenge. Early in the pandemic the Board established three priorities. First, individuals experiencing disability would be supported safely. Second, staff members would be kept safe and pay and benefits would be protected as long as SaskAbilities had the ability to do so. Third, SaskAbilities would do its part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Those three priorities were the backbone of the response to the pandemic. Through the use of technology, clients and staff members gathered in new ways. Once the provincial government felt it was safe to do so, management developed the Transitioning Forward Plan and more in-person services resumed. The Plan was reviewed in August 2020 and where it was appropriate to do so, improvements were made. Finances were monitored carefully and, where appropriate, applications to government support programs were made. Throughout the year, management and staff members continued to follow public health guidelines. Despite the pandemic, relationships with stakeholders flourished. The Government of Saskatchewan continued to be an important partner in supporting Saskatchewan children and adults experiencing disability. Programs offered by the Government of Canada helped SaskAbilities to mitigate some of the negative aspects of the pandemic. Donors continued to contribute much appreciated support. Ian Wilkinson thanked the senior management team for their significant contributions to the pandemic response. He also thanked Tom Spence for his wisdom and guidance over the year – there were many difficult but encouraging conversations. Ian Wilkinson also expressed his thanks to the Board for its guidance and wished a fond farewell to retiring Board members Bruno Konecnsi and Lori Meyer.

Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Brian Heinrichs of Virtus Group LLP reported that the auditors' report for the year ended December 31, 2020 was dated March 3, 2021, the date that the Board of Directors approved it. Virtus Group LLP has issued a clean audit opinion. He reported that the auditors met with the Audit and Finance Committee in February 2021. He thanked management, Board members, and the Audit and Finance Committee for their full cooperation during the audit. He indicated that Virtus Group LLP appreciates the opportunity to conduct the audit.

Karen Moore, the Director of Provincial Services, thanked the Financial Services team, staff members, and Virtus Group for their work on the audit. She also expressed appreciation for the contributions of the Audit and Finance Committee during 2020. She indicated to the members that the audited financial statement is available on SaskAbilities website at saskabilities.ca.

Karen Moore provided an overview of the statement of operations, statement of financial position, statement of changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows. She reported a year-end excess of revenue over expenses of \$1,583,279, which is an increase of \$1,264,785 from 2019. Revenue and expenses were both less than 2019. The year-end financial position was \$21,519,369 which was up \$4,990,047 from 2019. Assets increased \$4,990,047 and liabilities increased by \$3,517,741 from 2019. The cash position at year-end was \$6,590,627.

There were no questions regarding the audited financial statement.

Appointment of Auditors for 2021

Motion (*Grant Wilson/Michelle Hunter*): *To appoint Virtus Group LLP as the Saskatchewan Abilities Council Inc.'s auditors for the 2021 fiscal year.* **Carried.**

Other Business

Tom Spence thanked Bruno Konecni, Saskatchewan 2021 Easter Seals National Volunteer Award recipient, for his long history of volunteerism and support of SaskAbilities and Camp Easter Seal.

Adjournment

Motion (*Bruno Konecni/Andy Livingston*): *That the meeting be adjourned.* **Carried.**

Tom Spence thanked members for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Recorder – Joan Nelson