

**CANADIAN HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2024**

CHHA Board of Directors	Gilles LeVasseur – Chair Breanna van der Starren – Treasurer David Leyton-Brown - Secretary Chris Arnold Patricia Blute Nicola Carter Alita Fabiano Mae Johnson
Guests	Richard Plummer Karla Wilson
Attendees	See Appendix A

Before the meeting started, an overview of the accessibility and participation features of the Zoom meeting platform were reviewed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members and participants were welcomed by the Board Chair. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair presented the agenda with the following topics: the Chair’s Annual Report, the National Executive Director’s Annual Report, approval of the annual audited financial statements, the appointment of the auditor for 2024, and review and approval of the new members of the CHHA Board of Directors.

Moved: (Motion by Craig Ellis to accept the agenda: Seconded; Chirs Arnold) that the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**



3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2023

Moved: (Carole Willans; Seconded; Keegan Noxell) that the minutes for the June 15th, 2023, Annual General be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board Chair, Gilles LeVasseur, presented his report to the members. Highlights of his report included hosting an online conference, delivering a successful employment program (ANTE) in partnership with Mohawk College and CHHA-Edmonton among others, and expanding CHHA's social enterprise. **FOR INFORMATION**

5. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Richard Plummer presented his report to the members. He thanked our sponsors for helping make the 2023 CHHA Conference a success. Over 125 people attended the many educational sessions. A joint report was published to highlight the conditions, and the needs of Canadians related to their cochlear implant experience. CHHA is looking toward the future in 2024 when it launched its new mission, values plus a refresh to its current strategic plan. Activities to look forward to in 2024 included new programs, a refreshed Mentor program, and the elevation of CHHA's presence on committees and its collaboration with others. **FOR INFORMATION**

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

I. 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer, Breanna van der Starren, introduced the Auditor who presented the 2023 annual financial statement. Overall CHHA saw an increase in revenue and surplus due to an increase in government project grants. It was also noted that the CIBA loan was also fully paid.

Moved: (Craig Ellis: Seconded; David Fourney) to receive the financial statements of the Corporation and the report of the auditor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

CARRIED



II. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved: (Carole Willans: Seconded; Keegan Noxell) that the professional firm of Marcil Lavallée will be reappointed as the Corporation’s auditor for the year ending 31 December 2024. **CARRIED**

It was noted that CHHA would be exploring contracting a new auditor in 2024.

7. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Leyton-Brown, Chair of the Governance Committee, noted that Breanna van der Starren and Mae Johnson were appointed to the board to fill vacancies. Each person is now being submitted for full 3-year terms.

Moved: (David Leyton-Brown: Seconded; Anne Follows) that the following persons be appointed to the CHHA National Board of Directors:

1. Breanna van der Starren for a 3-year term
2. Mae Johnson for a 3-year term
3. Sarah Funkenhauser for a 3-year term

CARRIED

The current CHHA Chair, Gilles LeVasseur’s term ended in 2024. He has submitted his name to serve a second 3-year term.

Moved: (David Leyton-Brown: Seconded; Ruth Warick) that Gilles LeVasseur will be re-elected for a second three-year term. **CARRIED**

Thanks were given to outgoing board members Chris Arnold, Paul Proulx and John Trus.

8. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Moved: (Craig Ellis: Seconded; Gordana Mosher) to adjourn the 2023 annual general meeting of members. **CARRIED**



APPENDIX A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDEES & PROXY VOTES

Jeanne Choquette	Gael Hannan (Proxy)	Kathleen MacNamara (Proxy)
Michel David	Carrie Hartwick	Janice McNamara
William Droogendyk (Proxy)	Hugh Hetherington	Judith Michel
Craig Ellis	Rosalind Ho	Gordana Mosher
Heather Enns	Yolande House	Gladys Nielsen
Kimberley Falkiner	Marie-Anne Hudson	Keegan Noxell
Anne Follows	Jo-anne Jones	John Osbourne
David Fourney	Marianne Keyes	Leslee Scott
Isabel Fowles	Doug Kingdon	Mary Sherren
Sarah Funkenhauser	Marilyn Kingdon	Terry Tillotson
Cindy Gordon	Charles Laszlo	Ruth Warick
Marie-Claire Gratton	Anne Marie Langlois	Nancy Weedon
Gemma Greco	Rhéal Léger	Carole Willans
Ian Hamilton	Dale Lew	