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The Canadian Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
L'association Canadienne pour la thérapie conjugale et familiale  
(“CAMFT” or the “Corporation”)  
**CAMFT Annual General Meeting**

**October 24, 2020**

## **1) Call to Order – 1:00 p.m. EST**

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Present: The CAMFT Annual General Meeting (AGM), 2020 was a virtual meeting held using ZOOM video conferencing. All Directors of the Board except one (1) were present. There were 97 CAMFT members present on the virtual conference call for the majority of the meeting.

### Chairperson & Secretary

Andrew Sofin acted as Chairperson and Glen Paddock acted as Secretary of the meeting.

### Constitution of Meeting

All the Directors being present, except one (1) and a quorum of members being present, the Chairperson declared the meeting to be regularly constituted for the transaction of business.

## **2). Approval of the Agenda**

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**ON MOTION DULY MADE BY Andrew Sofin AND SECONDED BY Cathryn Harris IT WAS RESOLVED:** the agenda for the October 24th, 2020 AGM was approved as modified.

## **3). Approval of Minutes from CAMFT AGM October 19th, 2019**

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**ON MOTION DULY MADE BY Andrew Sofin AND SECONDED BY Marion Goertz IT WAS RESOLVED:** Minutes of October 19, 2019 meeting were approved as circulated.

## **Business arising from the 2019 AGM minutes and carried forward:**

None to address. See separate Reports Document for full reports of CAMFT Board and working committees.

### **4). Presidents Report – Andrew Sofin**

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Andrew summarized the busy year and much progress has been made. Shift in the focus toward building on the foundation of our initial year, toward a more robust mission. Focus on the importance of the grassroots nature of our association. One of our goals will be re-visioning the name of the Association, with input from our members. Andrew thanked the outgoing Board members Dan Wulff and Olga Smoliak.

### **5) Treasurer's Report – Heather Robertson**

Heather presented the financial report of 2018. Heather reviewed the financial health of CAMFT becoming much more robust over this past year.

Financial statements are available to members by request. Review of some key financial plans for the coming year, including planning for our future, which will include input from members.

Members were informed that there will be some bylaw changes and revisions needed, so there will be communication to members in the coming months about these changes so that we can hold a vote to pass these revisions.

Member question asking about increasing member dues to generate more revenue for CAMFT. Discussion about benefits of keeping dues low, and of not only being dues-dependant. Recommendation noted for consideration when this might be appropriate step.

### **6). Business Report – Donna Chamberlain**

Donna reported on a busy year with a lot of changes. Highlights of growing membership and a new website. Members will now receive automatically

generated invoices for dues based on renewal dates. Donna encouraging all RMFTs to go on the website to update profiles.

## **8) Committee Updates**

### **a. Publications Committee - Olga Smoliak and Dan Wulff**

Dan and Olga described view of potential online journal for CAMFT. Hope is to have ready to go in the beginning of 2020. The committee will be looking for input from membership for title, content and ongoing development of the journal.

### **b. Professional Development Committee – Leah MacInnes**

Leah thanked Paige Gryba, former head of this committee, and outgoing members. Highlights reviewed included creating document for CEUs, professional development activities including webinar with Sue Johnson, and this conference.

### **c. Credentialing/Membership Committee – Kathryn Guthrie**

Kathryn summarized the work of this committee, thanking Annette Dekker and Jann Derrick, and highlighting the Supervisor Guidebook. Hope for the future is to focus on developing Supervision training in Canada, and identify other training opportunities across Canada.

### **d. Ethics Committee – Carl Heaman-Warne**

Carl thanked committee members for work on development of the Code of Ethics. This is now complete, and there is a drafted the complaints form. Procedures are freshly drafted and waiting review by the Board. So far there have been 19 consultations and 1 complaint.

Reminder to members that they can contact CAMFT with hypothetical situations to request consultation.

Some discussion of the process for complaints.

### **e. Elections Committee–Vicki Enns**

The year the Elections committee included Janey Komm, Chair,(BC), Lawrence Beech (ON), Donna Chamberlain, Administrator (ON), and Vicki Enns as Board

Liaison. The committee successfully secured nominations for all positions open, and a successful election was held this fall.

The election results are as follows:

Cameron Keller (BC), & Heather Robertson (MB) are the persons elected to become Directors to the CAMFT Board, each for a term of 2 years, effective starting after the AGM October 19, 2019.

#### **f. Student Affiliate Committee – Marjorie Rose**

Andrew summarized Marjorie's report. Highlighting the challenge for busy students to stay engaged. Marjorie hoping for increased student engagement on the committee, and by connecting with students across the country.

### **9) Working Group updates**

#### **a. Accreditation Working Group – Kathryn Guthrie**

Kathryn summarized process of connecting with 8 schools offering MFT related courses/ programming. These schools include: McGill (Montreal, QC), St Paul's (Ottawa, ON), Tyndale (Toronto, ON), University of Guelph (Guelph, ON), University of Winnipeg (Winnipeg, MB), Briercrest (Caronport, SK), University of Calgary (Calgary, AB), and Trinity Western (Langley, BC).

Aim is by end of year to weave feedback into proposal that goes back to the schools to consider how this will work for them. The goal is for all schools to be able to sign on, and be able to implement changes to their programs by 2023.

#### **b. Regional/National Relationship Working Group – David Fung & Andrew Sofin**

David summarized the development and process of this group. Highlighting work of working group Colleen Ellis (Atlantic Canada), Eric Bailley (prairies), Andrew Sofin (Quebec), Roger Wells (Western Canada), David Fung (Western Canada), Donna Chamberlain (National). Interest from 2 or 3 other jurisdictions.

The direction of the proposed direction of building relationships has been

affirmed and adopted by the CAMFT Board.

**ON MOTION DULY MADE BY Ian AND SECONDED BY Olga Smoliak, IT WAS RESOLVED:** to accept all above reports presented.

10). Questions and Comments Celebration of this meeting of a Canadian Association.

Discussion of the issue of regulation not being the same across the country, and the challenge of regulation being provincially legislated.

The goal of the Regional/ National Relationship Working Group as part of CAMFT is to be able to come alongside regional groups to support efforts. Discussion of the efforts historically to seek recognition at a national level, successful in regards to some groups, less with others. Encouragement of members to also build connection with specific insurance companies.

Discussion of the possibility to create a process for funding to support lobbying in specific regions, and the potential of sharing information and stories from across the country. CAMFT could support the gathering and sharing of stories and information.

11) Adjournment

The meeting was then terminated at 6:32 pm CST. Minutes prepared by Glen Paddock (Secretary).



Andrew Sofin - Chairman



Glen Paddock - Secretary