



Nineteenth Annual Assembly of Parkinson Québec

Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 6 :00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Parkinson Québec, 560 Ontario Street East, Montreal

Attendance sheet		
First name	Last name	Capacity
Linda	Bambonye	Chair, Parkinson Montreal-Laval
Antoine	Brylowski	Member, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Nicole	Charpentier	Executive Director, Parkinson Québec
Edmond	Chow	Member, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Marie-France	Cloutier	Treasurer, Parkinson Montreal-Laval
Gabriel	Demers	Candidate, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Paul F.	Dupré	Chair, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Robert	Fournier	Chair, Parkinson Bas-St-Laurent (video conference) Board of Directors
Jean	Hamel	Secretary, Parkinson région Québec Chaudière-Appalaches
Jacques	Huppertz	Chair Parkinson Estrie Board of Directors
Hélène	Lapointe	Executive Director Parkinson Centre-du-Québec. Mauricie (video conference)
Jean	Ménard	Chair, Parkinson Abitibi-Témiscamingue Board of Directors
Claudie	Noël	Service Officer, Parkinson Québec
Josée	Ouellette	Executive Assistant, Parkinson Québec
Stéphanie	Proulx	Treasurer, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Romain	Rigal	Services Development Coordinator
Micheline	Roberge	Chair, parkinson région Québec Chaudière-Appalaches Board of Directors
Claire	Robert	Chair, Parkinson Outaouais Board of Directors
Gérard	Tardif	Member, Parkinson Québec Board of Directors
Jean-Marc	Tassé	Treasurer Parkinson Outaouais Board of Directors
Lyne	Tremblay	Chair, Parkinson Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean Board of Directors
Annie	Turcot	Network and communication Development Coordinator

22 attendees

Welcoming remarks

19.01 Opening of the Annual Assembly

Paul F. Dupré welcomes the attendees and introduces himself as Chair of the Board of Directors. He declares the meeting open at 6:00 p.m. The chair acknowledges the *Regroupement* members attending by video conference:

- Robert Fournier for Parkinson Bas-St-Laurent
- Hélène Lapointe for Parkinson Mauricie•Centre-du-Québec

Claudie Noël will act as the Skype moderator for people who are joining us remotely. She will be the one to bring to the attention of the Assembly, the requests to speak by these people. It is agreed that Josée Ouellette will act as Assembly secretary, because she was elected to this position under resolution 18.01 moved by Claire Robert and seconded by Jean Ménard during the Annual Assembly on March 28, 2019.

19.02 Declaration of Quorum

Quorum is established, 9/9 members, namely the organizations that signed the Agreement and Parkinson Québec are represented.

19.03 Adoption of the agenda

The Chair asks the members if they have any questions or comments. Jean Ménard asks to add a point for the reading of a letter signed by all the regional incorporated partners. It is therefore agreed that a “Miscellaneous business” point will be added as point 19.07.

Resolution 19.01: Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Jean Ménard and seconded by Linda Bambonye, The agenda with the addition requested by Mr. Ménard was adopted unanimously.

19.04 Appointment of the Election Chair

The members are asked to appoint an Election Chair. Antoine Brylowski is suggested as Election Chair.

Resolution 19.02: Appointment of the Election Chair

Moved by Claire Robert and seconded by Linda Bambonye, it is resolved, and Antoine Brylowski is unanimously appointed as Election Chair.

19.05 Election

Paul Dupré asks the candidates to introduce themselves and explain their motivation. Lyne Tremblay and Gabriel Demers speak in turn.

Paul Dupré invites Antoine Brylowski to speak. Mr. Brylowski presents the election table and proposes the following candidates:

Regional entities electoral college:

- Lyne Tremblay — région Nord-Ouest — recommended by Jean Ménard
- Gabriel Demers — région Centre du Québec — recommended by Jacques Huppertz

The Election Chair proposes that the Assembly adopts the recommendations of the Recruiting and Nominating Committee as a group.

Resolution 19.03: Wholesale adoption of proposed candidates

Jacques Huppertz moves to have the single list of candidates submitted by the regional incorporated partners adopted. The motion is seconded by Jean Ménard and adopted unanimously.

The members indicate that according to the administrative regulations, Joseph Bartlett, Board member for Montreal, remains in position until the Board finds a replacement.

19.06 Looking ahead to 2019

Nicole Charpentier presents the various orientations of the strategic plan and explains the issues that will be prioritized in 2019, including, but not limited to:

- Continuation of the employee training project presented to the Minister of Health and Social Services by the Partenaires neuro (group of five organizations: Muscular Dystrophy Canada, Quebec Federation of Alzheimer Societies, Parkinson Québec, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (Quebec division) and ALS Society of Quebec), as well as drafting a brief to file and present before the National Assembly.
- Pesticides: attend the parliamentary commission, present the brief filed and follow up on recommendations.
- Develop a new, better-adapted website by 2020.
- Young ambassadors: dynamic group of youth looking to innovate various projects at Parkinson Québec. In 2019 they will focus on improving Instants magiques and Défi Vélo. They will also work on developing new activities.
- Studies: some studies have been completed and others are pending. These studies will allow Parkinson Québec to develop and increase its outreach. Future studies may make it possible to catalogue the largest number of people that have been in contact with pesticides.
- Liaison Parkinson: this is a unifying project that will allow the group to work together on a common project. Parkinson Québec is presently waiting for a meeting with Ministers Marguerite Blais and Danielle McCann to request funding. A grant application as part of the Québec Ami des Aînés (QADA) program was submitted to help develop this project.

19.07 Miscellaneous business

Jean Ménard reads a letter signed by all the regional incorporated partners.

“Mr. Dupré,

Following the adjournment of the General Assembly on March 28, 2019, we have the following comments:

First, the representatives of the regional incorporated organizations are extremely disappointed that Marie-France Cloutier’s candidacy for the Parkinson Québec Board of Directors was rejected. The justifications given for not accepting this candidacy lead us to question the true motivations for refusal by the Recruiting and Nominating Committee. We would like to reiterate that Ms. Cloutier brings more than 30 years’ experience in community groups with various organizations including more than 10 years’ involvement in the Parkinson’s cause.

We would like to underline that the primary objective is not to represent the geographic regions of Quebec, but to represent the regional incorporated organizations. And of course, share with other members their skills, particularly knowledge of the realities of people living with Parkinson’s and their loved ones.

Secondly, we restate our deep astonishment regarding the uncalled for and offensive comments made by certain members of the Parkinson Québec Board of Directors about us during the AGA held March 28.

This kind of attitude is inconceivable from people sitting on the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization like Parkinson Québec and who are moreover elected by the people who are subject to these comments.

We believe that apologies or at least an admission that these comments in no way help to create the essential conditions for the cooperation and collaboration desired by all parties are necessary to move forward.

Kind regards.”

Paul Dupré commits to answering this letter in writing. A copy of the signed letter will be appended to these minutes.

19.08 Adjournment of Assembly

Resolution 19.04: Adjournment of Assembly

Moved by Jean Ménard and seconded by Lyne Tremblay it is resolved to adjourn the Assembly at 6:45 p.m.

Written by Josée Ouellette
Reviewed by Nicole Charpentier and Paul F. Dupré

Approved by

Paul F. Dupré
Assembly Chair

Josée Ouellette
Assembly Secretary

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