



# MOMS STOP THE HARM

## Moms Stop The Harm Annual General Meeting Saturday, June 5th. 2021 - 10:00AM PST

1. Call To Order - Leslie McBain \* The AGM is recorded and is available on MSTH YouTube channel. 100 MSTH members present.

2. Lands Acknowledgment .

*From coast to coast, we acknowledge the traditional ancestral ceded and unceded territories of First Nations people, the Inuit, and the Métis, the people that call these lands home.*

*We reaffirm our commitment and responsibility to care for the lands, to work to strengthen our relationships with the First People, and to improve our own understandings of their unique histories, homelands, languages, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.*

*We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. Let us consider how we can each, in our own way, move forward in a respectful and meaningful spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. Let us bow in acknowledgement to the thousands of children who died at the hands of the colonial powers, and to the families whose hearts are broken to this day.*

3. Greetings were extended by Board Chair, Leslie McBain

4. Keynote speaker -Guy Felicella Guy spoke on “What is Safe Supply and why is it urgently needed”. This talk and subsequent discussion is recorded and available on MSTH YouTube channel.

5. Approval of the AGM Agenda -moved/Leslie ; seconded/Petra. Motion passed.

6. Approval of AGM Minutes: May 30th, 2020- moved/Leslie ; seconded/Petra. Motion passed.

7. Financial Reports were presented by Stu Jennens

Motion to approve financial report. moved/Leslie ; seconded/Petra, Motion passed..

See attached report

8. Outgoing board members, Helen Jennens and Sheila Jennings were acknowledged and thanked for their great contributions.

9. Program Manager/Board of Directors and Board Candidates 2021 introduced themselves to the MSTH membership.

10. Election of the Board of Directors for the MSTH Society:

### **Returning board members**

- a. Leslie McBain - Chair (BC)
- b. Petra Schulz - Co-chair (AB)
- c. Deb Bailey - Secretary (BC)
- d. Angela Welz - Member at Large (AB)
- e. Marie Agioritis - Member at Large (SK)
- f. Christine Wingate - Member at Large (ON)
- g. Isabelle Fortier - Member at Large (QC)

Current board members were re-elected.

### **New board candidates**

- h. Annie Storey - Treasurer (BC)
- l. Andy Watson, Member at Large, Victoria (BC)
- j. Willamena (Willi) McCorriston, Member at Large (SK)
- k. Arlene Last-Kolb, Member at Large (MB)
- l. Missy McLean, Member at Large (ON)
- m. Charlene Vacon, Member at Large (QC)
- n. Emily Bodechon, Member at Large (NB)

New board candidates were elected. Leslie welcomed returning board and new board elected.

11. Petra Schulz presented information on decriminalization. This presentation is recorded and is available on the MSTH YouTube channel.

12. News for 2021 - Stronger Together projects:

- a. STBC - Jennifer Howard presented an update on Stronger Together BC.
- b. Juanita Desjarlais offered a prayer for MSTH AGM. Juanita is the Indigenous Strategy Lead for Stronger Together BC. Juanita will be adapting our Healing Hearts and Holding Hope models with cultural teachings, training Indigenous facilitators, and supporting Indigenous communities to establish support groups across BC.
- c. STCA – Petra spoke on the Canada wide Stronger Together. MSTH applied for a SUAP grant to fund Holding Hope and Healing Hearts groups across the country. Tyla Savard and Antoinette are managing training for groups. Currently groups are running in Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, BC and Alberta.
- d. Christine spoke on Ontario Facebook advocacy group. BC, AB, and Quebec also have advocacy groups that are available on FB.
- e. Angela informed members of some of the changes and additions to FB Groups. Healing Hearts and Holding Hope both have FB groups. Healing Hearts is for those who have lost a loved one. Holding Hope is for those who have a loved one. Both groups are private. The MSTH FB group is for both members.
- f. MSTH Webinars - Jennifer updated members on MSTH webinars that have been held over the past year. Some webinars were very well attended with over 150 participants.

Upcoming webinars:

- i. Monday- June 14 at 4PM- Webinar on IOAD planning
- ii. Tuesday, June the 15 at 1PM. Jennifer Charlsworth will be discussing issues related to BC's proposed Bill 22.

g. Jennifer gave a reminder to members to regularly review MSTH's website as there is a lot of information on webinars, actions, events, photos, AGM informaton

T SHIRT DRAW- The three winners are: Myrna Scarff, Kelly Maclean, Juanita Dejarlais

1. Leslie finished the 2021 AGM with some closing remarks.  
Motion to adjourn MSTH AGM 2021- moved/Leslie ; seconded/ Deb.

Post AGM Member Activity - MSTH breakout rooms- MSTH Member check-in (In break out rooms) Members met in zoom breakout rooms for small group discussions.