**Spring 2018**

**UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

Welcome to ACCADA News, this is an opportunity for your Executive to provide an update on various association activities since the last AGM. This newsletter will be emailed to all ACCADA members.

The Executive continue to meet regularly via conference call to discuss ACCADA issues and to connect the fall conference organizers until March, 2020. The meetings have ceased for the moment, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and is scheduled to reconvene in the fall, hopefully in November.

**New Board Members:**

The transition of the new Board Members is complete. As you are aware from the last AGM, Stephanie Russell, University of Alberta is now the new Director of Communications and Janice Sutherland, Western University is the new Membership Director. A special thanks to Angela McTaggart, Queen’s University for all the hard work she has put in as the Director of Communications over the past 3 years and also for ensuring that the transition of the new Executive was smooth and complete.

**2019 Conference:**

The fall ACCADA conference took place on October 16th hosted by the Western University in London, Ontario. The planning committee provided a conference that had very interesting and had engaging speakers. The committee was efficient and well organized. There were 2 excellent Keynote Speakers – Marnie McBean – provided a discussion on “The Power of More” and Dr. Karyn Gordon – gave a talk on “The 6 Ps of Engagement for High Performers”. Francoise Bouman presented the first recipient of the Chuck Morrison award to John Vetta. The Caribbean Night – meet and greet was also a great hit. 97.5% of the people who responded to the survey stated that the conference was very satisfied or satisfied with the conference.

**2020 Conference:**

The 2020 fall ACCADA conference was slated to be in Montreal, hosted by McGill University on October 14-16th 2020. In March, 2020 – Stephanie had sent out an email to indicate that this conference is cancelled for 2020. The Executive have been having monthly conference calls with the planning committee until it was announced by them that the conference will have to be cancelled. The Board of Directors would like to thank Cassandra Fusco, Caroline Alcaraz and the rest of the McGill planning committee for all their work and effort on the 2020 fall conference.

**2021 Conference:**

It was confirmed at the AGM that the University of Saskatchewan will host the 2021 Conference in Saskatoon. The tentative dates are September 29th to October 1st. As mentioned the monthly conference calls have ceased with the planning committees and hopefully will start again in November, 2020.

**2022 Conference:**

We are hoping all the work and effort exerted by the McGill committee was not all wasted. McGill has agreed that they would like to host the 2022 conference. They will need approval from the University and Chair and hopefully will be able to confirm before the 2021 Conference.

**Website:**

As mentioned our new Communications Director is Stephanie Russel. She has done an excellent job in transitioning into this role. She would like to remind everyone that there is a “**members”** only login on the website. If you are a member and don’t have a password or have trouble logging into the website, please contact Stephanie. We are always looking for new ideas to improve our website. If you have any other ideas or suggestions please let Stephanie know.

**Membership:**

We have 46 members who have paid their dues for this fiscal year. Please note that the membership time period is October 1st to September 30th. Due to the pandemic and cancellation of the 2020 fall conference, the Board has decided to extend the current membership to September 2021. If you did not pay your $50 membership this year – you can still do so and it also be extended to September 2021. Please contact our new Membership Director, Janice Sutherland as to how this can be expedited.

We continue to struggle to get official ACCADA representatives at each member university. If you wish to be the contact for your University/Hospital, please contact Janice. This person would advertise the benefits of being a member of ACCADA and encourage colleagues to attend future conferences and would let Janice know if there are any member changes within their respective university/hospital.

**Finance:**

A big thanks to Tricia Toderick from Western University for her leadership and financial direction. Tricia has been providing our financial statements to the CRA on an annual basis, without any issues. With Tricia’s direction, the ACCADA organization has been able to accumulate a healthy bank account.

Please note that since there will be no fall conference and therefore no AGM meeting, there will be no elections this year or submissions for the Chuck Morrison Award. The Board of Directors will remain intact until the 2021 Conference.

If you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please forward them to John Vetta at john.vetta@sickkids.ca. All suggestions are welcomed.

Your Executive Team:

John Vetta (University of Toronto) – President

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