

**Minutes AGM FEBRUARY 26 6 PM
FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER**

1. **Attendees:** Cheryl Holmes, William Henderson (T/C), Juan Ronco, Grant McCormack, Michael Kenyon (T/C), Peter Skippen, Andrew McLaren (T/C), Keith Walley (T/C), George Isac (T/C), Scot Mountain, Katherine Craig, Yoan Lamarche, Marios Roussos, Noemie Chessex, Neil McLean, Vinay Dhingra

2. **Elections for Executive – Cheryl Holmes**
 - a. President and Chair: William Henderson – elected by acclamation
 - b. Co-chair/Secretary Treasurer: Juan Ronco
 - c. CRIM contact: Ken Cunningham
 - d. Interior Health: Cheryl Holmes
 - e. Fraser Health: Sean Keenan
 - f. Member at Large: Keith Walley
 - g. Vancouver Coastal: Juan Ronco
 - h. Pediatrics: Peter Skippen
 - i. Island and North: Michael Kenyon

3. **Education Initiatives – William Henderson**
 - **Bedside Trans-thoracic Ultrasound Course** in conjunction with the June CAS meeting in Vancouver – Register at www.iccuimaging.ca
 - **Regional Journal Club** – last held on Feb 18th, to be held monthly. Contact: for future events. Katherine Craig.
 - **Web based rounds** – products to allow web-based live rounds are being investigated.
 - **Website Maintenance:** Scot Mountain

4. **End of Life Issues – Grant McCormack**

Committee Members: Chair: Grant McCormack, Pediatric delegate Peter Skippen/Mary Bennett, VGH Donation Rep George Isac/Vinay Dhingra

BC Transplant Group: Robert Levy, John Yee, Penny Richardson, Mark Meloche



5. Fee Guide update - William Henderson

- **Fee Code Transfers** - We had reached an agreement with CRIM to transfer the critical care fee codes from CRIM to BCSCCM. This will occur prior to the next negotiations
- **Changes to the Critical Care Fee Code Preamble (The Peachey Report)** - recommended adopting our revisions to the Preamble *in toto*. This includes allowing billing for TPN, CRRT and clauses to waive the intra-hospital transfer restrictions in the current guide.
- **Retroactive payments** - have begun. This is based on a 2% p.a. increase each year between 2007-2010. A total of 8% in increases.

New fee items - We will develop a list of new fee items specifically for critical care.

- ECMO
- Critical Care Consult
- Rapid Response Team intervention
- Team members - Bill Henderson, Peter Skippen, Arthur Cogswell, Doug Rolf (?)

6. Community and Rural Internal Medicine (CRIM) - Ken Cunningham and Michael Kenyon

- General internal medicine fees have been rearranged in a fashion that would disallow GIM/Intensivists from accessing full GIM fees. 6 people in Nanaimo are affected by this change. Smaller communities are negatively affected by this
- Cheryl Holmes and Ken Cunningham attended Tariff on Dec 12: A temporary reprieve is in place while solutions are investigated.
- We have until April 2010 to come up with our own fee guide including Critical Care Consult Fees.
- *interim* suggestion is that sub-specialists doing **GIM on-call** should be able to bill GIM codes **on the day they draw a GIM MOCAP** (on the basis of equal work for equal pay, as well as to encourage those that fill gaps in our ranks, and generally support us strongly, because they walk in our shoes) - MK

7. Provincial Initiative - Cheryl Holmes:

Teleconference March 4 with Dr. Stephen Brown (Chief Administrative Officer - Health Planning Division) and Wendy Hill (Assistant Deputy Minister of Health) re: development of a **Critical Care Registry/Database. Coordinated Strategy to Deliver Critical Care**

Objectives:

- Define the problem of delivery of Critical Care in BC.
- Measure costs and outcomes of Critical Care in BC.
- Implement arising solutions (guidelines, protocols and tele-health).
- Audit to ensure cost-savings are realized and patient outcomes improved.
- Members prepared to assist: Juan Ronco, Sean Keenan, Cheryl Holmes, Bill Henderson, Michael Kenyon

8. Financial Report 2008 - Cheryl Holmes

MEMBERSHIPS	5,500.00
EXPENSES	2,372.99
Office	130.45
Arbitration	1,550.00
Corporate	74.95
Accounting	100.00
Bank Fees	55.04
Travel	462.55
Conference	0.00
Phones	0.00
BALANCE	\$3,127.01

Meeting Adjourned at 1920.