



Smart Recovery Society of Alberta 2020-2021

Annual General Report

Board Report

2020 was a challenging year for all individuals as the Covid-19 pandemic spread, causing full lock downs in parts of Alberta and throughout the world. The magnitude of the virus affected an enormous amount of people and although impactful on everyone, those challenged with addictions and seeking recovery were extremely vulnerable.

As the pandemic continued to spread, contingency plans needed to be deployed for Smart. Unfortunately, in some cases it resulted in the temporary cancellation of meetings starting around March 2020. With the help of the corporate headquarters in Ohio, in conjunction with our Smart Alberta board, and the many valuable volunteers and facilitators, we were able to quickly respond and set up virtual Zoom meetings. These continued throughout the year and still are ongoing as of the time of the 2021 AGM. Although there are a few locations within the province that now conduct socially distanced in person meeting with the strict guidelines of Alberta Health Services.

What we have noticed as a board is the apparent change in the membership for online meetings as opposed to in person. Although this has afforded us an opportunity to reach out to many new members, we can only hope that those who had been attending in person and are not online with Smart are getting support as needed and from wherever needed.

To our volunteers, facilitators, and board members. Thank you.

And now a little bit about our board – we currently have a small, but dedicated board team in Alberta that includes:

1. IT Director
2. Secretary
3. Outgoing President
4. Acting President
5. Director at Large

We are actively recruiting for our board and this will be a major focus for 2021. The highest priority is to fill both the Treasurer and Incoming President roles. We would also seek to supplement our board with strong, committed members that could provide leadership in other activities including operations or fund raising.

Despite the challenges, we are very proud and committed to our board, our volunteers, and our members. We continue to take great pride in our non-profit charitable status by the CRA, and although our donations were considerably down understandably due to the pandemic, we continue to operate as a board that accepts donations and supports locally throughout the province with supplies or start up support.

With optimism, we see a better 2021-2022 for everyone. We will continue to support our members and grow Smart Recovery throughout the beautiful province of Alberta.

Sincerely,

Jay Warren

Board – Past President, Acting President