

## **Smart Recovery Society of Alberta 2019--2020 Annual General Meeting President's Report**

For the last year our Board has benefited of the dedication, commitment, professionalism and time of the following Board members. They include:

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| <b>1. Barry Deighan</b>      | IT Active Board Member               |
| <b>2. Stephen Jay Warren</b> | Past President – Active Board Member |
| <b>3. Karen Peterson</b>     | Secretary--Active Board Member       |
| <b>4. Krissi Markowsky</b>   | Active Board Member                  |
| <b>5. Scott McKenzie</b>     | Operations--Active Board Member      |
| <b>6. Chris Wenzel</b>       | President-- Active Board Member      |

This report is designated for our AGM, individuals and families attending our meetings as well as for those who have and or will provide donations to our Board. This report will be posted on our Web page in March 2020. The Board has had, successes in the last number of years that deserve mention. These include:

- Recognition as a certified Society within Alberta.
- Development of Bylaws for review and acceptance by the Canadian Revenue Agency.
- Achieved Non-profit charitable status by the CRA.
- Developed a sophisticated financial structure producing controls and audited financial reports.
- Regular Board Meetings tracking through motions, strategic activities of the Board.
- A strategic Plan.
- Development of a resource base receiving active donations.
- A fully developed and revised Web page.
- Interaction with external agencies.
- Submission of a Grant for \$60,000.00 dedicated to support facilitator training and development.

Financially, the Board has benefited from Donations, Scott McKenzie has rallied approximately \$4,000.00 and recently my wife through Nexen has donated \$3,000.00. There are currently no designations for these monies. Our accountants are currently finalizing audited statements for 2019 in order to ensure all CRA and Alberta Societal reports are up to date. Any expenditures for these resources require Board motions and must be authorized by a 2-signature cheque requirement. Our current pre audit balance is approximately \$7,400.00. Our financial information is transparent and open to any vested individual or potential donor for review.

Our current Board needs members, specifically: Operations, Treasurer, Corporate Development and President. We also acknowledge the commitment of Karen Peterson who has been our secretary for over 2 years, we hope to convince her to stay on. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks for the role of Operations provided by Scott McKenzie for over 2 years, he will be missed and we wish him the best in his continued role with the Calgary group

Our objectives for 2020 are contained in a strategic planning document, I believe they include but are not limited to the following:

- Board member position replacements.
- Grant attainment.
- Governance support and education.
- Financial disbursements to those provincial wide meetings, facilitators and groups in need.
- Representation globally.
- Marketing and support for additional meetings provincially.
- Development of professional relationships with the Ministry of Health and other Non-profit organizations.

The Board has developed from an overseer and support directly to all of those provincial meetings. We believe we are now the provincial representation of SMART, self supporting with the objectives of growth and one of support for the independent, individually based provincial meetings and their facilitators

In conclusion, I am proud to be part of a service that is totally volunteer based, that has been sustained for over 15 years and continues to grow. Smart is proud to provide a high-quality service to all Albertan's. SMART is one of the key referral agencies used by Alberta Health Services that refers individuals for addiction assistance. As you are all aware you help hundreds (I believe close to 500) individuals monthly and their families create better futures free from the ravages of addiction. Thank you for your continued time and professionalism. I believe I speak for our entire Board that we hope to provide a supportive, professional environment to make your role with SMART a success.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Chris Wenzel* MHSc, MJA

*President Smart Recovery Society of Alberta*