

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 24, 2025 – 10:00am**  
**Held in-person in Calgary & virtually through Zoom**

- Present:** Numerous members of PAA were present virtually and in-person including the following board members: Renee Misfeldt, Martin Kratz, Angela Chau-Gado, Amy Lee, Dean Welke, Davide Martino, Dave Humen, and Jamie Gordon
- Regrets:** Board members Cara Ferreira, Stephen Rex, Lisa Baroldi, Shilo Burt, Sarat Maharaj, and Munir Patel
- Staff:** Lana Tordoff, Executive Director and Nicola Gaudet, Executive Administrative Assistant

Past Chair, Martin Kratz, noting quorum present, called the meeting to order at 10:09am.

**Call to Order: 10:09am**

**Martin Kratz:** “The meeting will now come to order. This is the Annual General Meeting of members of Parkinson Association of Alberta. My name is Martin Kratz, Director of the Board and past Chair.”

“Jamie Gordon, incoming Chair of Parkinson Association Alberta is acting as the Scrutineer today. Thank you, Jamie.”

**Notice of Meeting:**

“The notice calling this meeting, the reviewed 2024 Financial Statements of Parkinson Association of Alberta and the auditor’s engagement report was sent to each member. Parkinson Association of Alberta’s report to the community is posted on the website for all members and a copy was provided to each Board of Director in accordance with the Bylaws of Parkinson Association of Alberta.”

“I direct that a copy of the notice be kept by the recording secretary with the records of this meeting.”

**Nicola Gaudet:** “The recording secretary will.”

**Quorum:**

**Martin Kratz:** “Quorum for Parkinson Association of Alberta’s AGM is twenty-five members present or represented by proxy.”

“Jamie, do we have a quorum of members present?”

**Jamie Gordon:** “Yes, we have a quorum.”

**Martin Kratz:** “Your green and red voting cards are in your AGM packages for the Parkinson Association of Alberta’s members who have purchased and hold a valid membership, 30 days in advance of this meeting.”

“For those of you joining us online, poll questions will appear on your screen for 20 seconds, allowing you to vote yes or no. “

**Meeting Regularly Constituted:**

**Martin Kratz:** “Notice having been properly given and a quorum of members being present, I declare this Annual General Meeting to be duly constituted for the transaction of business.”

“The business to be conducted at today’s meeting is the ordinary annual business meeting which Parkinson Association of Alberta is required under its governing legislation to conduct.”

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Martin Kratz** “I now submit for your approval the Agenda for the May 24, 2025, Annual General Meeting of the members of Parkinson Association of Alberta. There were two small modifications made after initial circulation. The first, no motion is required for the approval of the organization’s financials. And second, no motion is required to approve the past acts of the Board of the Directors. Are there any additions to the agenda?”

**Motion:**

**Move that the agenda of the May 24, 2025, Annual General Meeting of members be approved as presented.**

**Moved by Martin Kratz, seconded by Stuart Myron.**

**Martin Kratz:** “Will those in favour of the Motion signify by raising the green card, raise your hand or complete the online poll?”

“Contrary, if any?”

**“I declare the resolution to be carried unanimously.”**

## **2. Approval of June 20, 2024, Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Martin Kratz:** “I now submit for your approval the minutes of the last meeting of the members of Parkinson Association of Alberta held on June 20, 2024. These minutes are in your member package. Unless members desire that these minutes to be read, I suggest that the reading of them be dispensed with.”

### **Motion:**

**Move that the minutes of the meeting of the Members of Parkinson Association of Alberta held on June 20, 2024, be taken as presented.**

**Moved by Martin Kratz, seconded by Amy Lee.**

**Martin Kratz:** “Will those in favour of the Motion signify by raising the green card, raise your hand or complete the online poll?”

“Contrary, if any?”

**“I declare the resolution to be carried unanimously.”**

## **3.A) Treasurer’s Report**

**Martin Kratz:** “At this time, I would like to ask that Angela Chau-Gado, Treasurer for Parkinson Association of Alberta to present the Treasurer’s report for Year ended December 31, 2024.”

**Angela Chau-Gado:** “The 2024 Financial Statements and Annual Report have been posted on Parkinson Association of Alberta’s website.”

### Discussion & Questions from the floor:

**Stuart Myron:** “Is it the case that PAA has two restricted accounts: one account is the cash restricted and the other account is the restricted research?”

**Angela Chau-Gado:** “That is correct, plus separate casino accounts and a separate investment fund.”

**Suggestion from Myron:** “Could you consider expanding on the transactions within our restricted funds as a means of more transparency in terms of the research and the investment account.”

**Angela Chau-Gado:** “This is a note for auditor, for future reports, for a break breakdown of usage, of the ins and outs of those accounts.”

**Stuart Myron:** “Why is there a discrepancy on the Statement of Changes, the Net assets on page 4 says \$691,773 and on the balance, sheet says \$375,773.”

**Angela Chau-Gado:** “The auditor will review and can make those adjustments.”

### 3.B) Appointment of Auditors

**Martin Kratz:** “Thank you Angela. The next item of business is the appointment of auditors.”

#### **Motion:**

**Move that Czechowsky, Graham & Hanevelt be appointed auditors of Parkinson Association of Alberta to hold offices until the next annual meeting or until their successors are appointed, and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the auditor’s remuneration, with the caveat that Parkinson Association of Alberta may undertake reassessment of audit services in 2025/26 for the purpose of good governance.**

**Moved by Martin Kratz, seconded by Stuart Myron.**

**Martin Kratz:** “Will those in favour of the Motion signify by raising the green card, raise your hand or complete the online poll?”

“Contrary, if any?”

**“I declare the resolution to be carried unanimously and declare Czechowsky, Graham & Hanevelt Chartered Accountants, duly appointed auditors.”**

#### 4. Election of Directors

**Martin Kratz:** “At this time, I would like to present the next item of business, the election of the Board of Directors of Parkinson Association of Alberta. I’d like to take a moment to ask those existing Board Members who are present to wave as I call out their names, so you know who they are.”

##### Present in the meeting ...

Dr. Renee Misfeldt	Mr. Jamie Gordon	Ms. Amy Lee
Mr. Brian Bullen	Mr. Martin Kratz	Mr. Sarat Maharaj
Ms. Angela Chau-Gado	Mr. Dean Welke	Mr. Davide Martino

“The following Board Members are not present; they regret their attendance due to other commitments.

Mr. Stephen Rex	Dr. Cara Ferreira	Ms. Shilo Burt
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Mr. Sarat Mahraj  
Ms. Lisa Baroldi (representative of the Gordon and Diane Buchanan Family Foundation)

Under our bylaws directors are elected for two-year terms. As a result, Dr. Cara Ferreira, Ms. Shilo Burt, Mr. Dean Welke, Mr. Dave Humen, Ms. Amy Lee, Mr. Jamie Gordon, Mr. Munir Patel, Dr. Davide Martino, Ms. Angela Chau-Gado, Ms. Lisa Baroldi, and myself, do not stand for election today as we are within a current term.

As a Member of the Nominating Committee, it's my pleasure to advise you that we have a slate of 2 returning Directors who represent our members to present for your approval today. They bring a high level of expertise & not-for-profit experience to your new board, and most importantly a passionate commitment to the Parkinson’s cause.

This slate, which was presented in the Notice of the Meeting, has been reviewed by your Nominating Committee.

I’d like to take a moment to present the returning Board Members who are present to have them wave as I call out their names, so you know who they are.

##### Incumbent directors

Ms. Renee Misfeldt	Mr. Stephen Rex
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There are also two new board member candidates that were presented in the Notice of the Meeting.

#### JESSICA SZEWCZUK

As an individual living with Young Onset Parkinson's Disease and a seasoned executive specializing in change management, business transformation, and strategic advisory, Jessica is deeply aligned with PAA's mission to empower individuals and families throughout their Parkinson's journey. Her unique blend of lived experience and expertise in financial leadership, organizational strategy, and human-centered change management equips her well to contribute meaningfully to the governance, oversight, and long-term sustainability of PAA. Jessica has guided organizations through complex transformations, ensuring cultural alignment, scalability, and operational resilience. As the CEO and Founder of The Art of Change, she has worked extensively with not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, and private entities, driving strategic initiatives that balance innovation with grassroots impact—an approach that directly aligns with PAA's vision to expand its reach while maintaining personalized, one-on-one support.

Beyond her professional expertise, and Young Onset Parkinson's Disease diagnosis, Jessica also brings diverse perspectives as a first generation Canadian with experience living in rural Alberta on a homestead for over 10 years. Her lived experience, combined with her professional background, allows her to contribute with both strategic insight and deep empathy, ensuring that PAA remains at the forefront of advocacy, innovation, and compassionate care for our diverse community.

#### DR. FANG BA

Co-Director, Parkinson and Movement Disorders Program, University of Alberta Hospital

Dr. Ba received her MD from the University of Calgary in 2007. She also obtained her PhD in Physiology/Neuroscience from the University of Alberta. Dr. Ba finished her neurology residency and CIHR fellowship in Movement Disorders at the University of Alberta. She pursued further training in Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) from the University of Florida.

Dr. Ba's primary research interest and practice are in Deep Brain Stimulation for Movement Disorders. Currently, she is involved in research to investigate how cortico-spinal reflex changes under the influence of Parkinson's medication and DBS in Parkinson's patients. She also uses a computer-based tool to assess patients' decision making in DBS for Parkinson's disease and analyze the outcomes.

Dr. Ba is an Associate Professor in the Division of Neurology of the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta and is the Director of fellowship training and the education coordinator for movement disorders program/rotations. She is also involved in undergraduate medical education, and postgraduate medical education in the format of classroom teaching, small group teaching, bedside clinical teaching, and designs of OSCEs.

Dr. Ba has been a wise and trusted advisor to the Parkinson Association of Alberta since becoming the Co-Chair of Edmonton's Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Program. She has supported the organization's annual retreat for people affected by PD, delivered engaging and informative webinars in both English and Mandarin, and makes herself available to the leadership of PAA for a variety of client needs and concerns.

#### **New directors**

Ms. Jessica Szewczuk

Dr. Fang Ba

#### **Motion:**

**Move that we the members of Parkinson Association of Alberta approve the Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee as listed in the "Notice of Meeting" and that these individuals be duly elected Directors of Parkinson Association of Alberta to hold office for a term of two (2) years or such earlier time that their successors are duly elected.**

**Moved by Martin Kratz, seconded by Dean Welke.**

**Martin Kratz:** "Will those in favour of the Motion signify by raising the green card, raise your hand or complete the online poll?"

"Contrary, if any?"

**"I declare the resolution to be carried unanimously."**

"This year, we say goodbye to Sarat Maharaj, who joined the Board of Directors in 2017. Mr. Maharaj, a highly respected lawyer and partner at Dentons Canada LLP, was instrumental in representing the interests of Parkinson Association of Alberta in its cooperation agreement with Parkinson Canada, after many years of conflict. His firm also supported the association through several other challenges and opportunities with pro bono consultation.

Sarat performed as Vice-Chair for the past two years, has volunteered additional time to represent the Board at our annual Walk, and was an active member of the Governance Committee, ensuring the organization's bylaws reflect the transparent and accountable

governance delivered by the Board. These bylaws state a board member may not exceed four consecutive two-year terms unless skills or circumstances require, and by special vote. It is for this reason, Sarat steps down in 2025. He remains a supportive friend to the organization.”

“Brian Bullen is also resigning after supporting Parkinson Association of Alberta for 4 years. Mr. Bullen, a retired lawyer, is an active member of the association and has brought meaningful insights to the Board of Directors from his legal background but also as a person living with a Parkinson’s diagnosis. His participation on our Research Committee added a practical component to the consideration of research opportunities by the organization. We look forward to seeing Brian and his wife Lilli at various events where they continue to demonstrate their support of our Parkinson’s community as volunteers, fundraisers and advocates.”

“As a token of our appreciation for Sarat and Brian’s years of service and continued commitment to the Parkinson’s community in Alberta, each will be receiving an honorary lifetime membership.”

## **6. Old Business**

**Martin Kratz:** “The next item of business is any old business arising from the Minutes.”

“Is there any old business arising from the Minutes”?

## **7. New Business**

**Martin Kratz:** “The next item of business is any new business.”

“Is there any new business for the meeting”?

## **8. Adjournment of AGM**

**Martin Kratz:** “As there is no further business, may I have a motion for the adjournment of the meeting?”

**Motion:**

**Move that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Moved by Martin Kratz, seconded by Stuart Myron.**

**Martin Kratz:** “Will those in favour of the Motion signify by raising the green card, raise your hand or complete the online poll?”

“Contrary, if any?”

**“I declare the resolution to be carried unanimously.”**

Adjourned: 10:33am

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**Jamie Gordon – Board Chair**

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**Date**