WINTER GBM & ART SHOW –January 25, 2018
The Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton 6:00 pm

Attendees: 177 members and guests of the MSA.

Guests: Rob MacIsaac, Julie Kamila, Chair of the Board, Dr. Jack Kitts, Dr. Greg Rutledge, MSA President, SJHH

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jack Kitts, CEO, the Ottawa Hospital

6:00 Reception, Art Show, MSA Band

6:30 Buffet Dinner

7:00 Call to Order – Welcome – Dr. Dereck Hunt

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1. Announcements & Acknowledgments:

Dr. Hunt thanked MSA Band Members: Drs. Tony Carr, Joe Macri, Edward Passos, Paul Cano, Rob Fekete, Carine Woods, Liz Cesar, Sherry Moniz, and Rob MacIsaac, and acknowledged the excellent art work of the 12 exhibiting artists: Patricia Gagic, Tanya Medakovic, Dr. Judith Moran, Dr. Laila Nasser Sonia Padwal, Dr. Gavino Perez, Adam Ritcey, Dr. Mohan Ragbeer, Qian Shi, Dr. Kayla Simms, Anastasiya Slyepchenko, Hanyan Zou, and thanked them for their participation in the 13th Annual Medical Staff Art Show.

1.1 MSA Business

Dr. Hunt tabled proposed amendments to the MSA Constitution including the new electronic voting system, updates to the MSA Executive membership to be consistent with the by-laws and updates regarding the current hospital sites. The amendments were accepted and no objections were received.

Dr. Hunt informed membership about the Text Books for Change initiative and the presence of drop off boxes at the Hamilton General and Juravinski hospitals.

2. MSA 12TH Annual Charitable Donations 2018 – Dr. D. Hunt

Dr. Hunt advised that 3 worthy Hamilton organizations were chosen to receive the MSA $5,000 donation for 2018.

- **Empowerment Squared –** a new program focused on literacy and other programs that will enable refugee adults and children to read and write English, computer literacy, and sports programs for children. This program was nominated by Dr. Brian Campbell and presented in absentia by Dr. Lita Campbell, to Leo Johnson, Executive Director.

- **Dundas Seahawks Special Olympics Swim Team**, a program enabling intellectually challenged adults and children to participate and compete in the Special Olympics. This organization was nominated by Dr. Stephen Kelly and presented to Head Coach, Janet Young.

- **The Brenda Flaherty Community Fund,** a new initiative to address the needs of Hamilton Health Sciences patients who are unable to afford aftercare supplies, and other support as needed, presented by Dr. Dereck Hunt in absentia to Pearl Veenema, CEO of HHS Foundation.

3. '*Physicians' Role in sustainable healthcare: Advocate or Leader'?* – Dr. Jack Kitt's, CEO, *The Ottawa Hospital*

Dr. Kitts' presentation focused mainly on the importance of physician engagement and leadership as key to better healthcare. Using his own personal journey, Dr. Kitts offered a synopsis of the steps that led to

taking on the leadership role of CEO of The Ottawa Hospital in 2001 to the present. Each step along the way was a learning curve that fueled his vision and helped to develop the strategies that would ultimately result in a healthcare system that provides "each patient with the world-class care, exceptional service and compassion that we would want for a loved one", with physicians leading the way.

Challenges to this vision are that physicians do not see themselves as leaders, don't seek out leadership roles and are not trained to be leaders. However, through the implementation of strategic plans for physician Engagement over the years, the Ottawa Hospital now has physicians involved in almost every level of the organization, and is moving closer to its corporate goal of becoming a top10% performer in quality and patient safety in North America.

It was noted that Dr. Kitt's had presented a similar talk to physicians who were interested in leadership information and were able to attend this presentation in the afternoon. (Minuted by Dr. Deepak Dath and attached as Appendix A).

4. Winter Awards 2018

- **The Inaugural Presentation of The WLMH Colleague's Award** was presented by Dr. Dean Hansenberger, MSA WLMH President to **Dr. Gary Benson**, who also celebrated his 40 Years of Service this year.

- **The Dr. Clive Davis Award (HGH)** – presented by Dr. P. J. Devereau to **Dr. James Velianou**, Cardiology.

- **The Jeffery Coates Award (MUMC) –** - presented by Dr. Sheri Findlay to **Dr. Tapas Mondal**, Pediatric Cardiology.

- **The Dr. Dan Dwyer Award (JHCC) – Dr. Marko Simunovic;** presented to Dr. James Wright on behalf of Dr. Simunovic. Dr. Wright read a letter of thanks from Dr. Simunovic.

- **The Family Medicine Award** – presented by Dr. Ranjan Sur to **Dr. Shalini Sharma,** Family Medicine

Dr. Hunt presented Dr. Chris Ricci, past President, with a Polar Bear sculpture as a thank you for his work with the Medical Staff Association from 2015-2017.

5. Years of Service Pins – presented by Rob MacIsaac and Julia Kamula.

Dr. Hunt read the list of all 52 members who are celebrating Years of Service milestones in 2018 and the following MSA Members who were in attendance received their Years of Service pins presented with congratulations by Rob MacIsaac and Julia Kamula.

25 years	**30 years**	**35 years**	**40 + years**
Dr. Helene Poutin	Dr. Drew Bednar	Dr. Stuart Connolly	Dr. Gary Benson
Dr. Lawrence Lesiuk	Dr. Bruno Salena	Dr. Bosco Paes	Dr. Ned Gagic
Dr. Anne Neic	Dr. Brian Yemen	Dr. Dinshaw Punthakee	Dr. Allan Greenspoon
Dr. Stephen Sagar			Dr. Robert Issenman
Dr. Mark Walton			Dr. Joseph Koziak
			Dr. George Stallwood

6. **Toast to the New Year** – Rob MacIsaac

Rob congratulated the award winners and members who are celebrating years of service to Hamilton Health Sciences, and proposed a toast wishing everyone all the best in the New Year.

In honour of Robbie Burns Day (January 25), Rob asked everyone to join him and the band in singing Auld Lang Syne, followed by Allison Andrews playing the bagpipes and leading the 2 members in kilts to the stage for photos.

7. Closing remarks and adjournment – Dr. Dereck Hunt

Dr. Hunt thanked members and guests, and invited everyone to enjoy the coffee-dessert buffet and another chance to peruse the art show.

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