

**The Association of Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada
Membership Committee
Report to Annual General Meeting
Toronto, Ontario
May 27, 2001**

**Members:
Dorothy Barnard (Halifax)
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Jordan Herst (Sudbury, Chair)**

Membership

The AHCDC currently has 42 active members and 3 emeritus members. The Association operates out of 19 cities in 10 provinces. One site (Thunder Bay, Ontario) does not currently have a clinic director, but the clinic's nurse coordinator remains active.

Since the last Annual General Meeting (Montreal, Quebec July 16, 2000) the following changes in the Association's membership have occurred.

New members:

Margaret Warner, Montreal

Blair Whittemore, Montreal

Resignations: None

Moves: None

New Emeritus Members: None

The following individuals have been nominated for membership in the AHCDC:

Josee Brossard, Sherbrooke

Jack Hand, St. John's

Don Houston, Winnipeg

Lawrence Jardine, London

Reinhard Lohmann, London

The status of Dr. Michael Delorme's membership in the Association remains unclear. Dr. Delorme recently relocated from London, Ontario to Kelowna, British Columbia. At the time of his move the AHCDC did not receive a formal resignation from the Association. The by-laws of the AHCDC require every member to be a director (or deputy director, assistant director, co-director) of a hemophilia clinic. The AHCDC does not currently have a recognized clinic in Kelowna. Strict interpretation of the by-laws would therefore require that Dr. Delorme resign from the Association. The Membership Committee and the Board had previously heard that Dr. Delorme was planning to establish an affiliation with the Vancouver Clinic that would allow him to maintain his status as a Hemophilia Clinic Director while possibly pursuing the ultimate establishment of a satellite clinic in Kelowna to serve the interior of British Columbia. The Membership Committee will seek the advice of the Board and the general membership on this issue. The Membership Committee feels that the optimal solution (at least in the short term) would be to have Dr. Delorme named a clinic director of the Vancouver clinic so that he would be able to preserve his membership and involvement in the AHCDC. We have recently been informed that this arrangement has been approved in principle by Dr. Gerry Growe. The details have yet to be worked out. We would emphasize that Dr. Delorme has brought specific expertise to the Association in his

willingness to maintain the AHDCDC web site.

This issue has caused the Membership Committee to reconsider the question of what our association is and who should belong. Should we be a select exclusive group of rigidly defined medical directors of recognized hemophilia clinics? Should we be less rigid and more inclusive, functioning as an interest group of physicians involved in the management of patients with bleeding disorders? The Membership Committee feels that this issue needs to be revisited by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the general membership.

Trainee Sponsorship

The program to fund trainees to attend the Annual General Meeting is now in its second year of operation. This year, funding for the program has been rolled in to the general funding requests from industry rather than being solicited as a separate item. We have again received generous funding from:

Aventis Behring (Jean de Serres)

Baxter (Geoffrey Thomas)

Bayer (Rena Battistella)

Genetics Institute (Guy Larente)

Novo-Nordisk (Steve Green and Kathleen Lawday)

Speywood (Jeff Fischer)

The Membership Committee has offered financial support to the following trainees to attend the AGM:

Dr. Stephanie Cloutier, Quebec

Dr. Jayson Stoffman, Kingston

Dr. Gord Swaine, Kingston

Dr. Rochelle Winikoff, Montreal

Dr. Anthony Woods, Edmonton

Jordan Herst

Chair, Membership Committee