



2023 Annual General Meeting

April 26, 2023

2022 Impact Report



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Annual General Meeting Agenda

April 26, 2023 5:30 pm Hungarian Cultural Centre

1. Welcome – Anna Jurak, Executive Director
2. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda – Joanne King, Chair of Board
3. Declaration of Quorum
4. Presentation of Annual Financial Report— Joanne King
5. Appointment of Financial Reviewer
6. Approval of the Acts and Deeds of Officers and Directors for 2022—
Joanne King
7. Special Presentation—Volunteer of the Year
8. Presentation and Election of 2023—2024 Board of Directors

(to be elected for two year term: Joanne King, Marcus Niessen, Rachel Olsen, Alex Carson,
Sara Pender, Lauren Fields, Suzanne DeFroy)
9. Introduction of Annual Report for 2022 and Chair's Remarks.
10. Adjournment



Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022, 5:30 pm Hungarian Cultural Centre

1. Welcome – Anna Jurak, Executive Director
2. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda -Joanne King called the meeting to order at 6:05.
MOTION: To approve the agenda. Moved by Kathy Worotny, seconded by Alex Carson... passed.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 28, 2021. Moved by Kathy Worotny, seconded by Betty Penny...passe.
3. Declaration of Quorum – since quorum was not satisfied, the minutes of this meeting will be sent to all BIAWE/OBIA dual members for ratification. (need 20 members minimum to approve) May 1, 2022 – ten members voted by email. Quorum satisfied.
4. Presentation of Annual Financial Report—Betty Penny, Treasurer
MOTION: To accept the Annual Financial Report as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP and circulated. Moved by Betty Penny, seconded by Claudia Town...passed.
5. Appointment of Financial Reviewer
MOTION: To appoint Grant Thornton LLP as the financial reviewer for 2022. Moved by Betty Penny, seconded by Claudia Town...passed.
6. Approval of the Acts and Deeds of Officers and Directors for 2021
MOTION: To approve the acts and deeds of the officers and directors for 2021. Moved by: Claudia Town, seconded by Alex Carson...passed.
7. Election of Directors- New: Ann Marie Keogh, Term Renewal: Kim Spirou, Theresa Wunder
MOTION: To approve the appointment of Ann Marie Keogh and the reappointments of Kim Spirou and Theresa Wunder for two year terms . Moved by Wayne Roszl, seconded by Alix Khanifer...passed
8. Introduction of Annual Report for 2021 and Chair's Remarks. The full remarks are included in the annual report provide. Joanne King commented that 2021 was a year of great change due to covid 19 and BIAWE was able to not only continue, but to grow as the need for services increased. Strategic planning is in progress. She thanked the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director for their work and support of the organization.
9. Adjournment at 6:25.

EDUCATION

The Helmets for Kids program enjoyed a busy year with many organizations requesting helmet fittings. A team of volunteers, lead by Claudia Town organized this program with great success. Thanks goes to the Solcz Family Foundation and McCarthy Engineering for donations of helmets. Helmet fitting clinics were held at several branches of the Windsor Public Library. Claudia was interviewed on CTV about the importance of wearing helmets for brain injury prevention.

The STAR program (Stop, Tell, Get Assessed and Rest) was presented to 11 schools in the fall, once the schools were open to having guests. Over 1,500 students were instructed on the importance of protecting the brain and seeking out a responsible adult when hit in the head.

Several presentations were made to the personal support worker students at Trios about working with those living with a brain injury and educating them about the programs of BIAWE.



Rachel Olsen at the Bridgeview Library



Claudia Town at Butterfly Lane

AWARENESS

The Windsor Public Library held butterfly painting events and displayed butterflies throughout some of its libraries. They displayed books about acquired brain injury in June for Brain Injury Awareness Month including Betty Penny's book, "Post Concussion—Brain Empowerment –The Voyage to Happier Living."

Betty was interviewed on CBC radio and featured in the Windsor Star about her book. She donated books to BIAWE as a fundraiser.

The Butterfly Lane (Way) sign was unveiled at the opening of the alley between the 1100 blocks of Devonshire and Argyle Streets. It is the first alley sign to be installed and named by the City of Windsor. May Court featured the lane in their Home and Garden Tour while promoting BIAWE. We received a lot of media coverage including CBC Windsor Morning, CTV News, the Windsor Star and more.

A butterfly painting was held at the park on Wyandotte St. E. for children and the butterflies were displayed in the local Business Improvement Area stores to promote BIAWE.

Anna Jurak was part of a podcast about brain injury and can be heard at the "A Life Worth Living" website.

BixZ Magazine included an article about our universally accessible website for those with an acquired brain injury and other neurodiversities.

BIAWE was part of the Multicultural Council's Health Expo and was able to reach out and provide information about BIAWE to several hundred people.

SUPPORT

We implemented a BIAWE Bucks program to encourage clients to attend programs. For each session a client attends they earn a BIAWE Buck. At the end of the month the person with the most bucks wins a prize.

Sunshine calls was started with volunteers trained to visit with clients, provide some positivity and friendship as well as recognize any signs of ill mental health.

We were fortunate to be the recipient of in Memorium donations which provided a substantial boost to our finances.

PARTNERSHIPS

BIAWE hosted two fourth-year University of Windsor nursing students who provided services to BIAWE while learning about working with people living with a brain injury. They worked as part of their placement in community nursing. One student organized and facilitated an 8 week brain games program. Students also participated in presentations to the public and catholic school board in the STAR program. One student researched all the services available for children with an acquired brain injury so we can provide this to those making calls to BIAWE. Another student ran a journalling program.

We are working with Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario, mainly is using its facilities, making referrals and sharing programs.

Worked with the CEO and staff members of Canadian Mental Health Association of Windsor and Essex County regarding the provision of training of volunteers in our new program, Sunshine Calls.

The Peer Support Program, which BIAWE operates under the auspices of the Ontario Brain Injury Association had over 35 participants at any one time throughout the year.

PROGRAMS

Some of our programs shifted to in-person meetings once the Covid restrictions were lifted. To accommodate more clients, we continued to host virtual meetings through zoom as well.

We mailed out Valentine's Day cards to clients and this was much appreciated judging from the appreciation mentioned by clients.

We started new programs in the city and county—namely Harrow and Kingsville, both in-person and on zoom. These include cooking classes with a registered dietician, art classes with an artist/teacher and expansion of existing programs into the county.

OTHER

Betty Penny received the Ontario Volunteer Service 5 year Award for her volunteerism at BIAWE.

FUNDRAISING

Bingos started for BIAWE at All Star Bingo on Walker Road in February and this provides a steady income. We are usually assigned three to four sessions per month, requiring two people at each session. Each bingo volunteer is required to complete an on-line training program before they can volunteer.

BIAWE was approved for \$87,700 for a one year Resilient Communities Grant from the Trillium Foundation.

One of our big fundraiser is the Annual Golf Tournament and it was held again successfully. We held the Duelling Pianos and as always, it was a fun event and a fundraiser.



Golf Volunteers at Kingsville Golf and Country Club

OUR TEAM 2022

Executive Director

Anna Jurak

Volunteer Coordinator

Carolyn Basily

You Are Not Alone Support Group

Danielle Bridges

Young Adult Coffee Group

Rebeca Robinet

Peer Support Coordinator

Anna Jurak

Survivor Social Group

Rebeca Robinet

Caregiver Support Group

Danielle Bridges

Graphic Design

Donna Ntumba

Client Services Coordinator

Robyn Hodge

Community Engagement Coordinator

Sandra Herrera

Healing Arts Classes

Christine Paris

Rachel Olsen

Cooking Classes

Niina Loebbestael

Board of Directors

Joanne King (Chair)

Dr. Marcus Niessen (Vice Chair)

Betty Penny (Treasurer) (to April)

Rachel Olsen (Secretary)

Theresa Wunder

Kim Spirou

Alex Carson

Claudia Town

Alix Khanafer

Chair's Message

This organization continues to astound me as to how much it has grown in the last many years. Our organization has grown from one full time executive director to a full time executive director and several part time individuals who support our programs. The staff at BIAWE are amazing and I am extremely grateful for the support they provide to our clients and to the community, as we continue to support and raise awareness about acquired brain injuries.

I want to extend my thanks to our volunteers who support the organization. From volunteering at events to volunteering for bingos, it is appreciated by the organization.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their ongoing support of the organization. We have a Board of Directors that are knowledgeable and dedicated to the ongoing success of BIAWE and who will help steer this organization into the future.

The saying "It takes a Village to raise a child" is so appropriate. It has taken a village to raise BIAWE to the organization that it is today, and I am so very appreciative of everyone's support.

Joanne King



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