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Dear Members.

I am sorry let you know that I tested positive for COVID last week and have been sick in bed since then. A few days ago, my husband also tested positive - there was no escaping this. Three to four days of fever, sore throat and tiredness. I had some enforced rest and sleep and feel better for it. My family doctor prescribed Paxlovid which I believe has helped me. I am feeling better as I write this letter. I meant to write this after the AGM but could not get to it.

The AGM on July 19th, 2022 met quorum and all of the required Resolutions were approved. So we are now left with the paperwork to file and put everything in order. Many thanks to Don Bourgeois, our Lawyer who guided us through this process and also attended the AGM to answer questions.

We will be posting the Q & A on our website shortly and you can view at this link. The presentation by Dr. Lucasz Boba was extremely well received - thank you to Dr. Boba for volunteering his time. We will not be sharing the presentation or the recording, however, we are hoping to invite Dr. Boba back to do a webinar at a later date.

Thank you to all Members who exercised their rights and registered and voted. As you know this is an important task that is required of members, as we need quorum in order to have the AGM. So Patients and Therapists, please do stay tuned and keep current on all the activities that are happening.

## **LAO Updates for August**

Some important dates to keep in mind:

**VSG - August 4th** - completed. Thank you to Maddie Simone RMT for educating patients on creams.

August Membership Drive for Therapists and Retailers/Fitters. Please spread the word.

We are offering new Retailers/Fitters a \$100 discount on the current membership fee - this is good to January 31st, 2023 when the membership renews. The sooner you sign up the better, so you can access all the benefits that the LAO offers.

We are also offering **new therapists a \$50.00 discount** on the regular fee. The membership is good to the end of January 31st, when it renews. The sooner you sign up the better so you can access the benefits the LAO offers.

**Virtual Fundraiser launch is September 15th**, please sign up here to participate as a team. The Canada Helps page has been set up, so you can <u>register your Team here</u>. This year we will be fundraising for the Compassion Fund and General Funds. A contribution to the General Funds ensures that we continue to subsidize the Patient membership fees. Like most other organizations, we have faced and will be facing, added costs.



## **Member Stories**

Please continue to share your stories with us so that we can feature them in the next newsletter.