

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For

CANADIAN GENERAL SURGERY FOUNDATION

*(Formerly known as Canadian Surgical Research Fund -
Le fonds canadien de la recherche en chirurgie)*

For year ended

DECEMBER 31, 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the directors of

CANADIAN GENERAL SURGERY FOUNDATION

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Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Canadian General Surgery Foundation (formerly known as Canadian Surgical Research Fund - Le fonds canadien de la recherche en chirurgie), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 2018 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Foundation derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, current assets as at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2018 and 2017 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario
June 12, 2019.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2018

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 55,786 | \$ 108,740 |
| Short-term investments - note 4 | 162,236 | 168,904 |
| Accounts receivable | - | 948 |
| Government remittances receivable | 3,069 | 3,395 |
| Due from Canadian Association of General Surgeons - note 5 | <u>12,468</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>\$ 233,559</u> | <u>\$ 281,987</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u> | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | <u>\$ 15,373</u> | <u>\$ 43,080</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Internally restricted - note 6 | - | 317,846 |
| Unrestricted | <u>218,186</u> | <u>(78,939)</u> |
| | <u>218,186</u> | <u>238,907</u> |
| | <u>\$ 233,559</u> | <u>\$ 281,987</u> |

Approved by the Board:


..... Director

Paola Fata
..... Director

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Donations | \$ 12,468 | \$ 2,312 |
| Investment income (loss) | (3,719) | 9,384 |
| Cost recovery - grants | - | 10,000 |
| | <u>8,749</u> | <u>21,696</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Grants | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Professional fees | 3,972 | 4,376 |
| Investment management | 2,713 | 2,333 |
| Management services | 1,559 | 2,599 |
| Office | 1,226 | 13 |
| | <u>29,470</u> | <u>29,321</u> |
| NET EXPENSES | <u>\$ (20,721)</u> | <u>\$ (7,625)</u> |

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

| | <u>Internally restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BALANCE, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD | \$ 317,846 | \$ (78,939) | \$ 238,907 | \$ 246,532 |
| NET EXPENSES | - | (20,721) | (20,721) | (7,625) |
| NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS - note 6 | <u>(317,846)</u> | <u>317,846</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| BALANCE, END OF THE PERIOD | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 218,186</u> | <u>\$ 218,186</u> | <u>\$ 238,907</u> |

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) | | |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net expenses | \$ (20,721) | \$ (7,625) |
| Adjustments for decrease (increase) in fair value of short-term investments | 9,049 | (3,565) |
| Changes in non-cash working capital components: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 948 | (948) |
| Government remittances receivable | 326 | (832) |
| Due from Canadian Association of General Surgeons | (12,468) | 1,158 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | <u>(27,707)</u> | <u>9,845</u> |
| | <u>(50,573)</u> | <u>(1,967)</u> |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchases of short-term investments - net | <u>(2,381)</u> | <u>(3,283)</u> |
| DECREASE IN CASH | (52,954) | (5,250) |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>108,740</u> | <u>113,990</u> |
| CASH AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 55,786</u> | <u>\$ 108,740</u> |

(See accompanying notes)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Foundation is controlled by the Canadian Association of General Surgeons. The Foundation's mandate is to provide funds for research in the area of General Surgery in Canada. As such, the Foundation collects donations from various corporations and individuals.

The Foundation is a registered charity and as such is exempt from income tax under current legislation.

The Foundation operated as the Canadian Surgical Research Fund - Le fonds canadien de la recherche en chirurgie) until December 4, 2018, the date that Corporations Canada issued a Certificate of Amendment approving the name change to Canadian General Surgery Foundation.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenue recognition

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for donations. Restricted donations related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the general fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue of the general fund in the year in which they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Unrestricted investment income includes both realized and unrealized gains and losses and is recognized as revenue in the fund to which it relates as it is earned.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Measurement of financial instruments

The Foundation initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Foundation subsequently measures its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for short-term investments which are measured at fair value. Adjustments to the fair value of short-term investments are included in investment income (loss) on the statement of operations.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Foundation is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments.

Credit risk

The Foundation is exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that parties may default on their financial obligations. The Foundation's maximum exposure to credit risk represents the sum of the carrying value of its cash, short-term investments, government remittances receivable and amounts due from Canadian Association of General Surgeons.

The Foundation's cash is deposited with a Canadian Chartered bank and its short-term investments are held by the investment arm of a Canadian Chartered bank. As a result, management believes the risk of loss on these items to be remote.

The Foundation's remittances receivable are from government for refundable sales tax and as a result management believes the risk of loss to be remote.

Management believes the risk of loss on the due from Canadian Association of General Surgeons balance to also be remote as the amount represents cash donations collected on behalf of the Foundation and results from a timing difference of when the funds are transferred to the Foundation.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Foundation cannot meet its demand for cash or fund its obligations as they become due. The Foundation meets its liquidity requirements by preparing and monitoring forecasts of cash flow from operations, anticipating investment activities and holding assets that can be readily converted into cash.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

i) Currency risk

Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the value of the Canadian dollar with respect to other currencies.

Substantially all of the Foundation's transactions are in Canadian dollars, and the Foundation's short-term investments are all denominated in Canadian dollars. Exposure to currency risk does exist within the short-term investments portfolio which includes funds that primarily invest in foreign securities.

ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk through the portion of its short-term investments portfolio invested in bond funds.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - Cont'd.

Market risk - Cont'd.

iii) Other price risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency or interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments traded in the market.

The Foundation's exposure to other price risk arises from its equity short-term investments.

Changes in risks

There have been no significant changes in the Foundation's risk exposures from the prior years.

4. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments consist of the following:

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fixed income and cash | \$ 103,606 | \$ 102,366 |
| Equity instruments | <u>58,630</u> | <u>66,538</u> |
| | <u>\$ 162,236</u> | <u>\$ 168,904</u> |

5. DUE FROM CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL SURGEONS

The Foundation is controlled by the Canadian Association of General Surgeons.

The Canadian Association of General Surgeons collects donations on behalf of the Foundation. At December 31, 2018, the Canadian Association of General Surgeons held funds due to the Foundation in the amount of \$12,468 (2017 - \$Nil).

All amounts due from the Canadian Association of General Surgeons are non-interest bearing and due on demand.

6. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

During the year, the board of directors of the Foundation approved a motion to unrestrict net assets which were originally internally restricted in 2008. These funds were initially restricted to establish a reserve for future research grants.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The contract with the existing management company was terminated subsequent to year end, replaced by an executive director hired as an employee of the Foundation.