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The preparations for the June 6<sup>th</sup> AGM continue to move along. Information is being finalized with the CAVEWAS lawyer regarding the motion to officially change the name of the corporation from CAVEWA to CAVEWAS. This will be ready for the next Bd. meeting to review and vote on.

Pina Zervas reports she is still awaiting the full abstract from Michelle Hamilton regarding her June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Pre-Conference presentation titled; Vocational Assessment and Evaluation-A Primer for the Rehabilitation Professional: What to Expect and How to Maximize Your Referral Dollars. The same fee structure was agreed upon as last year. It was felt CAVEWAS could run the Pre-Conference day with Bd. members, thus not requiring the CARP Conference organizer to do this at an extra cost to us.

As to the June 2006 elections, Kim, Michele, Diana and Pina are up for re-election. Pina stated she would not be seeking re-election after having served for four years. Kim reports she will be standing for re-election. Her position of CCWAVES Representative for CAVEWAS expires in July 2006. Kim reported she is willing to stand for re-election to that post. In a subsequent vote by the CAVEWAS Bd., Kim was unanimously re-elected to that 5 year term. Thank you Kim for your hard work and dedication to this position.

Kim reported that from her last trip to Chicago at CCWAVES, that there has been some pick-up of CVE applications from Canada. There are still just only slightly over 50 CVE's in Canada. Kim reported CCWAVES are exploring ways to try to stimulate more applications from Canada, and CAVEWAS has been involved in this effort via offering courses through the University of Calgary, Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies program. A May 2006 on-line course will be offered by the University of Calgary in this regard.

The CAVEWAS website remains under construction but we understand the end is nearing. Hoped for anticipated launch will be sometime in May 2006. It was proposed that a CAVEWAS member's registry be devised and members be provided opportunity to register for a small fee. This will be discussed with the web-master.

The RVP Committee remains very busy. Bd. Member Peggy Townsend has agreed to come on board to help out this very busy group of people. Good progress is being made in working through the some 60 applications received right around the expiration of the Grandfathering period. CARP National has implemented a paper-less file transfer and review process which has required some time and patience to works the bugs out. It is now starting to run more smoothly.

Helga attended the Episodic Disabilities Conference in Ottawa for 2 days in early March. She reported it was a most interesting meeting and she volunteered to be a member of the Steering Committee to provide program recommendations to the government about this issue. The overall project is being funded by Service Canada.

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Michele reports that the new baby is doing fine but that regretfully her time is now much more limited. Thus, Michele informed us she would not be standing for re-election after the end of her four year term of office in June. Thanks Michele for your service and dedication to growing CAVEWAS!

Diana also informed the Bd. that after serving her two year term she will not be standing for re-election. Diana not only operates her own rehabilitation consulting company but has been very active with CARP-BC and with publishing the Rehab. Review. In her time on the Bd. Diana has done a tremendous amount of work in getting the website started and well under way in its construction. She's hoping to see it launched before the end of her term (aren't we all!). Much appreciation to you Diana from the Bd.

The Bd. unanimously passed Bylaw #3. This will now be presented to the CAVEWAS membership on June 6, 2006 for their ratification. Information about By-law #3, the AGM Agenda, Proxy and Nomination forms were e-mailed out to all current CAVEWAS registrants as well as posted on CARP-National and the CAVEWAS website. Helga agreed to serve at the CAVEWAS Nominations Committee Chair.

The CAVEWAS website is now about 98% completed. Some minor fine tuning still needs to be done. The members registry will still be under construction at the time of release. This will involve a number of months of further preparation in order to get that part of the website operational.

The RVP Review Committee reports it continues to make good progress with the applications review. Over 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the RVP applications have now been reviewed and approximately 25 RVP Certificates have been awarded to date.

Michelle Hamilton is very excited and looking forward to her second pre-Conference presentation on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Montreal. We hope to see as many of you as possible on that day.

The Annual CAVEWAS AGM will be held during the luncheon on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. It will run from 12:30 until 1 pm. approx. We strongly encourage as many members as possible to attend and to show your support for CAVEWAS. Again, proxy and nomination forms are readily available on-line. Please, get involved with CAVEWAS!! We need you and you need us!!

See you in Montreal on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Safe journeying everyone!