



RESOLUTION: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO)

The current objects for MEAO as stated in the Letters Patent were approved in 1992. They are very outdated and need a refresh.

Current Objects as stated in Letters Patent:

- To provide M.E.sufferers with support, current information and direction to the best possible professional services;
- To educate the public on the illness, its debilitating effects, and concomitant social and economic consequences; and
- To promote, facilitate and raise funds for research on the causes and cure for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis.

However, this will take time and require consultation with our members. Once approved by the members, it will then need to be approved by the government bodies.

In 2017-18 the Board focussed on bylaw refresh and governance policies. In 2018-19, MEAO Board intends to do the intentional work required to refresh the objects of MEAO along with its mandate and mission.

Therefore in the meantime, the resolution acknowledges the current scope of MEAO work.

Resolution

GIVEN that all the work the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO) has conducted over the past ten years, has focused on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), fibromyalgia (FM) and environmental sensitivities/multiple chemical sensitivity (ES/MCS) including:

- holding annual events at Queens Park calling policy and legislative attention to people living with these three conditions; and
- conducting and developing the report funded by Trillium entitled, “Recognition, inclusion and equity – The time is now: Perspectives of Ontarians living with ES/MCS, ME/CFS and FM”;
- developing a business case calling for centre of excellence including full recognition ME/CFS, FM and ES/MCS as medical conditions and appropriate system of care to ensure people living with these conditions have their needs met; and
- representing MEAO on the Taskforce for Environmental Health on behalf of people living with all three conditions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MEAO membership recognize and officially acknowledge that MEAO is an association that provides voice and support to individuals, their families, caregivers who are living with complex, chronic environmentally-linked medical conditions, focused on by not limited to myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), fibromyalgia (FM) and environmental sensitivities/multiple chemical sensitivity (ES/MCS) in Ontario.

MEAO Board recommends Concurrence