

# THE UNION— NORTH AMERICA REGION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VANCOUVER, BC

FEBRUARY 25, 2023

# AGENDA

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1. Acknowledgments
2. Membership
3. Your NAR Executive Committee and Council
4. Election results
5. 2023 Conference stats
6. Future conferences and conference debrief
7. Financial report
8. NAR Initiatives
9. Union update
10. Fundraising
11. Any other business/general discussion

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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- Menn, Menn, Menn, and her colleagues from BC Lung Foundation
- Jonathan Golub and Rachel Dwilow
- Conference Planning and Abstract Committee
- Session moderators and speakers
- Pittsfield Anti-Tuberculosis Association
- Qiagen
- A special thank you to Dr. Bob Horsburgh

# NAR MEMBERSHIP

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- NAR members are those individuals or organizations who are members of the Union, and are based in countries of NAR, which include the United States, Canada, and countries of the Caribbean and the Americas which are not primarily Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking
- At December 31, 2022:
  - 397 individual Union members from NAR
  - 268 in TB section; 29 Adult and Child Lung Health, 25 HIV
  - 314 US, 54 Canada, 27 Haiti, 1 each Jamaica and Suriname
- Organizational members:
  - American Lung Association
  - American Thoracic Society
  - BC Lung Foundation
  - Vital Strategies

# NAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2023

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- Past President: Dr. Bob Horsburgh, USA
- President: Dr. Kevin Schwartzman, Canada
- President-Elect: Dr. Lisa Chen, USA
- Past Vice-President/Conference Chair: Dr. Sarah Brode, Canada
- Vice-President/Conference Chair: Dr. Jonathan Golub, USA
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Rachel Dwilow, Canada
- Secretariat: Dr. Menn Biagtan, BC Lung Foundation
- Ex officio: Mr. Chris Lam, CEO, BC Lung Foundation
- We meet monthly

# NAR COUNCIL 2022-2023

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- Serves as an advisory committee to the NAR executive re strategic planning and major decisions
- NAR executive committee plus:
- Members at large: Dr. Lisa Armitige, Ms. Carolyn Bargman, Ms. Isa Wolf
- Civil society: Ms. Kate O'Brien
- Union Board members from the North America Region
- Honorary Union members from the North America Region
- Representatives of Union organizational members from the North America Region

# NAR ELECTIONS

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- Thanks to our nominating committee, chaired by Bob Horsburgh and Lisa Chen, , with Anne Fanning, Pamela Orr, and Dean Schraufnagel
- Council member at large: Dr. Joan Mangan—replacing Ms. Carolyn Bargman

# YOUR NEW NAR PRESIDENT-ELECT

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**Dr. James (Jay) Johnston**, University of British Columbia and BC Centre for Disease Control

TB clinician-scientist

Previous NAR Vice-President/Program Chair

At the conclusion of this conference, Lisa Chen becomes President, I become Past President, and Jay becomes President-Elect



# 2023 CONFERENCE UPDATE

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- 275 registered
- Travel grants: 8 US/Canada, 2 international
- 4 TB survivors
- 5 civil society members

# FUTURE CONFERENCES

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- 2023 Union World Conference in Paris beginning November 15
- 2024 NAR Conference:
  - Potentially joint with US NTCA
  - Date and location to be finalized: likely early April 2024—stay tuned
  - **This afternoon there will be a debrief meeting immediately after the conference concludes**
  - This launches the planning process for our next annual conference
  - All are invited and welcome

# NAR FINANCES—PRELIMINARY REPORT

Carry forward as of 2020	220,032.02
Carry forward revenues from previous conferences (2021/2022)	75,162.61
Cash balance before 2023 Conference	295,194.63
Revenue from Registration Fees and PATA for 2023 (as of Feb.16)	94,875.19
<u>Expenses</u>	
Sheraton Wall Centre	131,958.37
Air Travel -speakers	1,238.54
graphic designer	1,638.49
conference materials ( lanyards, gifts -speakers, name badges)	3,799.46
	138,634.86

# NAR INITIATIVES

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- Main organizational initiative remains the annual conference
- Associated travel grants
- Support for TB survivor and civil society attendance
- Webinars hoped for but not programmed by NAR per se
  - It remains possible to do so via the Union central; please submit ideas e.g. to NAR leadership, or via Union TB Section or working groups
- Mentorship: initiative targeting abstract presenters at current conference, meeting in small groups with more senior leaders in laboratory research, implementation science, and public health

# MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

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- We aim to further develop membership and engagement within NAR countries
- Encouragement of student members, gift memberships—these can be used for trainees within NAR
- Broaden attendance at annual conference
- Travel grants and support for conference attendance as previously noted, notably TB survivors and civil society
- Note that there is **NO** separate membership in NAR—we join the Union and are then “assigned” to NAR based on our location

# UNION UPDATE

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- Finances
- Governance: New Board elected, constitution to be revised
- From NAR: R. Horsburgh, E. Nardell, R. Shepro elected to Board

# FUNDRAISING FOR THE UNION

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- American Friends of the Union—for more information, contact Dean Schraufnagel or Bob Horsburgh

- BC Lung Foundation—can donate on line:

<https://bclung.ca/donate/donate-union-against-lung-disease-tb>

# INPUT AND DISCUSSION

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- Other suggested activities for the upcoming year?
- Other feedback?