



# 2017 Annual Report

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*Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada*



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# President's Report, Judy Haust

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It's such an honour to be leading ANAC – a tiny charity with a big heart! ANAC has grown to more than 300 members across the country. Our mission as defined in ANAC'S new Strategic Plan developed recently is to provide accurate, up-to-date information and ongoing support for those diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma, and for their families. Our vision is to create a world where those living with an acoustic neuroma are better understood. Our goals are to establish a visible presence for ANAC with the public and medical specialists; to increase the availability of chapter support groups across Canada; to enhance membership and maintain member loyalty; and to become financially sustainable. As an acoustic neuroma is such a rare benign brain tumour, drawing attention to our cause is no easy feat!



One giant step we have taken towards achieving our goals, however, is our new website, which is unveiled. Significant time, effort and financial resources were invested over the past two years in the design and implementation of the website and this investment is quickly proving fruitful. Since introducing our dynamic, responsive website, [www.anac.ca](http://www.anac.ca), our ability to communicate efficiently and effectively with our members has greatly improved, as well as our potential to spread our message beyond the ANAC community by linking up with Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Still in its infancy and going through inevitable growing pains, the mobile-friendly website has attracted individuals impacted by an acoustic neuroma, and drawn in new members. The updated technology now enables individuals to pay membership dues and make donations online.

Our volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise include our chapter leaders and our board of directors, as well as our scientific medical advisory committee (SMAC). They work together to make ANAC the very best that it can be along with our executive director, Carole Humphries, hired by ANAC late in 2015. Dr. Gelareh Zadeh, chair of SMAC, has been instrumental in the organization of ANAC's highly acclaimed symposium, to be held in the BMO Education Centre, connected to the Toronto Western Hospital, on September 29, 2018.

ANAC has many other strengths on which to build: our loyal members, peer support network, regular access to medical expertise across Canada, and our excellent quarterly newsletter, The Connection. Our biggest "weakness" – our size – is a bit of a misnomer, as we don't actually yearn for a greater number of people to be diagnosed with acoustic neuromas in order to bolster our numbers! Being small, nevertheless, means we have a smaller pool from which to

draw necessary financial support. Coming up with more creative fundraising ideas to increase our revenues so that we can better support and expand our chapters and optimally maintain our important new website is essential to our survival. Your suggestions are always welcome! We were delighted to learn that Abigail Kaczmarek of Toronto decided to run a half-marathon on September 9<sup>th</sup> in honour of her mother, who underwent acoustic neuroma surgery. Abigail set a goal of raising \$2,500 for ANAC through a GoFundMe campaign. Thank you so much for taking this initiative, Abigail!

Please continue to help us help you with your continued memberships, donations, offers to volunteer, and suggestions for creative fundraising, including opportunities for taking advantage of "matching gift" programs. As I stated once before, we may be small, but that doesn't mean we can't be mighty! I'll leave you with a quotation sent to me today by a friend: "Most people who fail in their dream fail not from lack of ability, but from lack of commitment." (Zig Ziglar, American motivational speaker) Your offers of some Canadian-style inspiration are welcome!

## **2018 Symposium**

Congrats and accolades to Dr. Gelareh Zadeh, who among many accreditations, is ANAC's Medical Advisory Chair and neurosurgeon at Toronto Western Hospital. She along with Dr. Suganth and Carole Humphries have recruited an eye-popping group of highly acclaimed medical professionals to deliver a series of presentations at the 2018 Symposium which is being held at the BMO Education & Conference Centre, a state-of-the-art facility. And, thanks to feedback from our members, we will have captioning services. And....my dream come true, thanks to the support of the University Health Network Neurosurgery Associates and BMO centre's team, we are able to webcast live the conference....and make it available online following the conference!

## **ANAC Chapters**

Finally, I would like to personally express thanks and gratitude to our Chapter Leaders. Being diagnosed with a brain tumour is bewildering, among many other adjectives I can think of. These Chapter Leaders selflessly and with a great deal of empathy, do an outstanding job in...yes, you guessed it!...providing information and support to individuals with Acoustic Neuromas (ANs) and their families. Thank you...the world is a better place with each of you helping us! Thank you...Linda Darkes, Nick Dinelle, Faye Goranson, Kathryn Harrod, Evalyn Hrybko, Mary Jane Hradowy, Helen Horlings, Lynda Nash, Robynne Smith, and Lorraine Swanson; the world is a better place with each of you helping us!

Standing for election at this Annual General Meeting, ANAC's executive and directors are looking forward to carrying out the goals of the Strategic Plan and moving the association forward into 2018-2019.

# Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada

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The Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada (ANAC) was founded in 1983 by acoustic neuroma (AN) patients Virginia Garossino, Velma Campbell and Linda Gray. Based out of Edmonton, the three women underwent acoustic neuroma surgery within a year of each other. The women had very different experiences in terms of post-treatment complications and courses of recovery. Through their challenging journey they discovered there was little information and support for Canadians dealing with the rare, benign cranial tumor. Finding strength within each other, the three established ANAC, a charitable organization designed to support the complex needs of individuals with an acoustic neuroma across Canada.

Today ANAC is a highly regarded, membership-based organization that supports acoustic neuroma patients and their families through the helpful nature of support groups and a Peer Database Registry. It is through ANAC's goal of information sharing and public education that early diagnosis may result in successful treatment for all patients. ANAC supports ongoing research of the cause, development and treatment of acoustic neuroma and other benign cranial tumors as well as promoting peer and community support.

## VISION STATEMENT

A World that Understands

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide accurate up to date information and ongoing support to individuals with acoustic neuromas and their families to help improve their quality of life

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding principles describe the broad philosophy that guides ANAC throughout its life in all circumstances, irrespective of changes in goals, strategies, etc.

- To provide support through its peer-led program to individuals who are impacted by an acoustic neuroma
- To furnish information and strategies coping with headache, balance, vertigo, eye and facial issues experienced by those with an acoustic neuroma
- To help individuals diagnosed with of acoustic neuromas, to feel comfortable making decisions about treatment and informed decisions about their health
- To collaborate with leading researchers and diagnostic and surgical experts on acoustic neuroma to ensure members receive optimum care
- To provide relevant information about symptoms of an acoustic neuroma to promote early diagnosis and successful treatment.

# Organizational Governance

## Board of Directors

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### Executive



**President**  
**Judy Haust**



**Vice President**  
**Chrissie Rejman**



**Past President**  
**Rex Banks**



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**Americo Meneguzzi**



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**Nicholas Kucharew**



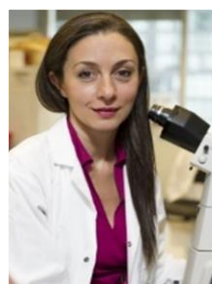
**Director**  
**Rebecca Raghubeer**



**Executive Director**  
**Carole Humphries**

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## Scientific Medical Advisory Board



### Chair

**Gelareh Zadeh**, MD, PhD, FRCS(C), FAANS; Wilkins Family Chair in Brain Tumour Research, Co-Director Krembil Brain Institute, Associate Professor, Neurosurgery Department, University of Toronto & Scientific Medical Affairs Committee, ANAC

### Members

**Igor Barani**, MD; former Associate Professor, University of California, San Francisco Departments of Radiation Oncology & Neurological Surgery

**Joanne Dorion**, Physiotherapist; Facial Specialist, Bayview Sports and Medicine Clinic

**Anthony Kaufman**, MD, MSc, FRSC(C); Director, Centre for Cranial Nerve Disorders, Co-Director, Winnipeg Centre for Gamma Knife Surgery Health Sciences Centre, Co-Director, Centre for Gamma Knife Surgery, & Associate Professor, University of Manitoba / Health Sciences Centre

**David Roberge**, MD, FRCPC; Head, Radiation Oncology, Centre Hospital, University of Montreal, Adjunct Professor, Department of Oncology, McGill University

**John Rutka**, MD, FRCSC; Professor, University of Toronto & Co-director of the UHN Center for Advanced Hearing and Balance Testing & Multidisciplinary Clinic Division of Neurosurgery



# ANAC Chapters

## Heart of Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada

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People diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma and their loved ones, often find help through the helpful nature of an acoustic neuroma support group. Support groups are a gathering of people who share emotional support and information through similar life experiences. Within the safety of a support group, many people are able to share the details of their past experience, fears, concerns about the future, and the day-to-day challenges encountered. Acoustic Neuroma Support Groups are located across Canada.

ANAC currently has four active Chapters across Canada and two Chapters that provide one to one peer support on as needed basis. Chapters usually have between five and fifteen participants at each meeting. The focus of meetings is to share stories, exchange information, resources and offer hope and support to others. Often guest speakers are invited to attend to present information on issues pertaining to acoustic neuroma recovery and symptom management.

Chapter Leaders include:

**Alberta: Edmonton** – Mary Jane Hradowy

**British Columbia: Courtenay/Nanaimo** – Evalyn Hrybko

**Manitoba: Winnipeg** – Faye Gorenson

**National Chapter: Ottawa** – Nick Dinelle

**Ontario: Kitchener/Waterloo** – Linda Darkes and Helen Horlings

**Ontario: Toronto** – Lynda Nash and Kathryn Harrod

**Ontario: London** – Lorraine Swanson

**Saskatchewan** – Robynne Smith

***“The heart of the volunteer is not measured in size  
but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”  
De Ann Hollis***

# Portfolio Reports

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## **Financial**

Chair of the Financial Portfolio, Americo Meneguzzi has worked with the Executive Director to establish the budget and ensure there is sound financial management to maintain the trust of members. Over the past two years Americo has reviewed and developed policies for good governance of ANAC and that it continues to carry out its mission.

## **Marketing and Communication**

Chair of the Marketing and Communication Portfolio, Rebecca Raghubeer has been working to retain and increase membership. The new website creates an inclusive community with resourceful information and includes a robust blog which allows members to share their experiences and address any concerns. The new e-payment system makes it easy to become a new member and renew membership. In order, to increase search engine optimization, ANAC recently applied for a Google Ad Grants account to drive more people to the site.

The revamp of Connection, ANAC's quarterly newsletter, which was implemented with the arrival of Carole Humphries as our executive director has been enriched to serve the needs of members. Content now includes news of new developments, recently published research, strategies to assist with hearing loss, tinnitus, balance and vestibular rehabilitation and facial issues as well as stories shared by those impacted with acoustic neuromas and resources with a fresh new look.

The goal is to continue to increase membership and educate people on acoustic neuromas.

This year more mothers, fathers, other family members and friends will be diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma. With your continued support of the Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada (ANAC), they won't have to face the uncertainty alone.

## **Information Technology**

Nick Kucharew, Chair of the Information Technology Portfolio, diligently over the past two years worked with Carole Humphries, ANAC's Executive Director, and Joanne Crone, web developer to create a dynamic website that serves the needs of the acoustic neuroma community. Based on feedback and number of individuals that have reached out to ANAC, one might conclude our goal has been achieved.



The objectives of the ANAC website redesign were threefold: to provide a reliable source for the current research and information about treatment options and strategies for hearing loss, balance and vestibular and facial issues faced pre and post treatment; to provide superior user experience to enhance the value proposition for individuals with acoustic neuromas; and to market the support services ANAC can offer the community. As the website now conforms to the new accessibility standards; it is responsive, and information be easily accessed on a PC, tablet and/ or mobile device.

# 2017 Financial Statements

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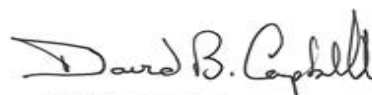
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## Notice to Reader

I have compiled the statement of financial position of the Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada as at December 31, 2017 and the statements of operations for the year then ended from information provided by management. I have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. Accordingly, readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.



David B. Campbell  
Chartered Public Accountant, CA  
Licensed Public Accountant

May 31, 2018  
Orangeville, Ontario

CFA

**Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada**

**Statement of Financial Position**

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

<b>As at December 31,</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Asset</b>		
Bank	\$ 14,378	\$ 16,901
Accrued interest receivable	1,041	1,289
Taxes recoverable	6,751	5,029
Prepaid expenses	94	101
	<b>22,264</b>	<b>23,320</b>
 <b>Other Assets</b>		
Term Deposits (Note 3)	<b>139,235</b>	<b>162,000</b>
	<b>\$ 161,499</b>	<b>\$ 185,320</b>
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,576	\$ 1,922
 <b>Net Assets</b>	<b>159,923</b>	<b>183,398</b>
	<b>\$ 161,499</b>	<b>\$ 185,320</b>

Approved by the Board:

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.)

**Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada**

**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	\$ 17,242	\$ 58,428
Memberships	6,250	4,411
Annual general meeting	680	8,573
Interest	2,571	2,278
Sales	69	-
	<b>26,812</b>	<b>73,690</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration contract	28,820	29,051
Bank and credit card charges	638	1,012
Fundraising	509	-
GST/HST expense	749	1,720
Insurance	757	767
Meetings and conference	89	5,056
Membership	-	2
Office	1,194	2,862
Professional fees	2,060	1,389
Postage	895	1,267
Printing	3,347	3,040
Telephone	1,022	1,024
Website	10,207	30,140
	<b>50,287</b>	<b>77,330</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(23,475)</b>	<b>(3,640)</b>
 Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 <b>183,398</b>	 <b>187,038</b>
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 159,923</b>	<b>\$ 183,398</b>

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.)

## Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada

### Notes to the Financial Statements

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### 1. Nature of operations

The Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada is incorporated under the laws of the Canada. Its principal activity is a charitable organization and operates as a not-for-profit corporation.

Information, research, public education and member support is provided for the treatment of acoustic neuromas (schwannomas) or other benign tumors affecting the cranial nerves. Information is made available, as well, to physicians and health care personnel on early diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

##### Financial instruments

The Corporation records its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value when acquired. The Corporation subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Transaction costs incurred on acquisition are charged to the financial instrument. At the end of each reporting period, financial instruments are assessed for impairment if there are indicators of impairment.

##### Capital assets

All capital assets are expensed when acquired.

##### Revenue recognition

Donations and memberships are recognized upon receipt. Interest and other revenue are recognized as revenue when earned.

##### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires directors and management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period.

Actual results may differ from their best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future and adjustments, if any, are recorded as that information becomes known.

##### Contributed services

Directors and members volunteer their time to assist in the Corporation's activities. While these services benefit the Corporation considerably, a reasonable estimate of their amount and fair value cannot be made and accordingly, these contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

## Acoustic Neuroma Association

### Notes to the Financial Statements

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### 3. Term Deposits

Term deposits are recorded at cost. Accrued interest at the year end was \$1,041.

	2017	2016
Royal Bank	48,000	72,000
Hollis Bank	16,235	30,000
Equity Financial Trust	75,000	60,000
	<u>139,235</u>	<u>162,000</u>

#### 4. Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to directors and officers during the year and they had no interest in any transactions of the Corporation. Management, in addition to management fees, is reimbursed for certain administrative costs. These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

##### Financial risks

The Corporation's financial instruments consist of cash, interest receivable, term deposits and accounts payable. It is the opinion of the Board that the Corporation is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments.

##### Credit risk exposure

The corporation is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance of donors in connection with its pledges made to the charity. The Company does not obtain collateral or other security to support the pledges subject to credit risk but mitigates this risk by dealing only with what management believes to be financially sound donors and accordingly, does not anticipate significant loss for non-performance. There were no outstanding pledges at year end.

##### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates. The Corporation is exposed to interest rate risk on renewal of its fixed term investments.

##### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will not be able to meet its financial obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Corporation manages its liquidity by monitoring its operating requirements.



## Acoustic Neuroma Association

### Notes to the Financial Statements

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### 5. Foreign Currency Risk

The Corporation is exposed to foreign currency risk when it buys certain materials and supplies in US dollars. The Company will convert its Canadian funds into US dollars on a periodic basis as required.

#### 6. Prepaid Expenses

The balance in prepaid expenses includes the following:

	2017	2016
Directors' Liability Insurance	94	101

#### 7. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

The balance in accounts payable and accrued liabilities includes the following:

	2017	2016
Accounting accrual	1575	1875
Suppliers	-	47.99
	1575	1875

# Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada Stars of 2017

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## A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Donors



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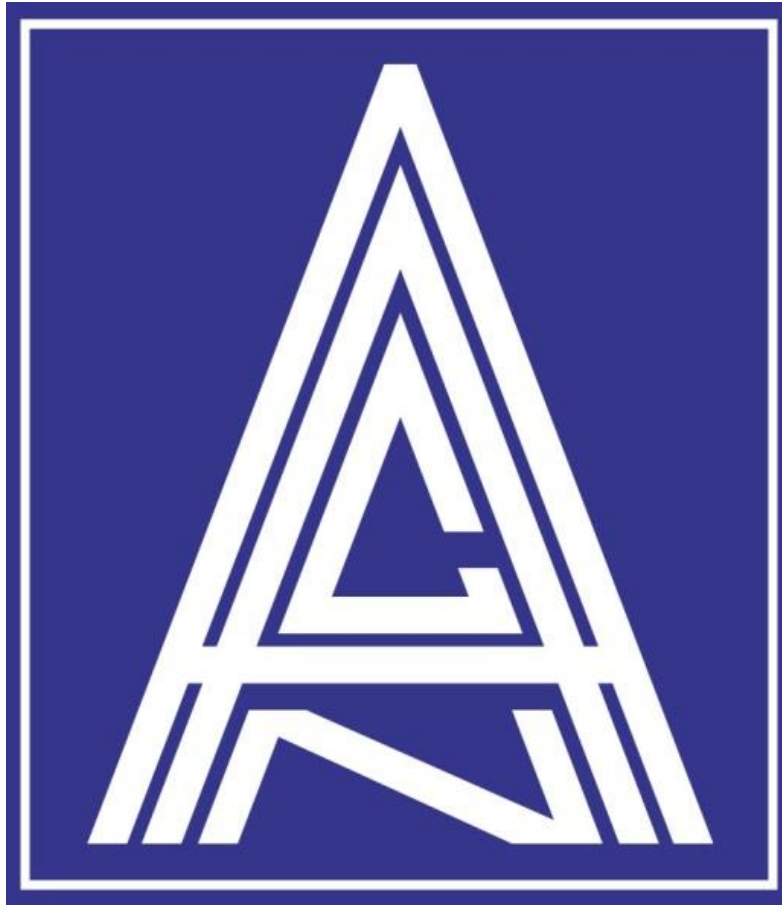
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