

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

Manitoba Government Appointed Board Members:

Chairperson

Damon Johnston, Winnipeg

Members

Nancy McKay, Camperville (bil.)

Gordon McGillivray, Split Lake

Jayne Pile, Winnipeg

Darcie Thomson, The Pas (bil.)

Rev. Steven J. Paulson, Winnipeg

Tara Brousseau-Snider, St. Germain

Shona Connelly, Winnipeg

Mandate:

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Authority:

[*The Addictions Foundation Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

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- To assist individuals with problems involving the abuse or misuse of alcohol and other drugs and substances to make the most effective use possible of existing and potential facilities and services for the treatment and rehabilitation of those with chemical dependencies available through the foundation or through other agencies, groups and associations;
- To disseminate information respecting the recognition, prevention and treatment of the abuse or misuse of alcohol and other drugs and substances, and respecting the services provided by the foundation and other agencies, groups and associations concerned with chemical dependencies;
- To initiate, sponsor, conduct and promote a program of research in the field of prevention of chemical dependency and the treatment and rehabilitation of

individuals with chemical dependencies and experimentation in methods of treating and rehabilitating individuals with problems involving the abuse or misuse of alcohol and other drugs and substances;

The foundation may:

- a) Establish, conduct, manage and operate hospitals, clinics and centres for the observation and treatment of, and consultation with individuals with chemical dependencies;
- b) Enter into agreements with regional health authorities, hospitals and other institutions respecting the accommodation, care and treatment of individuals with chemical dependencies, and with universities, colleges, hospitals, schools and other institutions respecting experimentation in, and study of methods of treatment of individuals with chemical dependencies.
- c) Seek to co-ordinate the efforts of all agencies, private and public, that, by their activities, may contribute to the furtherances of the aims and objects of the foundation; and
- d) Make grants to organizations or institutions to which clause (b) refers for the purpose of providing and carrying out such accommodation, care, treatment, experimentation and study.

Membership:

The board shall be composed of 6-11 persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council from among the citizens of the province at large who, in the opinion of the minister, have been or are active in or interested in the problem of addiction.

The Vice-Chair of the board is selected by the board.

As per section 2(1) of bill 10 in regards to the addictions foundation act “subsection 4(2) is amended by striking out “9 or more than 15 persons” and substituting “6 or more than 11 persons”.

To ensure that the board of governors of the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba has no more than 11 members on the coming into force of this section, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may revoke the appointment of one or more members of the board. A revocation extinguishes the rights and obligations of the member in relation to the appointment as set out in bill 10, section 2(3).

Length of Terms:

The term of office for a member of the board is three years, unless the order appointing a member provides otherwise and continues to hold office until re-appointed or a successor is appointed. A member of the board may be reappointed for consecutive terms of office. But if a member has served on the board for a continuous period of six years or longer, the person may not be reappointed for another term until he or she is absent from the board for at least one year.

Desirable Experience:

The AFM Board governs the agency through policy governance. As such, past experience on a board has proven to be an asset. It is strongly recommended that some board members have some personal experience with addictions. Other experience which has assisted the organization in the development of its strategic plan includes:

business, professional (i.e. lawyer, accountant, etc.), community involvement. An ability to support the organization's strategic direction through strong connections with community decision-makers is a definite asset to the Foundation.

Time Commitment:

Monthly meetings excluding July and August, with a board retreat every 3 years.

Meetings:

Frequency: The board meets monthly except for July and August.

Time: Meetings are usually held on Mondays from 5:00pm – 8:30pm or 9:00pm

Location: 1031 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Remuneration:

(a) Chair: \$138.00 per half day
\$243.00 per full day

(b) Other members: \$79.00 per half day
\$139.00 per full day

When the Vice-Chair acts in the place of the Chair, the Vice-Chair is entitled to be paid remuneration at the rates payable to the Chair.

In addition, all reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses necessarily incurred by members in discharging their duties will be reimbursed as outlined in the GMA.