

Message from the BC Division Chair



BC Division had a successful year; we increased our fundraising and significantly increased our level of contribution to research. I am proud to report that all of this was accomplished while maintaining excellent services for our members.

February was exciting with the arrival of our new national President and CEO. Mr. Yves Savoie has already brought forth many positive initiatives, leading the Society in an exciting new direction. It is wonderfully encouraging that he strives to involve staff, members, and volunteers from across the country in a broad consultative process as we chart a new course for the future.

The national office continues to support BC Division's efforts to improve operational efficiency while preserving and valuing local relationships. This support will continue to be a tremendously positive influence.

Without a doubt, one of our biggest challenges in 2006–2007 was the unexpected staff turnover in the Division office. Many new staff members jumped into their positions in the midst of the busy event season. Our successes were only possible through the extremely hard work of Division President, Janet Palm, the division and chapter staff, and of course our many dedicated volunteers.

Looking forward, I am confident that our budget goals will be met, if not exceeded in 2007–2008. I'm confident that we are better positioned than ever to advance the search for a cure while enhancing quality of life for those affected by multiple sclerosis.

Thank you on behalf of the BC Division Board of Directors.

Gerry Bramhill, Board Chair

National Award Recipients



OPAL Caregiver Award
Mary Ellen Tabor, Kelowna



Award of Merit (member)
Dr. Virginia Devonshire, Vancouver

Division Award Recipients



President's Award (member)
Ron Jones



Division Award of Merit (member)
Harmony Poisson

Congratulations and thank you to award recipients and award nominees for your leadership and dedication in the fight to end MS.

A future free
from MS is
yours to give.



Our Mission

To be a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.



Board of Directors 2006–2007

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Charting the Course

Annual Report 2006–2007



Statement of Financial Position

For year ending August 31, 2007

Assets	2007	2006
Current assets		
Cash	1,479,516	1,574,136
Short-term investments	6,214	6,214
Accounts & grants receivable	152,569	155,706
Prepaid expenses	13,632	23,672
	1,651,931	1,759,728
Investments	524,925	—
Capital assets	257,029	284,048
	2,433,885	2,043,776
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	181,737	232,486
Due to National Office	561,612	197,472
Deferred revenue	123,082	69,583
	866,431	499,541
Deferred capital contributions	124,597	103,720
Deferred lease benefit	89,720	103,523
Long term liability		
Loan from National Office	125,000	125,000
	1,205,748	831,784
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	132,432	180,328
Unrestricted	1,095,705	1,031,664
	1,228,137	1,211,992
	2,433,885	2,043,776

Client Services

- More than 7,500 pieces of information distributed to individuals and organizations to promote understanding about MS and living with MS.
- Newsletters helped keep members informed about the latest news and activities related to MS from national, provincial and local perspectives.
- Educational workshops were offered across the division on topics ranging from newly diagnosed issues to managing pain and fatigue and from treatment updates to tax issues.
- Supportive counselling to individuals, volunteer-delivered peer support, facilitated support groups and informal self-help groups helped people with MS, their family members, the newly diagnosed and young people understand and cope with MS.
- Fitness and wellness programs helped people with MS take control of their health, including physiotherapy sessions, “gym and swim,” yoga, tai chi, Feldenkrais and Nordic walking.
- Social and recreational activities, such as arts and crafts classes, picnics, coffee clubs and tickets to cultural and sporting events, helped members enjoy life in their communities.
- The Volunteer Legal Advocacy Program continued to grow. Almost 200 clients were assisted by lawyers and lay advocates on issues including disability benefit applications, family law and human rights.
- The demand for help to acquire specialized equipment also continued to grow. The province-wide loan program helped people with MS improve their mobility. In addition, more than \$118,000 was spent to help members acquire or repair equipment.



Fundraising

Fundraisers, volunteers, donors and staff contributed to a solid year of community based fundraising.

- **MS Carnation Campaign:** \$89,322 in over 20 communities during May—MS Awareness month.
- **Super Cities WALK for MS:** 5,327 walkers in 21 events across the province raised \$1,203,986 in pledges.
- **RONA MS Bike Tour:** 1,276 cyclists in four BC based events raised \$646,656 in pledges.
- **MS 100 Hole Golf Challenge:** 27 participants raised \$113,626 in pledges in a one day dawn to dusk golfing marathon.



Our Amazing Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a brigade of wonderful and committed volunteers who contribute in various capacities throughout the year including: committee work, fundraising events, office work, legal assistance and bingo.



Research

The MS Society is the single largest funder of MS research in Canada.

Two examples of many ground-breaking projects:

- \$2.2 million to examine how the body's own stem cells might repair damage caused by multiple sclerosis.
- \$4 million to study minocycline—a well-tolerated acne medication that may offer an inexpensive treatment for early MS.

For year ending August 31, 2007

Revenue	2007	2006
Donations & special fundraising projects	2,378,478	2,073,790
Direct mail & corporate campaign	483,491	456,567
Capital Campaign	371,600	—
Grants	277,317	208,211
United Way	114,697	135,472
Investment income	69,962	53,375
Miscellaneous income	34,896	41,908
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	15,162	11,147
Memberships	7,670	1,055
	3,753,273	2,981,525
Expenditures		
Funds remitted to National Office		
• Research	1,056,601	470,448
• Capital Campaign	371,600	—
• Programs & services	161,970	256,591
Equipment Provision Program	118,785	113,554
Client services	859,665	1,084,043
Public education	285,004	198,752
Volunteer resources	214,760	150,871
Government & Community Relations	93,514	77,665
MS Clinics	48,611	59,785
	3,210,510	2,411,709
Support Services		
• Administration	324,306	405,319
• Fundraising	143,954	169,779
	468,260	575,098
	3,678,770	2,986,807
Excess of expenditures over revenue	74,503	(5,282)