



Annual Report

as Presented at the Annual General Meeting
September 28, 2024

Qualico Family Centre, Tamarack Room
Assiniboine Park
Winnipeg, MB





Board of Directors 2023-2024

President	Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie
Treasurer	vacant [Mridul Bhargava resigned]
Secretary	Dolores Krahn
Members at Large	Debbie Robitaille Linda Cassell Theresa Sabi

Financial Report

Receipts

	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024	May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
Donations	23,468	30,538
Grants	6,107	9,018
Total Receipts	29,575	39,556

Disbursements

	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024	May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
Sustainability	5,856	7,580
Connections	3,847	7,742
Awareness	1,707	4,885
Research	31,000	39,000
Total Disbursements	42,411	59,207

Explanations

Sustainability

- ▶ Walk, Wing Night and administrative expenses
- ▶ Database to better manage contacts and relationships in the community

Connections

- ▶ Patient support and education events





Awareness

- ▶ Digital publication of the Bulletin

Research

- ▶ Funding grant program

Cash = Reserves

- ▶ The organization maintains a cash balance (i.e. no credit line)
- ▶ Financial obligations are met as they arise

Budgets

- ▶ Annual operating budget is prepared based on the strategic plan for the year

Insurance

- ▶ Appropriate insurance is provided for the organization and its directors

Financial Position

	At April 30, 2024	At April 30, 2023
Cash/Reserves	42,000	60,382

Nominations for 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Slate of returning Directors

Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie | Past President

Dolores Krah | Secretary

Debbie Robitaille | Director

Linda Cassell | Director

Theresa Sabi | Director

New member nominations

Ademola Salami | President

Manu Jagdeo | Director

Calls for nominations for Vice-President, Treasurer, Director from the floor

- ▶ Three calls for nominations
- ▶ Motion to close nominations
- ▶ Call for the vote on nominations from the floor

There were no nominations at the time of the AGM for Vice President or Treasurer, but a search for volunteers will continue.





October 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 Board of Directors

President Ademola Salami | President

Vice President

Past President Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie

Treasurer

Secretary Dolores Krah

Directors at large Debbie Robitaille

Linda Cassell

Theresa Sabi

Manu Jagdeo

Committee Reports

Patient Support Report

Debbie Robitaille

A special thank you!

Patient Support Team

Debbie Robitaille

Linda Cassell

Monique Major

Crystal Smith [until summer 2023]



Format

Online via Zoom & in person in April

Some educational, some focused on patients supporting each other



Topics from 2022/23

November 2023 | Sharing our Lived Experiences

January 2024 | Financial Literacy, with Cooperators

April 2024 | Easing Day-to-Day Living, with Diamond Athletics





Our next Support Group Meeting:

November 23, 2024

10:30 am CST

Via Zoom

Topic TBD – possibly Managing Pain in Scleroderma

Meetings planned for 2023 & 2024

Communication, Website and Awareness Report

Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie, Crystal Smith

Social Media

- ▶ Assistance and support from Scleroderma Association of BC
- ▶ Social Media messaging and images created and scheduled
- ▶ 24 months
- ▶ X (Twitter) messaging prescheduled

Website

- ▶ Jennifer Clarke continues to do amazing work keeping our site up to date
- ▶ Site links and navigation have been fine tuned
- ▶ New educational materials and links added
- ▶ The Bulletin is posted on the website as soon as it is available

Fundraising Report

Dolores Krahn, Laura Smirnov, Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie

Activities from last year

Wing Night | May 2023

Virtual Walk | June 2023

Seed Campaign | June 2023

Activities planned by community members on our behalf

Lisa Bardal | April 2024 [Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Patricia Chapter #8]

Robert Shellenberg | July 18, 2024 event at Rossmere Golf & Country Club

Ann Harwood [previous ScIMB Board member] | had a Virtual walk in June 2024

Upcoming activities

Our committee is exploring strategies such as an online auction, with no definite plans.

We will join the online community for a Giving Tuesday Campaign.





Research Report

Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie

Research Committee meets to solicit and evaluate proposals to the *Scleroderma Manitoba Research Grant Program*.

Application deadline: Annually October 1

Open to graduate students, post-medical school resident/fellows, and members of allied health based in Manitoba.

Scleroderma Manitoba Research Grant

Funding research to enhance the quality of life for people living with Scleroderma and related complications. Manitoba-based research is given priority.

Scleroderma Manitoba Professional Development Grant

Funding professional development opportunities for health care professionals.

Scleroderma Research Committee

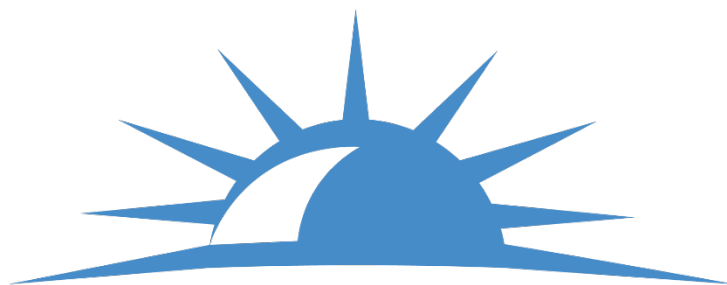
Martin Entz (Chair), Doug Watkinson, Dr. David Robinson and Jo-Ann Lapointe McKenzie.

Board Activities

[New Guideline: Equipment Requests for Scleroderma Patients](#)

Scleroderma MB recognizes that our community members may need financial assistance to purchase specialized equipment to improve the quality of their lives.

1. Request for the equipment is made by a professional
2. Written request includes a description of the equipment, the reason for the request, and the expected outcome for the patient. The request must include at least two quotes for equipment.
3. There are sufficient funds in our account
4. Requests will be considered as they are received; combined maximum dollars spent in a single fiscal year will not exceed \$1,000.



Looking Forward with Hope

