

Independent Living Canada Annual General Report 2013 – 2014

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Independent Living Canada National Board of Directors 2013 – 2014

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National Chairperson Report 2013/2014

Although Independent Living Canada (IL Canada) Board continued to deal with many issues that still needed to be addressed, there were many positives. We eliminated our deficit and focused on moving forward. Two projects were introduced: IL Canada & CCD – explore possible opportunities of working together in whatever scenario that might be. IL Canada Network – providing Centres with promising practices on Technology, Communication and Funding.

With this funding we were able to hire consultants to deliver the projects and both are well on their way. Outcomes of the projects will be presented to all members in the upcoming months.

Although the National office has not secured any future long-term funding we do feel optimistic and continue to search for opportunities not only for IL Canada but for the Centres as well.

At the AGM last November, we all had some great discussion and came up with 4 top priorities for 2014/15. These were divided into IL Canada responsibilities and IL Network responsibilities.

IL Canada:

1. Governance: We have seen a lot of changes and we feel that everyone has an understanding of how things operate.
2. Internal Communication: I believe everyone will agree that there has been a lot more communication coming from IL Canada over the past 10 months.

IL Network:

3. Transitional Plan: With the support of Brian Tardif, Rob Di Meglio, Darrell Smith, Brenda Elliot, Roger Albert, Jim Arnott and Tom Pugliese we have produced a plan which is now being directed by the Board of Directors.
4. Approaching Universities: It was felt that some Universities would be able to support IL Canada by engaging student volunteers in our transitional process which would include applications for funding. This is being worked on now and we will update the members as we progress through this process. This committee is supported by Beth Caskey, Earl Black, Roger Albert, and Suzanne Larocque

Collectively our belief was that these priorities would have a great impact on the future of IL. However, there is still much to do and with just only 7 more months before our Core funding ends, we all have to prepare to stay strong and continue to provide services to those in our communities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, committee members and volunteers, for all the work they have done during the year and for their outstanding commitment to IL Canada. I would also like to thank each member of the Board of Directors for all the work and time you have given to IL Canada this past year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone.

Katie Paialunga

Past Chairperson

IL Canada Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year 2013-2014

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I have been the Treasurer since May 5th, 2011. It has continued to be a year of many changes and numerous challenges.

We have continued to work very diligently to make appropriate cuts to certain expenses where we could and have ended with a surplus.

To the members of Independent Living Canada, I present the Audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014. The Financial Statement was prepared by Frouin Group Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants.

Total revenue for the year was \$1,465,602, our total expenditures were \$1,345,994 which resulted in a surplus of \$119,608.

At the start of the year, our fund balance was in a deficit of \$78,754 and at the end of the year March 31, 2014 our fund balance is in a surplus of \$40,854.

The work of IL Canada would not be possible without the contributions of our funders to which I would like to express a sincere thank you for your continued support and belief in our organization. We look forward to our continued successful partnerships with you.

Respectfully submitted

Suzanne Larocque
Treasurer
IL Canada Board of Directors