AAMS/ADRIA
CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Pete Desrochers, Jim Bancroft, Paul Conway, Barrie Marshall

In furtherance of the Resolution of the ADRIA Board at its January 16, 2016 meeting, ADRIA's Executive Director, Paul Conway, contacted Messrs. Don Goodfellow and the Executive Director of AAMS, Pete Desrochers, to request that AAMS designate an AAMS Board member, to serve with Mr. Desrochers, along with ADRIA's designates, Paul Conway and Barrie Marshall, on a committee to discuss and agree upon options for consideration respecting the enhancement of collaboration and cooperation between the two Boards. In that regard, AAMS selected Mr. Jim Bancroft as its Board member thereby completing the membership of the AAMS/ADRIA Connectivity Committee.

The Committee met, via conference call between Messrs. Bancroft and Marshall in Calgary and Messrs. Desrochers and Conway in Edmonton on January 29, 2016. All of the members of the Committee agreed that, as expressed in the ADRIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2016, that the objective for the two Boards in establishing some form of structure respecting their relationship is to foster collaboration, rather than conflict, between the two organizations and, particularly in respect of public education. Discussions regarding the various options included the need to avoid a structure that would/could compromise AAMS' charitable status. Pete Desrochers reminded the other Committee members that David Chung **[sp?]**, the auditor for both ADRIA and AAMS had cautioned the two Boards about entering into a Memorandum of Understanding as such agreement might very well compromise AAMS' charitable status.

Discussions between the Committee members resulted in agreement on the following options to be presented for consideration by the AAMS and ADRIA Boards:

1. Formalization of the existing structure whereby one or more Board members of AAMS are elected as Board members of ADRIA. This was felt by the Committee to be the least preferable option given that it would likely create for AAMS the same problem with the CRA respecting its charitable status as would a Memorandum of Understanding.

2. An ADRIA Board member be appointed to AAMS by way of AAMS asking ADRIA to designate a member of its Board to sit as a director on the AAMS Board.

3. Each Board would extend standing invitations to the other Board to send representatives to the Board meetings of the other Board. The Committee agreed that, since neither representative would hold a formal position on the Board of the other and would have no vote, this option presented little risk of creating a problem for AAMS with the CRA.

4. There would be regularly held meetings between the two Boards (eg: semi-annually or annually).

5. There would be regularly held meetings of the executives of the two Boards (eg: semi-annually or annually).

6. ADRIA Board Meeting Minutes would be provided on a regular basis to AAMS.

The Committee agreed that these options need not be mutually exclusive and that the two organizations could adopt one or several of the options to better facilitate collaboration and communication between the bodies.

On a related issue, Committee members discussed how AAMS might restructure/rename itself to more effectively advance its charitable objectives. The use of the term "foundation" (or "charity") as opposed "society" was one option considered in that regard. Mr. Desrochers agreed to examine some options in this regard and report back to the Committee.