

The Hamilton Brain Injury Association held their Annual General Meeting on June 6th.

Announcements:

Two of our valued Board Members, Dr. Diana Velikonja and Laura Hillyer have stepped down from their positions on the HBIA Board of Directors. We are sad to see them go but wish to express our sincerest gratitude for all of their efforts.

HBIA Board of Directors welcomed two new Directors to the Board. Please help us in welcoming Dr. Cherisse McKay and Maxine Birdsell.

Leeann Corbeil has been appointed as Board President, and Danielle Perkin has been appointed as Secretary. Congratulations on your new positions!

The Hamilton Brain Injury Association would like to thank and recognize all Board Members for their dedication to our organization.

On behalf of the Hamilton Brain Injury Association Board of Directors, Dave Gaylor has written a tribute to Dr. Diana Velikonja and Laura Hillyer.

Dr. Diana Velikonja

When someone has been a part of the Board for as long as Diana Velikonja, it is difficult to provide a concise summary of their many contributions over 2 decades. Her experience as a registered neuropsychologist as a partner in her own full-service psychological practice, at the Hamilton Health Sciences Acquired Brain Injury Program, on the advisory council of the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation and as an assistant professor at McMaster has been invaluable to the Hamilton Brain Injury Association, where she served as secretary. The words thank you do not seem nearly enough compared to the warmth shown, commitment to and value you have had to HBIA. We will sense your presence and influence for a long time to come.

Laura Hillyer

It has always been important to have the perspective of a legal mind on the Hamilton Brain Injury Association Board of Directors. Laura Hillyer was called to the bar in 2001 and has been part of the prominent local personal injury legal firm, Martin & Hillyer Associates since that time. Laura's contributions to the HBIA Board in her short time here were strong in a number of areas including the Public Relations Committee, Bikes Blades and Boards and in strengthening the relationship with the HBIA spousal support group. Her advice on legal matters was always very clear and her guidance very highly regarded. Thank you, Laura, for your important contributions to the HBIA Board of Directors. You will be very much missed.