



Recent AWB Activities

May 31 – December 31, 2015

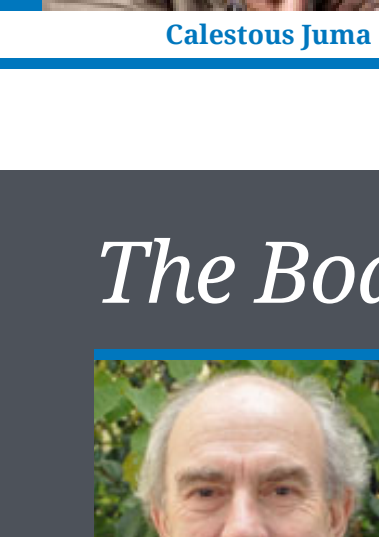
The Executive Director's Activities



Concordia University, which is generously providing AWB with an office and some funds, issued a press release about AWB's association with the University. As a result, AWB's Executive Director, Steven Davis, was interviewed by Global TV, MAtv, Radio Canada International, (in French and English) and CBC News.

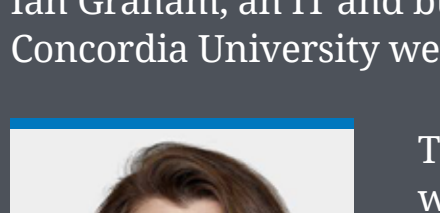


Steven gave a talk about AWB in November to the provosts of the universities in the University of Massachusetts system and to the Center for International Higher Education at Boston College. At both he talked about the proposal for an AWB Network of universities, to which universities would pay a fee to join, and for which they would get a range of benefits. The benefits are centered on broadening the internationalization activities of universities offering their academics the possibility of doing AWB volunteer work in the countries in which AWB has projects. In addition it will help the universities set up AWB student Campus Chapters, which will give students the opportunity to participate in AWB's activities as interns for its local operations and as assistants to volunteers for its projects. Some of the provosts expressed an interest in the Network and Campus Chapters proposals.

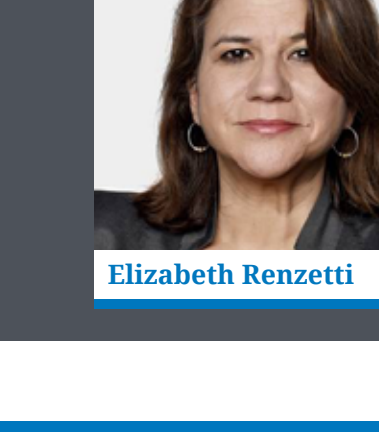


In Toronto, Steven met with John Fraser, the former Master at Massey College and Paul Gooch, the former principal at Victoria College. He also met with the Ambassador of Ethiopia to discuss AWB's past and present work in that country and with the Canadian Bureau of International Education to explore ways that AWB and CBIE might work together.

The Forthcoming Conference on Development and Higher Education



Aga Khan Foundation Canada, The International Development Research Centre and AWB constitute the conference organizing committee, which is now headed by Greg Moran, a recent appointee to AWB's Board. The conference is now scheduled to take place on April 13 and 14, 2016 at the headquarters of AKFC, the Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat, 199 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.



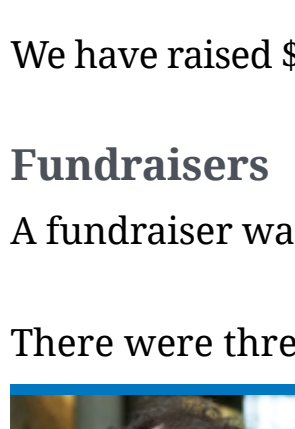
Calestous Juma, Professor of the Practice of International Development and Director, Science, Technology, Globalization at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, will be the keynote speaker.

The Board of Directors' Activities

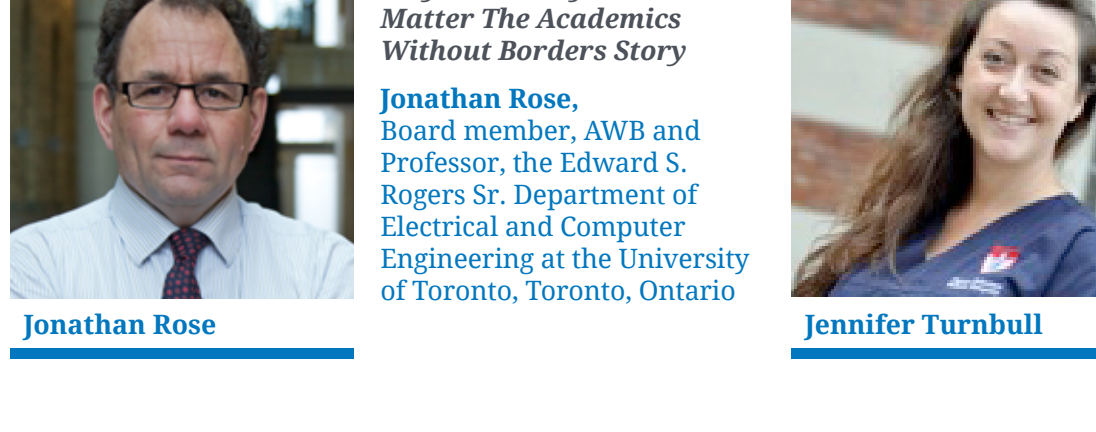


AWB's Board met at Concordia University on October 24th and 25th. The Board passed a budget for 2016, an operational plan for the budget, and a revised strategic plan; approved of a project in Ethiopia at Mekelle University, and discussed proposals for a Network of universities and Campus Chapters. The Network and Campus Chapters proposals were adopted by email ballot. Three universities have already agreed to join the Network: Queen's, Western, and Concordia Universities; each will also sponsor a Campus Chapter.

Greg Moran, a former provost at Western University and Aga Khan University, was elected to the Board at the meeting, and Ian Graham, an IT and business consultant and Louise Dandurand, former Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies at Concordia University were elected subsequently by email ballot.



The next Board meeting will be held in Toronto on May 7th and 8th, 2016 with a fundraiser at Massey College on May 6th. Elizabeth Renzetti will be the master of ceremonies for the fundraiser.



Why University Connections Matter: The Academics Without Borders Story
 Board member, AWB and Professor, the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

An Academic Hospital-Based Partnership: Rwanda and the Micro-research Program
 Jennifer Turnbull, M.D., FRCP, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Montreal Children's Hospital, MUHC, Montreal, Q.C.

Establishing AWB Student Chapters
 Terhas Ghebretle, Consultant, AWB



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Possible Revenue Sources
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Publicity

Two Impact Newsletters (one and two), an Information Newsletter, and the 2014 Annual Report have been disseminated to AWB's stakeholders and donors.



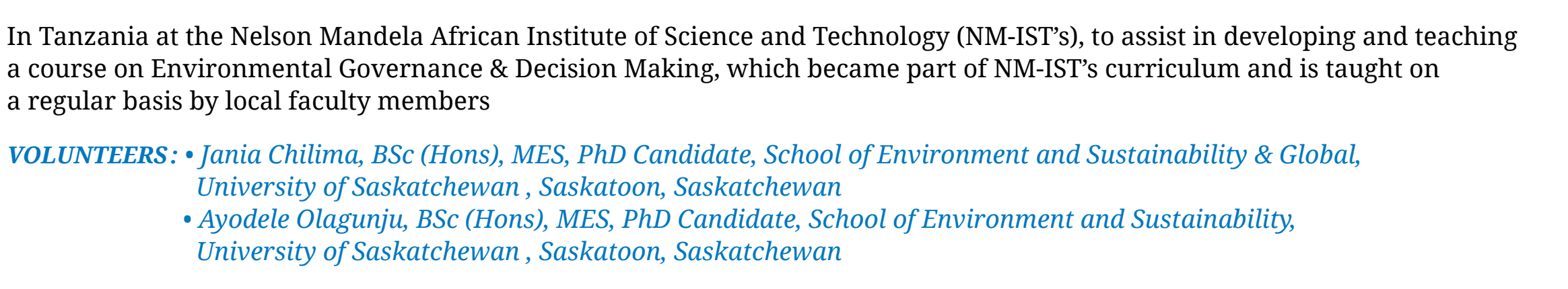
Fundraising

Revenue
 The French Embassy in Ghana has contributed 3000€ for our 2015 projects with the Computer Science and Information Technology Department at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. We also received \$3,000 from the Zellers Family Foundation, \$30,000 from an anonymous donor, and \$1000 from AWB USA.

We now have a brokerage account at Odlum Brown in Vancouver, which enabled us to take contributions of shares, which were sold and yielded \$7,396.
 We have raised \$196,793 from all sources from the beginning of 2015.

Fundraisers

A fundraiser was held on October 23 in Montreal.
 There were three speakers:



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Partnerships

We shall be partnering with Micro Research, a Canada-based NGO that does projects with universities in East Africa, helping them build research capacity that focuses on maternal and infant health. Since its inception in 2008, MR has sponsored 40 projects and produced 13 publications. Its projects originate from its developing-world partners.
 AWB renewed its partnership with the Canadian Society for International Health.

U.S. Charity Status

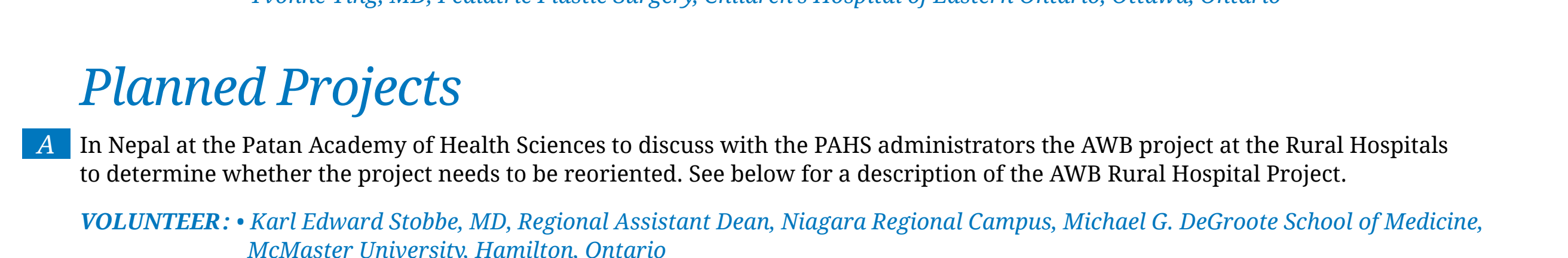
We now have 501(c) (3) charity status in the United States, which enables us to issue tax receipts for donations from U.S. residents. In addition, we are listed on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service charity list, which will help with our applications for grants from U.S. foundations.

2015 Call for Proposals

In September we sent a Call for Proposals to Canadian universities. The Call announced this year's AWB-sponsored competition, the winner of which will receive a \$10,000 prize to support a project at an institution of higher education in a developing country. The project must fall within AWB's mission. The deadline for submitting proposals was December 15, 2015 and we received nine applications. The winner will be announced January 15, 2016.

Operations

AWB hired several consultants: Alex Shaheed, Social Media; Terhas Ghebretle, Student Chapters; Sharon Gleason, Chief Development Officer; Miriam Binsky, Event Organizer, Montreal and GroupeFractik Webmaster. We also had several resignations: Genevieve Courmays-Proulx and Andrea Simpson, Fundraising; Bruce Valle, Webmaster; Lucy Nelson, Fundraising Assistant; and Michael Rose, Director of Finance (effective January 15, 2016).



Projects

October 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015; updated June 28, 2015

Recently Completed Projects

- A** In Ethiopia at Mekelle University's Medical School to assist it in establishing a residency in gastroenterology. AWB's volunteer was posted to MU to do a Needs Assessment to determine what is required to set up the residency program.
VOLUNTEER: • Alan Barkun, MD, Chairholder, Douglas G. Kinnear Chair in Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
- B** In Ghana at the University of Cape Coast to offer two courses in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology in the ongoing program to help the University establish a doctoral program in computer science and information technology
VOLUNTEERS: • Laurent Beaudou, PhD, Associate Professor, Polytechnique Clermont-Ferrand, Clermont-Ferrand, France
 • Pierre-Evariste Dagand, PhD, Researcher, CNRS and affiliated with Sorbonne Universités, UPMC Université Paris 6, CNRS, UMR 7606, LIP6
- C** In Tanzania at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-IST's), to assist in developing and teaching a course on Environmental Governance & Decision Making, which became part of NM-IST's curriculum and is taught on a regular basis by local faculty members
VOLUNTEERS: • Jania Chilima, BSc (Hons), MES, PhD Candidate, School of Environment and Sustainability & Global, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 • Ayodele Olagunju, BSc (Hons), MES, PhD Candidate, School of Environment and Sustainability, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- D** At Aga Khan University to implement the AKU Academic Quality Framework: Policy and Procedures, which was developed in 2014 by AWB Volunteer Martin Hill. To implement the Framework, resource persons and relevant programme people need to be trained to conduct self-assessments and peer reviews and to prepare monitoring and improvement plans. The AWB volunteer built on Martin Hill's contribution to the policy and procedures for cyclical periodic review by developing the training material to conduct the reviews and by providing training for Quality Assurance Implementation resource persons.
VOLUNTEER: • Sam Scully, PhD, former Chair, Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance, Toronto, Ontario
- E** In Nepal at the Patan Academy of Health Sciences' Medical School, to provide gap teaching in a clinical setting to PAHS's medical students who spend six months on rotation at four rural hospitals.
VOLUNTEERS: • Phil McGuire, MD, Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Midland, Ontario
 • Jacqueline (Basia) Siedlecki, PhD, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Sudbury, Ontario

Ongoing

- A** In Kenya at the Aga Khan University, to assist it in setting up a graduate professional school for preparing future media leaders, professionals, and entrepreneurs to work in developing economy contexts. AKU has established the Graduate School of Media and Communication (GSMC), which began accepting students in January 2015. GSMC targets mid-career media and communication professionals across East Africa and the region by offering a range of professional development and continuing education programs, as well as formal qualifications in the form of a Masters in Multi-Media Journalism and Advanced Diplomas in New Media and Journalism and Specialist Reporting.
VOLUNTEER: • Javier Serrano, PhD, Associate Professor Computer Science Department of the University Autònoma of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- B** In the Philippines at the University of San Carlos, to work with some of the faculty in its Science and Mathematics Education Department to upgrade their ability to teach and run workshops for school teachers in statistics and probability, which have just been added to the school curriculum in the Philippines
 The project extends over five years. The first posting for the project was completed on May 10, 2015. The volunteer returned to USC in October 2015.
VOLUNTEER: • Lionel Pereira-Mendoza, former Associate Dean (Educational Research), Graduate Programmes and Research Office, National Institute of Education, Singapore
- C** In Tanzania at Pamba University, to upgrade the research capacity of the nursing faculty in AKU's Advanced Nursing Studies
VOLUNTEER: • Agnieszka Petruska, PhD, Associate Professor, the College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan (This project will extend over 2 years.)
- D** In Indonesia at the State Islamic University Yogyakarta, to help its Center for the Study of Disabilities move toward a fully implemented early-life accommodation and support services disability centre
VOLUNTEER: • Earlene Roberts, Master of Social Work, Disability Resource Centre Coordinator & Diversity Advisor, Student Services and Development, University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, B.C.
- E** At Aga Khan University involving eight volunteers to provide remote mentorship for up to five AKU faculty members each for pedagogical support.
 This programme will be virtual, with mentors and mentees communicating via Skype, Webex, Lync, and email. The mentoring relationship will last about three years. Among the activities are guiding faculty mentees to resources/links; supporting them in developing their scholarship in teaching and learning; collaboratively engaging with them in projects to enhance teaching and learning; assisting faculty mentees in developing and writing cases, as well as in teaching using cases; contributing remotely as speakers or panelists to bimonthly seminars on teaching and learning; assisting faculty mentees in publishing their work by either co-drafting publications or helping them identify avenues of publication.
 AWB is working on this project with the Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, which assisted AWB in finding volunteers. In addition, Diane Salter, former Chair, Partnerships, for the Board of STLHE, will be doing a research project on the AWB/AKU mentoring project. Diane will be evaluating the effectiveness of virtual mentoring in teaching and learning.
VOLUNTEERS: • Bibiana Cujec, MD, Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) University of Alberta, Staff Cardiologist, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta
 • Susan Crichton, Associate Professor, Director, Faculty of Education, and Director Innovative Learning Centre, University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna, B.C.
 • Jane Gair, PhD, Senior Instructor, Division of Medical Sciences, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. and Department of Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
 • Catharine A Kopac, RN, Adjunct Professor, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
 • Doug Orr, Teaching Development Coordinator, University of Lethbridge Teaching Centre, Lethbridge, Alberta
 • Marilyn Chapman, RN, BSN, MEd, Retired Professor, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, B.C.
 • Tim Buell, PhD, former Academic & Teacher Education Program Advisor, OISE Student Success Centre (OSSC), Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
 • Yvonne Ying, MD, Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa, Ontario

Planned Projects

- A** In Nepal at the Patan Academy of Health Sciences to discuss with the PAHS administrators the AWB project at the Rural Hospitals to determine whether the project needs to be reoriented. See below for a description of the AWB Rural Hospital Project.
VOLUNTEER: • Karl Edward Stobbe, MD, Regional Assistant Dean, Niagara Regional Campus, Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
 (Karl was supposed to be on assignment on October 1, but PAHS asked him to postpone because of the problems Nepal is having with India.)
- B** In Ethiopia at Mekelle University to improve the teaching of cardiology. Ethiopia, with 93 million people, has only 12 cardiologists. The first step in the project is to improve the teaching of cardiology at MU with the ultimate goal of building a residency program in cardiology.
VOLUNTEER: • Alan P. Jones, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine, Edmonton, Alberta
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- C** In Bhutan at Jigme Namgyel Polytechnic, Royal University of Bhutan, to do gap teaching in surveying.
 At present, Bhutan has a massive infrastructure development plan, which has created a huge gap in the availability of technical manpower. Because of this gap, JNP has not been able to recruit adequate teaching faculty, especially for its Civil Engineering and Surveying programmes. JNP therefore seeks support in filling the acute shortage of teaching faculty and also in providing technical support in developing and introducing new programmes that would have an impact on Bhutan's and the region's economy.
VOLUNTEER: • TBD
- D** In Ethiopia at Mekelle University's Medical School to assist it in establishing a residency program in gastroenterology.
VOLUNTEER: • TBD
- E** In Liberia, at the University of Liberia, to assist in introducing eLearning.
VOLUNTEER: • Conzolo Migliozzi, MA, Teacher, Project Enable, North Shore Community College, Lynn, Mass.
- F** In Nepal at the Patan Academy of Health Sciences' School of Public Health, to assist in its development.
 PAHS is launching a new School of Public Health (SPH), which will grant a Master's of Public Health degree (MPH). In 2015, AWB sent two volunteers to assist in developing the new curriculum as well as to help in introducing Problem Based Learning to the SPH faculty members.
VOLUNTEERS: • Larry Hulbert, Educational Consultant, the University of New South Wales and Sydney University
 • David Dunne, PhD, Director of Full- and Part-Time MBA Programs, the Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.
- G** In Nepal at the Patan Academy of Health Sciences' Medical School to provide gap teaching in a clinical setting to PAHS's medical students who spend six months on rotation at four rural hospitals.
 AWB will send out teams of 4 volunteers twice a year, with each volunteer visiting one of the rural hospitals. Thus, each of the hospitals will be visited twice a year by a volunteer.
VOLUNTEERS: • Keyna Bracken, MD, Family Practice, Hamilton Ontario
 • David Beach, MD, Family Physician, Picton, Ontario
 • Brian Edward Geller, MD, Director of Professional Affairs, Saskatchewan Medical Association & Enhanced Skills Program Coordinator, Department of Family Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 • Peter Andrew Kapusta, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
 • Andrew Lodge, MD, Clinical Instructor, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
 • Phil McGuire, MD, Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Midland, Ontario
 • William Davidson Ormand, MD, General Practice, Nunavut
 • Jacqueline (Basia) Siedlecki, PhD, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Sudbury, Ontario
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 • Margaret M. Tromp, MD, Family Physician, Picton, Ontario
 • Gabe Woollam, MD, Chief of Medical Staff and Community physician, Labrador Health Center, Happy Valley Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador
- H** In Ghana at the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology at the University of Cape Coast to assist the faculty members of CSIT obtain doctorates so that the Department can run its doctoral program.
VOLUNTEER: • Nicholas Fillion, PhD, Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia

On Hold

- A** In Mali at the University of Bamako to help in the development of a new course in nutrition for an academic programme for physicians specializing in diabetes. (The security situation in Bamako makes it dangerous to send a volunteer there.)
VOLUNTEER: • Amélie Sabourin, DtP, Nutritionniste-diététiste, Centre de santé et de consultation psychologique de l'Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec
- B** In East Africa at the Aga Khan University, to establish criteria for the admission of students to the health professions that take account of the variations in the quality of education in the three countries in which AKU operates in East Africa, (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) and will enable AKU to admit students from more diverse backgrounds. (This project is on hold, since AKU is reconsidering its entry level courses into the health professions.)
VOLUNTEER: • Saleem Razack, MD, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Equity, and Diversity, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics, and Core Faculty at the Centre for Medical Education at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

I want to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It means a great deal to those of us at AWB to know that there are others who share our commitment to AWB's mission.

Warm regards,

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