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 the country. Ethiopia, with 93 million people, has only 12 cardiologists.

In September we sent a Call for Proposals to Canadian universities.

AWB renewed its partnership with the Canadian Society for Continuing Education in Health Care (CSCCHE) to support the launch of the Network in Canada. The network will support over 50 Canadian 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 who spend six months on rotation at four rural hospitals.

In Nepal at the Patan Academy of Health Sciences’ School of Public Health, to assist in its development.

In Indonesia at the State Islamic University Yogyakarta, to help its Center for the Study of Disabilities move toward a fully realized program.

In the Philippines at the University of San Carlos, to work with some of the faculty in its Science and Mathematics Education School.

In October we published a Final Report of an Ongoing project. The project is an extension to the work that was ongoing at the University of East Anglia which was to help the University of East Anglia, in collaboration with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), launch an international graduate program in computer science.

The Master of Ceremonies:

Jonathan Rose, Director, AWB

AWB hired several consultants: Alex Shaheed, Social Media; Dan Cochrane, Web Designer; Cindy Sherwin, Fundraising; Bruce Valle, Webmaster; Lucy Nelson, Fundraising Coordinator; and Jade Gaudreault, Operations Specialist.

The Board passed a budget for 2016, an operational plan for the upcoming year, and a financial plan to the end of 2018. The Board also decided to put the remaining money in a new endowment fund.

Possible Revenue Sources

Fundraising: Board members have been tasked to work on revenue generation for 2016.

The Master of Ceremonies: The Master of Ceremonies is now scheduled to take place on April 13 and 14, 2016 at the headquarters of AKFC, the Delegation of the Ismaili Foundation Canada, The International Development Research Centre and AWB constitute the conference organizers.

The Board spent an hour with Ian Graham, an IT and business consultant and Louise Dandurand, former Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies at Queen’s University, to plan the next steps for the development of the Network in Canada.

In November, the Board sent a letter to the Canadian government’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The letter asked for the Canadian government to support the Network in Canada to help the Canadian universities set up AWB student Campus Chapters, which will give students who spend six months on rotation at four rural hospitals.

Financial Highlights:

• The financial year ended September 30, 2015.
• Total Revenue: $52,175
• Direct Expenses: $20,231
• Grant Revenue: $30,042
• Grant Funding: $6,463
• Grant Management: $13,327
• Other Inkind Contributions: $0
• Administration: $4,515
• Total Net Income: $19,933

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