

# Glaucoma Research Society of Canada 2011 Annual Meeting Highlights

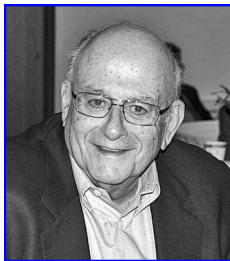
## The Year in Review

The Glaucoma Research Society of Canada (GRSC) held its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on October 18, 2011 at the CNIB in Toronto. President Martin Chasson welcomed members and guests. He expressed his thanks to the Board of Directors and staff for their support and noted the absence of Albert Waxer, long-time supporter, past President and Board Director who passed away on August 12, 2011.



*President Martin Chasson with Board Director Dr. Neeru Gupta who gave the keynote scientific presentation "New Treatments for Glaucoma: Getting Closer".*

In his report to members, Martin stressed that the start-up research funded by the Society is critical in identifying the causes of, and cure for, glaucoma. He thanked members and donors for their generosity which allowed GRSC to award four research grants totaling \$55,000 in spring 2011.



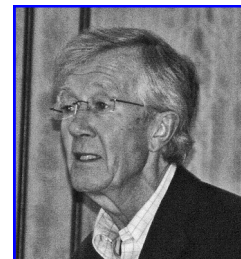
*Board Treasurer  
Sam Holtzman*

Noting that fundraising continues to be difficult, he urged members to donate as generously as possible and discussed various tax-favoured giving options including donations in memory of loved ones and to honour relatives and friends on special occasions.

Martin explained that the Board had tried to increase donations by hiring an Executive Director. However, with the economy still in recession and no increase in donations, the expense could not be justified. He noted that Lindsay O'Connor had achieved valuable media exposure for the Society and thanked him for his efforts.

Martin informed members that researchers could now submit applications for funding electronically through our website. He announced that the Society had joined Vision 2020 Canada, part of a global coalition that seeks to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision loss by the year 2020.

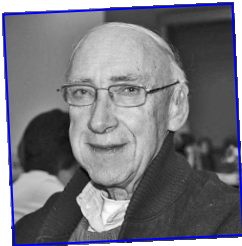
Martin explained that the Society hoped to increase membership and raise more funds by providing brochures to ophthalmologist and optometrist offices. He stressed the need for volunteers to help with brochure distribution and directed interested members to speak to Board Member Rick Gallop who was leading this initiative.



*Vice-President  
Rick Gallop*

In closing, Martin thanked CNIB staff and all the volunteers who helped make the 2011 AGM a success.

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# Award Presentations

At the AGM, Dr. Graham Trope presented certificates of appreciation to the following companies and individuals for their generous donations and support: Allergan Inc., Gordon A. Chellew, Thomas C. Hays, Labtician Ophthalmics Inc., Merck Canada Inc., Pfizer Canada, The Waxer Family.



*Michael Claener, accepting award for Gordon Chellew, and Dr. Graham Trope*



*Cheryl Traub and Mae Waxer*



*Thomas C. Hays*



*Martin Dilauro and Kam Khan, Merck Canada Inc.*



*Mark R. Smith, Pfizer Canada*



*Rob Shilton, Tony Cranny and Mike Berg, Allergan Inc.*

## Thank You to our Volunteers & GRSC Administrator



*Beverley Holtzman, Judy Chasson, Arielle Sone, Josh Sone, Nikos Iosifidou, Androniki Iosifidou, Valerie Seto*



*Tanya Atkinson*



*Barbara Ullmann  
GRSC Administrator*

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