Message from President of the Board

The body of this report will document the range and reach of PHI’s activities, which seem to grow substantially every year. The board provides general oversight of these day-to-day matters, but in 2005-2006 devoted most of its attention to two special projects. One was PHI’s ninth international conference, held in June, 2005. Several ad hoc committees of board members helped the office staff with this large undertaking, and we were all gratified by its success. One especially satisfying outcome was the creation of a formal network of polio support groups under the auspices of PHI. These Association Members now receive regular bulletins from our executive director about new research, new books, upcoming conferences or other events related to polio, and other information of interest to the support groups – information that goes well beyond what we can publish in the newsletters.

The second special board project during this biennium was strategic planning: We face a daunting challenge. Obviously, polio survivors from the pre-vaccine years are aging and declining in number. Yet new initiatives and additional efforts are required of our staff on many fronts, and this will continue for decades. Simultaneously, it is increasingly difficult for us to counter the growing public attitude that “polio is over” – or at least that it will be over as soon as the worldwide eradication effort is complete. This attitude leads to neglect of the needs of polio survivors, and indifference toward the organizations devoted to meeting those needs.

The board’s response has been to develop a detailed estimate of the demographic realities over the next 20 years (with respect to the size and age distribution of its core constituency), and to develop a reasonable, revisable set of goals for the organization in the years ahead. Those efforts are now beginning to bear fruit.

Briefly: The board has reaffirmed PHI’s existing mission, with its central commitment to serving its core constituencies. In addition, however, the board has defined two related initiatives which promise to enhance the pursuit of that mission. One of these initiatives is the creation of a comprehensive digital resource designed to organize and preserve the history and lessons learned from the polio epidemics of the early and mid-20th-century, as well as the subsequent study of post-polio sequelae. The other initiative is to undertake a greater and more focused international outreach to parts of the world that are underserved by existing support groups and networks of polio survivors.

We are excited about these initiatives, and pleased that we have already secured a major planning grant to help us get started on them. The next two years will be eventful. Stay tuned.

–Lawrence C. Becker, PhD

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1 For example: In 1994-95, the US government’s annual National Health Interview Survey (administered by the CDC) made a special effort to estimate the number of self-reported polio survivors then living in the United States. That estimate was roughly one million, reduced by further epidemiological study to approximately 940,000. Assuming that the mortality rate among polio survivors is no higher or lower than the average for the entire US population, we estimated that in 2006, roughly 775,000 polio survivors remained. Of these, 426,000 describe a medical history clearly consistent with paralytic polio and/or one that clearly places them at risk for post-polio sequelae. It is a vivid reminder of the effectiveness of the vaccines to note that in 2006, 89% of self-reported polio survivors in the US were 55 or older, and 53% were 65 or older. Extrapolating to 2016, 98% of US polio survivors will be 55 or older, 86% will be 65 or older, and 42% will be 75 or older. We believe there is a similar age distribution of polio survivors elsewhere in the world where vaccines ended polio epidemics by the early 1960s.
Dear Members of Post-Polio Health International and International Ventilator Users Network,

PHI’s day-to-day activities and choices are driven by its mission. In the following pages, we list just a few monthly highlights of our educational, advocacy, networking and research efforts. In reality, through our website, email, mail and phone conversations, we educate, advocate, network and promote research on a daily basis. The quotes throughout this report reflect a small sampling of those interactions.

Building on our new name chosen in 2003, our focus is on health. Choosing “Strategies for Living Well” as the theme of our Ninth International Conference on Post-Polio Health and Ventilator-Assisted Living in 2005 was a response to our Members, who tell us, “We know the problems; we need solutions.”

Disseminating solutions is our mandate.

We search for solutions that are already available, so as not to reinvent the wheel. We search for experts to create the information that is unique to polio survivors and users of home mechanical ventilation. The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation recognized our ability to access experts and create new information by granting us $20,000 to address the problems ventilator users face when going to the emergency room.

As a result of discussions at the Conference, we now address more aggressively the needs of support group coordinators worldwide. A PHI Communiqué, an e-newsletter, is sent monthly to Association Members. It features a “Leadership” column written by veteran support group coordinator Nancy Baldwin Carter.

The point: We want to hear from you, our Members. We depend on you for guidance. We also depend on you for financial support.

We have challenging years ahead of us of serving a population that has increasing needs, but a decreasing population. We have taken on the challenge of sharing our processes and knowledge with the world’s younger polio survivors, and of preserving our legacy. As polio survivors, we have successfully functioned in society and profoundly changed it by helping to develop and promote the independent living philosophy.

Joan L. Headley, MS
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Mission of Post-Polio Health International

Post-Polio Health International's mission is to enhance the lives and independence of polio survivors and home ventilator users through education, advocacy, research and networking.

Highlights of 2005-2006

Post-Polio Health and Ventilator-Assisted Living are the organization's major educational tools. Published quarterly, each 12-page newsletter features original articles focusing on practical, as well as the medical, topics that will assist readers in living independently. PHI granted 53 permissions to reprint from its newsletters in 2005; 121 permissions to reprint in 2006.

"My husband and I both had polio when in college. Your publication is the most comprehensive we've found."
– John and Mary, California

"Would you please send me two copies of the last newsletter? I have given mine away!"
– Betty, Arkansas

January 2005
The Post-Polio Clinic Directors Network meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm ET. The conference calls are a collaboration of PHI and Conemaugh Health System, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

February 2005
Board President Frederick Maynard, MD, spoke to polio survivors in Bradenton, Florida. His visit was hosted by Bay Area Physical Therapy.
June 2005

More than 340 people from 13 countries and 34 states attended Post-Polio Health International’s Ninth International Conference on Post-Polio Health and Ventilator-Assisted Living: STRATEGIES FOR LIVING WELL (www.post-polio.org/net/conf9.html). The conference, held in Saint Louis, Missouri, was featured in an article by Deborah Shelton in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

January 2006

International Ventilator Users Network received a $20,000 Health Promotion grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/VAL_20-1p3.pdf) to explore and address the problem of inadequate or inappropriate treatment of adult users of home mechanical ventilation in emergency situations. Virginia Brickley, Elmhurst, Illinois, is the Program Leader.

April 2006

IVUN Members participated in a focus group about the benefits and barriers of telehealth. (www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/VAL_20-3p4-7.pdf) The survey was conducted by PHD Medical, Quebec, Canada.

May 2006

At the request of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS), PHI’s Medical advisory Committee Chaired by Martin B. Wice, MD, reviewed and revised the NINDS “Post-Polio Syndrome Fact Sheet.” (www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/post_polio/post_polio.htm)

August 2006

Joan L. Headley participated in a panel discussion at the Leadership Exchange in the Arts and Disability (LEAD) Conference at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC.

“I must say the information on the subject of disability and the effects of polio is quite informative and the design (of the newsletter) is excellent.”
-Lee Roy, via email
April 2005

To promote awareness and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the development of the polio vaccine (April 12, 1955), PHI created note cards and bookmarks with a “Nautilus and Butterfly” logo and the phrase “Transcending Limitations: Giving Wings to the Future.”
(www.post-polio.org/edu/pphnews/pph21-1p7.pdf)

July 2005

Members of IVUN assisted Betty Seigel, Arts Access Coordinator of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in collecting information and suggestions to assure access to America’s arts venues.
(www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/VAL_20-4p4-9.pdf)

October 2005

IVUN’s Consumer Advisory Committee wrote and circulated “Current Threats to Ventilator Users in Cost-Cutting Proposals from Medicaid and Other Medical Insurance: A Resolution” which was signed by more than 650 individuals. The Resolution was sent to the President, National Governor’s Association, State Legislature Councils, and several Senators and Governors.
January 2005
A $25,000 grant from The Research Fund was awarded to a Johns Hopkins Team led by Noah Lechtzin, MD, MHS, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, to Study Early Use of Noninvasive Ventilation. (www.ventusers.org/res/johnhop.html)

December 2006
Noah Lechtzin, MD, MHS, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Johns Hopkins University reported that survival from time of diagnosis (www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/VAL_20-4p1-2.pdf) was nearly one year long in subjects with ALS who were started on noninvasive positive pressure ventilation when their forced vital capacity (FVC) was 65% of predicted versus those who were started when their FVC was less that 65% of predicted.

April 2005
Joan L. Headley presented at the 10th International Conference on Home Mechanical Ventilation in Lyon, France.

PHI contributed numerous photographs and documents for the “Whatever Happened to Polio Exhibit?” at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

Joan L. Headley was quoted by several media contacts regarding the 50th Anniversary of the development of the Salk vaccine, including the Baltimore Sun, New York Times and the local NPR affiliate.

Polio survivors Ray Taylor, Linda Bieniek and Joan L. Headley participated in Rotary’s 100th Anniversary Parade as members of the Rotarian Action Group, Polio Survivors and Associates.

August 2006
To memorialize polio survivor Gilbert Goldenhersh, his family created the Gilbert Goldenhersh Memorial Tribute Fund to assist polio survivors living in Missouri to purchase equipment, shoes, etc. to help them live independently. His children and their families fondly remember his goal to be independent and his generosity in thinking of others.
"A friend of mine told his brother, a polio survivor, about the disease and probably saved his brother’s life. Thank you for continuing to educate and help."
–Kate, via email

Statistics 2005

![New Contacts by Month in 2005](chart1)

![Website Visits 2005](chart2)

(Statistics not available for March and December)
"Fighting disability is one thing but one cannot fight age."
-Juliana, Germany
# POST-POLIO HEALTH INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

**December 31, 2005**

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

- **Cash**: $94,007
- **Investments**: 710,474
- **Total Current Assets**: 804,481

#### Fixed Assets

- **Office equipment, at cost**: 12,299
- **Accumulated depreciation**: (5,091)
- **Net Fixed Assets**: 7,208
- **TOTAL ASSETS**: $811,689

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

- **Payroll withholding payable**: 3,667
- **Accounts payable**: 6,359
- **Notes payable**: 35,769
- **Total Current Liabilities**: 45,795

### NET ASSETS

- **Unrestricted**: 383,741
- **Temporarily restricted**: 382,153
- **Total Net Assets**: 765,894

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**: $811,689
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

REVENUES

Memberships $  77,147
Contributions 109,276
Publications 17,219
Conference 73,294
Investment income 16,425
Capital gain distributions 16,496
Gain on sale of securities 1,357
Unrealized gain on investments 8,443
Miscellaneous 20
Contributions released from restrictions 49,198

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES   368,875

EXPENSES

Conference 86,680
Education 180,399
General and administrative 41,651
Fundraising 18,258

TOTAL EXPENSES   326,988

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS 41,887

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions 41,726
Net assets released from restrictions (49,198)

INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (7,472)

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 34,415

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR  731,479

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR $765,894
The Research Fund

A major component of PHI's mission is to fund research projects that have the potential to benefit polio survivors and users of home ventilators. To that end, PHI established a Research Fund in 1995. Contributions to the Research Fund are called "restricted assets" because PHI may use these monies only for their intended purpose – i.e., to fund research projects; stated another way, PHI may not use "restricted assets" to meet general operating expenses. In actuality, PHI funds its research grants only with the interest and dividends generated by the Research Fund's investments.

–Richard Hokamp, PHI Treasurer

2005

Beginning Balance $417,884.29

Ending Balance $470,033.62

Amount Given

$25,000 to a team of researchers at Johns Hopkins University
Funding Sources 2005

*Include $116,567 of contributions and $10,048 of contributions released from restrictions.

Expense Allocation 2005

*Include $116,567 of contributions and $10,048 of contributions released from restrictions.
**POST-POLIO HEALTH INTERNATIONAL, INC.**
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS**
December 31, 2006

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INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

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CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

127,602

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

765,894

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR

$893,496
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--Richard Hokamp, PHI Treasurer

2006

Beginning Balance  $470,033.62

Ending Balance  $566,389.26
Funding Sources 2006

*Includes $109,276 of contributions and $49,198 of contributions released from restrictions.

Expense Allocation 2006
2005

Contributions, Sponsorships and Grants
($10,000 and over)
Edouard Foundation
Passy-Muir, Inc
ResMed, Ltd
Respironics, Inc
Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation

Contributions, Sponsorships and Grants
($5,000 and over)
March of Dimes

2006

Contributions, Sponsorships and Grants
($10,000 and over)
Bonnie Pomeroy
Christopher Reeve Foundation
Clark S. Callahan
Edouard Foundation
Pulmonetic Systems, Inc.
Thomas W. Rogers Trust
The Robert & Katleen Tabor Charitable Gift Fund

Contributions, Sponsorships and Grants
($5,000 and over)
Dale Medical Products
ResMed Ltd.
Respironics, Inc.
In June 2003, Gazette International Networking Institute changed its name to Post-Polio Health International. At the same time it became a Membership organization. Donations were received from 487 individuals, including memorials and additional donations beyond subscriptions fees during the last half of 2005. There were 449 individual donations to The Research Fund in 2005.

In 2005, the transition to a Membership organization was completed. In addition to annual Memberships, 487 individuals contributed additional and memorial donations. There were 449 individual donations to The Research Fund.

In 2006, 521 individuals gave to The Research Fund; 166 individuals gave memorial or honor donations. All other donations were Membership donations.

Donors' names are provided upon request (info@post-polio.org).

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