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
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 re-invent 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
Executive Director
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*denotes members of 2005 Board

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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.

EDUCATION
www.post-polio.org/edu/

"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

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.

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.
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.

November 2006
IVUN Members assisted Deshae E. Lott, PhD, Louisiana State University in exploring sexual activity and chronic illness. (www.ventusers.org/edu/valnews/VAL_20-4p4-9.pdf)

October 2006
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
"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
## Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Cash Basis

**Year Ended December 31, 2005**

### Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

#### Revenues

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**Total Unrestricted Revenues** 368,875

#### Expenses

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**Total Expenses** 326,988

**Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets** 41,887

### Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

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**Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** (7,472)

### Increase in Net Assets

**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.*
### ASSETS

**Current Assets**
- Cash: $29,112
- Investments: $864,237
- Total Current Assets: $893,349

**Fixed Assets**
- Office equipment, at cost: $12,299
- Accumulated depreciation: $(7,975)
- Net Fixed Assets: $4,324
- TOTAL ASSETS: $897,673

### LIABILITIES

**Current Liabilities**
- Payroll withholding payable: $4,177

### NET ASSETS

**Unrestricted**: $437,676
**Temporarily restricted**: $455,820
- **Total Net Assets**: $893,496
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**: $897,673
## POST-POLIO HEALTH INTERNATIONAL, INC.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS**

**Year Ended December 31, 2006**

### CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### REVENUES

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**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES** 311,117

#### EXPENSES

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** 257,182

### INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

53,935

### CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

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**INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS** 73,667

### INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

127,602

### NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

765,894

### NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR

$893,496
The Research Fund

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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 2005, 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 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).

**2005 & 2006**

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