

Minutes for CABF 2017 AGM

**Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University
October 14, 2017**

ITEM 1 Call to Order

The meeting was convened by President John Tonks who asked Ed Colquhoun to act as Secretary.

Thirty CABF members and four visitors were present for the meeting.

ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda

John welcomed everyone and opened in prayer. He called attention to the attached Report Book which contained the proposed meeting agenda. This agenda was approved on motion by John Churchill, seconded by Carol Buckley.

ITEM 3 Approval of Minutes (AGM of October 1st, 2016 and Rushton Luncheon on June 3rd, 2017)

Approval was moved by John Churchill and seconded by Carolyn Harrison. Carried.

ITEM 4 Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes; however, John Boyd requested that the Council make sure that the attachments referred to in the minutes are posted on the web.

ITEM 5 Reports

Council/President – John Tonks

In his oral report, John said that it had been a privilege and joy to serve as President. He named several events that gave him hope for the CABF – the participation in the ordination of Jenny Drewitz, the calling of “Rusty” Edwards to First Baptist Halifax, the addition of two Ontario churches to membership, and the joint meeting in Ottawa with the Gathering. He thanked the members of Council and others who took on the work of the CABF in a dedicated way. Acceptance of the report was moved by John Tonks, seconded by John Boyd. Carried.

Treasurer – David Allen

David explained the attached financial statements for 2016 and the partial year 2017. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Gary Nelson. There were no questions. Carried.

Bulletin – Editor Roger Prentice

Roger referred the assembly to his attached report. He commented on the volunteers who send articles for the Bulletin and emphasized the importance of having a Baptist magazine where ideas can be expressed. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by David Allen. Carried.

Constitution – John Churchill

John gave the body an oral report that he had just received word of acceptance of changes to the CABF by-laws by the Registry of Joint Stocks. He moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Marilyn Peers. Carried.

Credentials – Roger Prentice

Roger referred the assembly to his attached report and further noted that the committee meets at least monthly, and that recognition had been given of the credentials of The Rev. Paul Russell “Rusty” Edwards, The Rev. Pamela Estey, and the Rev. Marlene Knowles.

Roger moved that David Csinos’ Association License be renewed, seconded by Rick Manuel. Carried with one abstention. Roger moved that Rick Manuel be granted an association license, seconded by Harriet McCready. Carried. Roger moved the acceptance of his written report, seconded by Susan Colquhoun. Carried.

As Roger is retiring from the Credentials Committee, John Boyd thanked him for his exemplary service.

Membership – David Allen

David referred to his written report showing current membership statistics – 65 individual members + 3 additions at this meeting, the Rev. Dan Gibson as the first life member, as well as 7 member churches, reflecting those churches that have given financial support this year. By year’s end, Dave anticipates a return to 11 member churches. Joan Churchill questioned whether any special effort was being made to add more churches to the CABF. Dave moved acceptance of his report, seconded Hugh Kirkegaard. Carried.

Program – Rick Manuel

Rick’s oral report mentioned the tragic death of Dr. David Abriel, who so ably led a CABF program on medically assisted dying. He noted the positive response to the recent Rushton Lecture. He also discussed the current efforts at strategic planning taking place in the Council and which will soon require further input from the membership. Rick directed those present who have any program ideas to the new Program chair – Jenny Drewitz. Rick moved acceptance of his report, seconded by John Churchill. Carried.

Website – John Churchill

In John’s oral report he thanked Jenny for her work on the Facebook site and outlined the contents of the website. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Carolyn Harrison. Carried.

Representative to Alliance of Baptists – Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

The chair noted the reception of Lee’s written report.

Representative to Canadian Council of Churches – Ed Colquhoun

Ed called attention to his attached report, particularly the congruence of the CCC purposes and functions with the CABF’s. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Sheila Stanley. Carried.

ITEM 6 New Business

2018 Budget – David Allen

David called our attention to the attached budget for 2018. He noted that it was a deficit budget but that we had the money in our bank account to cover the shortfall. He highlighted the new budget lines for teleconferencing, liability insurance and strategic planning initiatives. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dave Allen, seconded by Hugh Kirkegaard that the budget as presented be adopted. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report – John Boyd

John reported that John Churchill and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo served with him on this committee and he explained the rationale for the expansion of the Council. He highlighted who in his attached report were officers and directors of CABF. After calling three times for further nominations, John Tonks declared that those named were approved as directors by the body. John Boyd then put forward those named to serve on committees and represent the CABF to other bodies. After calling three times for further nominations, John Tonks declared that those named were approved by the assembly. In concluding his report, John Boyd made it clear that there was room for any further volunteer to serve on committees of the CABF by contact with the committee chairs. He moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by David Allen. Carried.

Auditors

By agreement of the body, the appointment of auditors was referred to the Council for action through the Finance Committee.

Follow-up to Program

Hugh Kirkegaard, in light of the program presented on Friday and Saturday, recommended that the Council determine what is an appropriate response to the call to action by the TRC. Agreed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rusty Edwards and a word of thanks to John Tonks for his service to the CABF.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Colquhoun
Secretary Pro tem

[Webmaster note: References to attached documents refer to reports in the 2017 AGM Report Book, which can be viewed [here](#).]