

CABF Council – November 13 , 2018

Draft Minutes

Present: Dave Allen, John Boyd, John Churchill, Ed Colquhoun, Marlene Knowles, Wayne Marsh, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Jeff White.

Regrets: Joyce Allen, Rick Manuel, Joao Matwawana.

Chair Lee Nicholas-Pattillo called the meeting to order at 10:07. John Boyd opened with prayer.

By agreement, the regular order was suspended to deal with plans for initiatives emerging from our three **strategic directions – Proclaiming, Convening and Supporting**. The Council envisioned a meeting to set directions and plan activities to support these directions, in other words, to begin immediately the implementation of our planning. The method proposed was to have three groups of people who indicate interest and/or experience in each direction for a 30-40 minute brainstorm using flipcharts. Then two rotations of the groups would allow for a critique of the original thinking and further ideas to be proposed. Facilitators and recorders would remain in place at each of the three stations. After a lunch, a plenary meeting would be held to share ideas and suggest further action. There was much discussion about how this activity would relate to our current structure. Although our committees have several connections to the proposed strategic directions, facilitators and recorders might come from several committees - the Program committee with Convening, the Bulletin committee Proclaiming, the Constitution, Finance and Credentials committees Supporting etc. There was extensive discussion about who might attend. Before the end of November, David Allen will coordinate sending out electronic invitations prepared by Lee and Wayne to all participants in CABF activities. David suggested “we” might get together again to check out the progress of planning this meeting.

NB – The CABF Action Planning Day for all interested in the CABF will be Saturday, January 19, from 10:00 until 2:00 at Port Williams (Jan. 26 as the storm day).

Lee called the meeting back to regular order. The following additions to the **agenda** were suggested - the 2019 meeting schedule, a review of the AGM, a review of the agenda format, and issues arising from the Canadian Council of Churches meetings. These additions to the agenda were received with agreement.

David Allen moved that the **minutes of the previous meeting** be approved, seconded by Marlene. Carried.

Arising from the minutes was a **review of the AGM**. The meeting itself, including the lunch provided, received very positive reviews, including a comment the Communion Service was especially meaningful. There was some misunderstanding about the registration fee, with the result that the money collected was not enough to take care of the meeting costs. Following up from the AGM John Churchill agreed to work with David Allen to notify the Registrar of Joint Stocks about our Directors for this year as well as our 2017 financial statements.

Lee shared private **correspondence** asking whether she was continuing as a participant at the Alliance of Baptists meetings, since her term on that Board had ended. This prompted much discussion about the importance of maintaining our connection to the Alliance. John Boyd moved, seconded by Jeff White, that Marlene Knowles attend the next Alliance AGM on our behalf. Carried.

Reports

David Allen presented the **Treasurer's Report**, and a [Cash Flow statement](#) noting some of the outstanding costs from the AGM. He moved acceptance of his report, seconded by John Boyd. Carried.

David Allen then presented the **Membership Report** prepared by Joyce Allen – an increase in individual members to 74 and 1 lifetime member. As usual, the number of member churches will increase before year end.

There was **no Bulletin report**, but there was a brief discussion about the upcoming change in editor.

John Churchill reported from the **Credentials Committee**. He noted the work ongoing in Formation at AST as well as discussions about new persons receiving credentials from the CABF.

John Boyd discussed the **WEB** page, noting that he had a fair bit of material from Port Williams, First Halifax and Amherst and ADC. He indicated his eagerness to receive material from other sources.

Jeff White reported on a meeting of the **Program Committee**, working on a theme for the Rushton relating Ecology to Theology. The committee also is exploring other themes and venues for the AGM.

John Churchill presented the **Constitution Report** and noted that the committee has changes ready for consideration of the membership and is working on a Policy and Procedures Manual.

Ed Colquhoun discussed the difficulty representing the CABF at the **Canadian Council of Churches** when asked what our “official position” is on many matters.

The following **2019 Council Meeting Dates** were adopted on motion by David Allen, seconded by Marlene Knowles. –

January 22. First Baptist Halifax, 10:00 am

February – open

March 5, Port Williams Baptist, 10:00 am

April – none

May 7, First Baptist Halifax, 10:00 am

September 3, Port Williams Baptist 10:00 am

October 4 and 5 – AGM place TBA

November 5, First Baptist Halifax, 10:00 am

December – none

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Ed Colquhoun
Secretary