

# Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

## Minutes of Council Meeting on 21 September 2017

**Present:** Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, David Allen, Rev. Joao Matwawana, Rev. Dr. John Churchill, Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice, Rev. John Boyd, Lic. Rick Manuel and Rev. Hugh Kirkegaard.

**Regrets:** Rev. John Tonks (President)

The CABF Council convened in the Board Room of First Baptist Church Halifax at 10 a.m. on 21 September 2017 with Vice President Lee Nicholas-Pattillo in the Chair. John Boyd agreed to take the minutes.

### **Agenda:**

The Chair proposed an Agenda – **Approved**

1. Minutes of 31 August 2017
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Treasurers Report
4. Bulletin Editor's Report
5. Committee Reports
6. AGM
7. Nominating Committee
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

### **Minutes:**

The minutes had been circulated by email.

***Motion*** by Allen/Matwawana that the Minutes of 31 August 2017 be approved as circulated.  
***Carried***

### **Business Arising:**

1. John Churchill reported that John Boyd had agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee and that he and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo had agreed to serve with him.

***Motion*** by Allen/Churchill that the Nominating Committee be Rev. John Boyd (Chair), Rev. Dr. John Churchill and Lee Nicholas Pattillo. ***Carried***

### **Treasurer's Report:**

A written report had been circulated by email ([see here](#)). David Allen commented that Church donations were up by \$900 and that individual donations were exactly the same as last year. The bank

balance as of 19 September 2017 was \$15,470.82. Since preparing the report the Treasurer had paid an invoice of \$1800 for the latest Bulletin and had received \$300 in an HST rebate.

The 2018 Budget had previously been approved for presentation to the AGM and is ready for circulation to the membership ([see here](#)). David noted that \$3,000 has been budgeted for expenses related to the Strategic Plan. Brief discussion confirmed that there had been one discussion on strategic planning led by Rick Manuel after the August 31 meeting, that the aim was to involve the CABF membership and that Rick had agreed to continue as leader of the process.

David Allen noted that CABF has 65 individual members and 6 members churches at this point in the year.

**Motion:** *Allen/Churchill that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. Carried.*

#### **Bulletin Editor:**

Roger Prentice reported that the latest edition had just been released and distributed copies. The next one is due out in late January.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1. Credentials Committee** – Roger Prentice reported that the Committee had met with and granted accreditation to the Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards of First Baptist Church Halifax. His name will be added to the provincial registry for officiating at marriages and a certificate will be presented to him. **Action** - Lee Nicholas-Pattillo will facilitate this.

**[Rick Manuel joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.]**

Roger noted that the Committee is working on creating standards and a process for accrediting suitable older candidates seeking either a Lay Pastor designation or Ordination.

**[Hugh Kirkegaard joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.]**

**Question:** David Allen asked for a list of currently accredited ministers to add to the database he is keeping. **Action** - Lee Nicholas-Pattillo will provide this.

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo reported that she had received correspondence from Rev. Marlene Knowles indicating that she had been removed from the Convention's list to the province of clergy eligible to conduct marriages, and asking to be added to the CABF list. Marlene is accredited with the CABF. **Action** - Lee Nicholas-Pattillo will facilitate this.

John Boyd noted that Roger Prentice has indicated that he will relinquish his role as Chair and member of the Credentials Committee as of the AGM. Roger has led the Credentials Committee since its inception.

**Motion:** *Allen/Churchill moved a motion of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice for his exceptional work as Chair of the Credentials Committee since its inception. Carried.*

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo commented, "It is with great sadness and gratitude that we receive this news."

Roger Prentice said that he was honoured to have chaired the Credentials Committee. "It has grown into a superb committee that has done the work!"

John Churchill raised an awkward situation wherein a member Church has called a minister who had previously resigned his accreditation with CABF due to an issue involving the CABFs standards of conduct. General discussion ensued and the situation was referred to the Credentials Committee.

2. **Website Committee** – no report
3. **Program Committee** – discussed under AGM (below)

### **Annual General Meeting:**

Rick Manuel had circulated an agenda for the weekend of 13-14 October 2017 to be held at Manning Memorial Chapel in Wolfville. There was considerable discussion with the following results

1. Lee will check with John Tonks re: his attendance and opening remarks. **Action: Lee**
2. Hugh Kirkegaard will offer the Friday evening devotional. **Action: Hugh**
3. John Churchill will publicize the event through Acadia email. **Action: John**
4. RSVPs will be sent to David Allen ([davidgallen7@gmail.com](mailto:davidgallen7@gmail.com))
5. Lee will ask Marlene Knowles to offer the Saturday devotional. **Action: Lee**
6. Due to other activities at the Chapel and the need to use some space for more than one purpose, our schedule must be flexible and Council members will be needed to help move tables, etc. **Action: Council Members**
7. Council affirmed David Allen's proposal that the Speaker receive \$500 plus expenses and those leading the blanket exercise receive \$100 plus travel
8. The current schedule is as follows:

### **Friday, October 13:**

- 6:30-7:00 Registration
- 7:00-7:30 Opening Remarks (John Tonks) and Devotional (Hugh Kirkegaard)
- 7:30-7:40 Introduction of Topic and Guest Speaker, Rev. Jamie Scott
- 7:40-8:30 Rev. Jamie Scott: *The Uncomfortable Journey Towards Reconciliation*
- 8:30-8:45 Questions and Answers and preview of Saturday's program
- 8:45-9:00 Communion Service – the Chaplain
- 9:00 Dismissal and Refreshments

### **Saturday, October 14:**

8:30-9:00 Registration  
9:00-9:15 Devotional (TBA)  
9:15-10:45 Kairos Blanket Exercise  
10:45-11:15 Refreshment Break (Chapel Foyer)  
11:15-12:30 AGM (Sanctuary)  
12:30 Lunch and Dismissal

The Annual Meeting Agenda is set out in the By-laws and will include:

Call to Order – President  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes  
    2016 Annual Meeting  
    2017 Rushton Lecture Meeting  
Business Arising from the Minutes  
Reports  
    Council/President  
    Treasurer  
    Editor/Bulletin  
    Constitution  
    Credentials  
    Membership  
    Program  
    Website  
    Representatives  
        Alliance of Baptists  
        Canadian Council of Churches  
New Business  
    2018 Budget  
    Nominating Committee  
    Nomination of Auditors (refer to Finance Committee)  
Notices of Motion (if any)  
Adjournment

### **Nominating Committee**

John Boyd circulated a Nominating Committee Report ([see here](#)). It included three recommendations to be presented to the AGM. There is still work to be done to complete it. John noted that it does not appear that the revisions to the Council (addition of a Finance Committee and Members at Large) have been submitted for approval by the Registry of Joint Stocks. This needs to be confirmed. Those that have been approved by the members should be submitted. **Action:** Lee, Constitution Committee

He also noted that it is not clear in the By-laws as to the length of term for Standing Committees, including their Chairs. **Action:** Constitution Committee

**Other Business:**

It was agreed that production of a Report Booklet would be helpful. **Action: Lee and Council**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:36pm

Respectfully sub mitted,

Rev. John E. Boyd, Secretary *pro tem*