



*Promoting Historic Baptist
Traditions and Freedoms*

**Minutes
CABF SPECIAL Council
Meeting
June 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.
(Via Zoom)**

Present: Marlene Knowles, President; David Allen; Joyce Allen; Rusty Edwards; Don Flowers; Dave Gibson; Martin Roy; Sheila Stanley.

Regrets: Dan Green, Hugh Kirkegaard, Bert Radford, Jeff White

1. **Open with Prayer:** Marlene opened with prayer.
2. **Agenda:** This was a special meeting of Council called specifically to consider:
 - a. **Proposed Amendments to the Policy on the Credentials Committee** for inclusion in the Policy and Procedures Manual
 - b. **Proposed Changes to the Memorandum of Association** for circulation to Members in advance of the meeting of the Assembly on June 16, 2022
 - c. **Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the Association** pertaining to the Credentials Committee for circulation to Members in advance of the meeting of the Assembly on June 16
 - d. **Approval for a Special Meeting of the Assembly on June 16, 2022**

Marlene noted that advance registration for the 50th Anniversary Celebration was less than anticipated at this point and wondered if we had reached out to people beyond our immediate Members such as leaders/former leaders at the Acadia Divinity College, the CBAC, etc. No one present was aware of additional publicity beyond our invitation to Members and our CABF website.

3. **Action Items and Decisions:**

Dave Gibson, Chair of the Constitution and Governance Committee, had circulated documents pertinent to the topics noted above in advance of this special meeting.

a. Proposed Amendments to the Policy on the Credentials Committee

Dave advised that both the Credentials Committee and the Constitution and Governance Committee had unanimously agreed to recommend the proposed amendments for adoption by Council with implementation pending approval by the Assembly and the Registrar of Joint Stocks.

Rusty noted that a significant addition to the policy has been a new category of accreditation – i.e. that of a lay minister.

Rusty moved and Hugh seconded that Council adopt and add to the Policy and Procedures Manual the proposed policies to replace the three existing policies pertaining to the functions of the Credentials Committee, such new policies to take effect on the date of approval of amendments to the CABF Constitution and By-Laws by the Registrar.

Motion Carried

b. Proposed Changes to the Memorandum of Association

On behalf of the Constitution and Governance Committee, Dave moved and Hugh seconded that the proposed package of amendments to the Memorandum of Association be approved by Council for presentation to the Assembly for consideration at the Special Meeting of the Assembly via Zoom on Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Carried

c. Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the Association

Dave clarified that the proposed changes to the By-Laws would enable the policies proposed by the Credentials Committee - and just approved by Council - to be implemented. Dave moved, and Martin seconded, that the proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Association be approved by Council for recommendation to the Assembly for approval at the forthcoming Special Meeting on June 16, 2022.

Motion Carried

d. Approval for a Special Meeting of the Assembly on June 16, 2022

The previous two motions require approval of the Assembly, so a special meeting of that body is needed. Dave moved, and Martin seconded, that Council approve calling a Special meeting of the Assembly via Zoom on Thursday, June 16, 2022 commencing at 7:00 pm ADT.

Motion Carried

The Special Meeting can be announced at the Anniversary Celebrations on June 3 and/or June 4 and would include the agenda topics. Communication will also occur via individual emails and the website. Quorum needed would comprise 20% of 50 Members.

4. Other: Quelph Baptist Church is expected to vote to become inclusive in the coming week.

5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.