

**Atlantic Baptist Fellowship
Executive Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2011; 10:00 am; Lisa's Restaurant, Windsor, NS**

Attending: Rev. John Boyd,
Rev. Renée Clark,
Rev. Dr. John Churchill,
Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice,
Rev. Dr. Dan Gibson

In the absence of the President, and the vacancy of the office of Vice President, and the absence of the Secretary, Renée was elected to chair the meeting and Dan was appointed as recording secretary.

There were 4 items on the agenda:

1. A review of the Rushton Lecture. 70 were registered. Thanks expressed to Kim and Dan and Roger for their planning and preparation. The new format, including hymns and lecture upstairs was appreciated. There was some disappointment that the guest speaker did not address the topic as in-depth as she might have. The Constitution stuff was handled well by John Churchill. The tribute to Reg Dunn by Roger was excellent. It was noted that the 'Friends' and 'Program Committee' need somehow to be combined in the new Constitution without losing the significance of the 'Friends'. Next June, John Churchill will do a tribute to Dr. Jud. Levy.

2. ABF Bulletin. Good reviews. The next full issue will follow the Fall Meeting, as there will be lots to report. A brochure/ bulletin insert will be prepared and sent out before the Fall Meeting. Two negative comments were reported. The pastor West Lane Baptist Church in Moncton phoned the Editor to demand that his church be removed from our historic list, denying that they had ever been involved with ABF. (*In actual fact, they hosted an ABF meeting in the 1980's and were full members at the time!*) An individual Dr. Ray Hobbs objected that an article by Dr. Bill Brackney had been published by ABF, so cancelled his membership. The Editor was told not to change the editorial policy.

3. Fall Annual Meeting – 40th Anniversary. FBC Halifax is hosting, and have been give freedom to made whatever plans and arrangements they feel are appropriate. There will be a new Constitution workshop. (*We need to stress that our proposal to offer accreditation is a 'dual' option for those who wish to be accredited both by their convention and by ABF. This is in addition to the single accreditation which some may wish to have if they are 'orphaned' by the convention. Also, there should be a 'grandfathering' of accreditation so that any who are already accredited by convention could be automatically accredited by ABF at their request, without the need of a long process. The longer process would be for those seeking accreditation for the first time.*) We need to make sure that there are enough church delegates at the Fall Meeting to actually do the business of considering the new Constitution, as our present Constitution limits voting to church delegates. Dan will send emails and make phone calls. Lee will be asked to write a letter. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse will be asked to be the devotional speaker. There will be Communion on the Friday evening.

4. Nominations proposed:

President: Rev John Tonks
V. President _____
Secretary: Lee
Program: John Churchill, Lee?
Treasurer: Paul?
Bulletin Editor: Dan

John Churchill's' daughter, Sharon Churchill-Roe will be asked to create a new ABF website
Adjournment 12:15 pm