



Minutes CABF Council Meeting Bedford Baptist Church March 3, 2020

Present: David Allen, Joyce Allen, John Boyd, John Churchill, Don Flowers, Dan Green, Jeff White, Hugh Kirkegaard, Lee Nicholas Patillo (Chair).

Regrets: Bert Radford, Scott Kindred-Barnes, Harriett McCready, Rick Manuel, Dave Gibson, Marlene Knowles, Sheila Stanley

Call to Order: Chair Lee Nicholas-Patillo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. In the absence of Sheila Stanley, John Boyd agreed to take minutes. Dan Green opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was accepted with two additions:

- a. Discussion of CBAC Notice of Motion re: Licenses
- b. Possibility of Dan Green representing CABF at Maritime Conference, UCC

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on January 7, 2020:

Following motion for approval by David Allen, seconded by Don Flowers, Council approved the minutes (previously circulated) of the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Council had also received notes from the January 23rd, 2020 meeting on the Strategic Plan.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Deferred to the next meeting of Council.

Future Discussion/Action

Correspondence:

Lee Nicholas-Patillo had previously circulated the President's Report on contacts she had made with Rev. Dr. Peter Reid (CBAC Executive Minister) and Dr. AnnaRobbins (President, ADC) - see below. As indicated, neither had replied with possible dates for a meeting with CABF representatives. The Council agreed that the President should make another attempt with each.

Action

Standing Reports:

Reports had been received from the following Committees: Treasurer/Finance, Membership, Constitutional, Program and Website (see below). There were no action items.

Credentials: John Churchill reminded the Council that the Credentials Committee was spending considerable time revising policies. He sought the wisdom of Council on the question of a candidate's "fitness for ministry" apart from completing the current CABF standards for education and accreditation. General discussion ensued. Several indicated how difficult it would be to codify this concept. Several spoke of the partnership between the Credentials Committee and local Churches since the latter are responsible for initial licensing and agreement to ordain. The CABF mentorship could also offer an opportunity to assess "fitness" in general. The Credentials Committee will reflect on these ideas.

Action

CABF Rep at Maritime Conference, UCC: Dan Green has been asked to represent CBAC at the annual Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada and offered to do the same for CABF. **Motion:** John Boyd/Hugh Kirkegaard moved/seconded that Dan Green represent the CABF at the Maritime Conference, UCC which is upcoming in May. **Carried.**

Action

50th Anniversary of the ABF/CABF: The Anniversary Committee, consisting of David Allen (Chair), Jeff White, Roger Prentice, Scott Kindred-Barnes and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo have met and have prepared a time-line for their work. By September they will be able to give the Council a detailed plan to review and take to the AGM. He led the Council in a five minute brainstorming session of ideas for celebrating the 50th. The Anniversary Committee will next meet in April.

Action

Strategic Planning: Using notes prepared by Sheila Stanley, John Churchill, John Boyd and Jeff White, the Council spent most of the meeting discussing our strategic initiatives with a view to prioritizing some of them for immediate action. Out of this discussion came the following action items:

- 1. Proclaiming:** Hugh Kirkegaard and Don Flowers agreed to draft the "elevator speech" (c. 500 words) on Telling Our Story. Council recognizes that any use of contemporary media (webpage, podcast, etc) requires basic "input" that clearly tells the story of the CABF. This is a beginning.
- 2. Convening:** Don Flowers agreed to speak with Dave Csinos (AST professor and President of Faith Forward) about possibilities for a CABF youth event. Lee Nicholas-Pattillo agreed to work on an event in leadership development for ministerial students. Jeff White indicated that Convening is a major part of the work of his Program Committee and that this Committee will be reviewing our strategic initiatives as part of its ongoing work.
- 3. Supporting:** David Allen agreed to look into pension and health insurance that might be available for congregations that are worried about losing current plans, especially if they were to become fully affirming re: LGBTQ+. Council has heard of congregations who need this kind of information in order to overcome fears that get in the way of decision-making.

There is more to be done on our strategic initiatives so this item will remain on the Council's agenda.

Action

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on Tuesday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Bedford Baptist Church.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John E. Boyd, *note taker*

Attachments:

President's Report
Treasurer/Finance Report
Membership Report
Constitution Report
Program Report
Website Report

President's Report for CABF
March 3, 2020 Council Meeting

My tasks from the January meeting was to follow up with **Rev. Dr. Peter Reid, CBAC** and make contact with **Dr. Anna Robins, Acadia Divinity College**.

January 7, 2020 @ 1:06 pm – I sent email to **Peter Reid**. Reminding him of our previous discussion; asked him if he review his calendar and suggest a couple dates that would work for him and I would love to meet with him and a couple of his colleagues and a couple CABF Council members.

January 28, 2020 @ 10:24 am – I call **Peter's #** and was transferred; had a very brief conversation with Peter. He was doing Acadia interviews and only had a few minutes. He apologized for not getting back to me; he said things just got busy. He said he would get in touch with me in the next day or so.

February 19, 2020 @ 7:42 pm – no response from Peter at this time. I'm thinking *the ball is in his court* and we should wait to see when he gets back to us. (This 'back-and-forth' has been going on since March 2019.)

January 9, 2020 @ 10:00 am – I called and talked with Jim Stanley. I advised Jim CABF would like to meet with Dr. Robins. I asked Jim if he thought I should approach her directly, or did he feel that a contact from him to introduce CABF would be more appropriate. Jim advised that Dr. Robins is very approachable, and she would most likely welcome the call/invitation from CABF directly. Jim advised Dr. Robbins was on her '*Listening Tour*' so an email might be best way to get in contact at this time. Jim said to feel free to mention his name.

January 9, 2020 @ 9:36 pm - I sent an email to Dr. Robins reminding her she was CABF guest speaker in June 2007; we have completed our strategic planning; advised her of our relationship with Jim and others at ADC and we would love to meet with her to share some of our ideas from our strategic planning, as well to discuss how CABF might partner with the Divinity College.

Late January I learned Dr. Robins' mother had passed away and this may attribute to her late response.

February 19, 2020 @ 7:42 pm – no response from Dr. Robins at this time.

Submitted by
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

29/02/2020

Banking Summary - Year To Date
01/01/2020 through 28/02/2020 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Category	01/01/2020- 28/02/2020
INCOME	
Donations	
Church	1,214.91
Individual	1,111.54
TOTAL Donations	2,326.45
Investment Income	
Fall Assembly	171.30
Operating	907.92
Rushton	137.06
TOTAL Investment Income	1,216.28
Membership	340.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,882.73
EXPENSES	
Administration	
Bank Charges	16.90
Fees & Dues	564.50
Tele-Conferencing	22.71
TOTAL Administration	604.11
HST Paid On Goods & Services	350.91
The Bulletin	
Publishing	1,779.72
TOTAL The Bulletin	1,779.72
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,734.74
Balance Forward	
Bal Fwd RBC Business Account	9,592.17
TOTAL Balance Forward	9,592.17
OVERALL TOTAL	10,740.16

Membership Committee Report
March 3, 2020

As of Feb 29th we have 17 individual memberships, 2 life members, and have received donations from 3 member churches.

Donations
Burlington Baptist
Brantford Baptist
Port Williams Baptist

Here is the report from the **Constitution and Governance Committee**.

Following our last meeting of the CABF Council—the very productive Strategic Planning Review session—we held short Constitution and Governance Committee meeting. At this meeting we made slight changes to the draft amendments to the By-Laws based on the discussion at the Strategic Planning session. This was added to substantial work that we had done over the past two years but held onto while Council worked through the Strategic Planning process.

We are now ready to present the draft amendments to Council for your consideration, subject only to finding a meeting where there will be time on the agenda. Clearly the short term priority is how to implement the Strategic Plans. However, if we can get a half hour or hour at a future Council meeting, that would allow us to present our work for your consideration.

Attached please find two versions of the draft amendments to the 2016 By-Laws:

1. The “original” 2016 By-Laws with MSWord Mark-up noting all the proposed changes. This will allow for continuity in tracking all the changes we propose. This includes both our recent edits and all those that we did in 2017 and 2018.

2. The present day draft with suggested amendments “All Accepted” in MSWord Mark-up, so you can see what a “clean” copy of our revised By-Laws would look like if the revised document is accepted by the CABF Council and by a subsequent Meeting of the Members.

Please give me any comments you may have. Don’t wait for this document to be presented at a Council meeting. If you have a concern, a question, a comment or a suggestion, we welcome the input.

The next task for our committee will be to get the basics of the Policy and Procedures Manual put together. We can work on this task immediately and do not need to wait for the draft By-Law changes to be accepted by Council, the Membership or the Registrar. I believe that both the work on the By-Laws and the new task of developing the Policy and Procedures Manual fit nicely into our contribution toward the Strategic Priorities that CABF has agreed upon.

The start of putting the Policy and Procedures Manual together will be to assemble all existing documents that have been developed by council or committees. It would be great help if each of you would send me what your committee has developed in the way of mandate statements, terms of reference, policies, regulations, procedures, forms, or other documentation related to your committee or to your individual role as an officer of the Association. The Constitution Committee will assemble this information into one manual, identify any gaps and start working on filling them. Thank you for your input.

Program Committee

CABF Council (and Program Committee),

I greet you with a brief update about our programming for this year.

I have confirmed Rev. Sarah Scott as our Rushton Lecturer (June 20 - Port Williams), on a subject yet to be clarified. Sarah is Chaplain at Grand View Manor in Berwick.

I have confirmed Rev. Dr. Spencer Boersma as our Fall speaker (October 2-3 - FBC Halifax), hopefully on a subject like: 'how to be a local congregation of theologically diversity.' Clarification of this subject will also come, in time.

Jeff White

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Report of the Website Committee

The Website Committee is responsible for the CABF Website and the CABF Facebook Page.

Website - <https://www.c-abf.ca/>

I have updated the webpage with a link to the latest edition of the CABF Bulletin, links to Council Minutes and updated news items on the Rushton Lecture and Luncheon and the 2020 AGM.

The website continues to have links to CanadaHelps.org (where you can safely make charitable contributions to the CABF), to our Facebook page and to our member congregations. The **Links** tab on the main menu opens a page with links to many associated organizations, ecumenical groups, news agencies and useful publications.

Kevin Estey (Kevin Estey Design - <https://www.kevinestey.ca/>) has maintained the design and operation of our website for a very reasonable fee.

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/CanadianABF

With Rev. Jenny Drewitz on maternity leave am looking after the Facebook Page. I continue to post news of the activities of our Churches and ecumenical partners. Currently 108 people have “liked” the page, and receive CABF posts in their News Feeds, and 108 people “follow” the page (seeing some posts).

I am always interested in your suggestions for inclusion on the CABF website or the CABF Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John E. Boyd, Chair and Webmaster