

CABF Council – January 22, 2019
Draft Minutes

Present: Dave Allen, John Boyd, Ed Colquhoun, Joao Matwawana, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Sheila Stanley
By Telephone: John Churchill, Rick Manuel, Bert Radford.
Regrets: Joyce Allen, Marlene Knowles, Jeff White.

Chair Lee Nicholas-Pattillo **called the meeting to order** at 10:05.

Motion to **approve the agenda** with three additions for new business was carried.

The first item **arising from the minutes** was the preparedness for the strategic planning on Saturday. After some discussion with John Churchill about the physical arrangements, it was decided to determine with Wayne the required set-up.

Dave Allen will do registration both to provide handouts to participants and to renew memberships where requested. Facilitating the small groups will be Jeff White and Sheila Stanley, with Rick Manuel if his family situation allows his attendance.

We were reminded that the session will be from 10 am to 2 pm.

The second item mentioned from the minutes was that Dave has determined that Marlene still plans to represent us at the Alliance of Baptists.

There was no **correspondence**.

Reports:

President Lee Nicholas-Pattillo thanked those members of the Council who provided reports in advance of the meeting.

Treasurer Dave Allen reviewed his previously circulated Banking Summary and moved its acceptance. Carried. The Budget was now circulated with actual figures for 2018. The only major change was the large individual donation. Dave moved acceptance of the budget. Carried.

There followed considerable discussion about the previously circulated report of the **Finance Committee**. Their recommendation regarding Budget support for representation at other bodies like the Fraternity of Baptists of Cuba was deferred pending the planning meeting on the 26th.

On recommendation of the committee, a motion by John Boyd to continue with Sumac software despite an upcoming cost increase was carried. Dave offered to demonstrate at a future date the usefulness of the database for those Council members who were unfamiliar with it.

Regarding necessity of audit for the organization, the Finance Committee is considering various ways to accomplish this.

Dave Allen also commented on the **Membership** report previously circulated by Joyce. Individual memberships were up by five, church memberships down three. It is possible that the postal disruption caused a delay in receiving some memberships. The three churches have given no indication that they will not continue their association. Dave moved acceptance of the report. Carried.

The **Bulletin** report was previously circulated. The latest edition has just arrived in some mailboxes. John Boyd commented that Roger Prentice is firm in his determination to retire; however, a “volunteer” has stepped up to take on the job.

John Churchill commented on five issues from his previously circulated **Credentials Committee** report. Formation continues at AST under the direction of Ed Colquhoun.

A candidate for ordination is taking Dr. Bill Brackney's course on Baptist Life and Thought.

A clergy who has relinquished his CBAC credentials was accepted on the CABF list with permission to marry.

Review of the original policies of the committee continues.

Consideration to create a status for those in ministry who do not meet all formal educational requirements continues.

John Boyd commented on his previously circulated **Website** report. The Committee continues to stay within budget. The website and Facebook continue to grow as means of communication with an increase of church news.

Jeff White previously reported that the **Program Committee** is tentatively planning for the Rushton Lecture to have the Rev. Michael Dowd speak about a topic in the field of ecology and theology on June 8th. Sheila Stanley moved acceptance of his report. Carried.

Sheila Stanley reported that there had been no meeting of the **Constitution Committee** since the last Council meeting so the status remains the same as the last report. Her motion to accept the report was carried.

Although **Strategic Planning** had been discussed in full under Business Arising from the Minutes, Council further agreed that Wayne was not contracted to attend Saturday's session and he should be compensated for his time.

Ed Colquhoun commented on his representation at the **Canadian Council of Churches**, noting that his impressions about Jewish-Christian conversations and about Chaplaincy were to be found in the current Bulletin.

New Business:

Council was informed that the Gathering had been asked to seek recognition of the right of Jenny Drewitz to conduct a wedding in Ontario.

Dave Allen informed us that a church in British Columbia is exploring very tentatively the possibility of affiliating with the CABF.

Consideration of attendance of a delegate at an accepting and affirming church conference in Toronto was deferred until after the planning session on Saturday.

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:50 with prayer by John Boyd.

Ed Colquhoun
Secretary

Finance Committee Report To Council
(January 22, 2019)

The Finance Committee for CABF (Dan Green, Jim Stanley and David Allen) met via phone on 16 January 2019 @ 9 AM

We reconsidered our last conversation re: delegate expenses.

We discussed the actual costs of our present delegates attending the Alliance and CCC. Our budget (2019) reflects the cost of attending CCC twice a year and the Alliance once per year. Including CCC fees this is approximately \$1000 per conference. The Finance Committee recommends that a delegate reimbursement attending a conference be capped at \$1200 (with receipts provided). Also, if in the future, delegates to other conferences are being considered we might want to consider alternating attendance.

We reviewed the Banking summary for 2018.

It was noted that a sizable donation was received (\$4900) from an individual donor.

David brought forward an item of concern regarding our database software. Sumac has increased it fees from \$250/year to \$45/month. After contacting the company David has been allowed a dispensation in the increase until March 2019. Jim and Dan both appreciate the benefit this software is to the good work David does for us. We recommend retaining this software.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Green,
Chair of Finance committee

Banking Summary - Last year
01/01/2018 through 31/12/2018 (in Canadian Dollars)

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Category	01/01/2018- 31/12/2018
INCOME	
Donations	
Church	8,055.37
Individual	7,240.00
TOTAL Donations	15,295.37
Fall Assembly Registration	950.00
Investment Income	
Fall Assembly	262.40
Operating	1,128.30
Rushton	209.91
TOTAL Investment Income	1,600.61
Membership	1,540.00
Other Inc	
HST Rebate	819.06
TOTAL Other Inc	819.06
Rushton Lecture Registration	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	21,205.04
EXPENSES	
Administration	
Bank Charges	80.70
Fees & Dues	1,214.45
Office	90.65
Tele-Conferencing	252.62
Website	141.35
TOTAL Administration	1,779.77
Delegate Expenses	
Alliance Of Baptists	1,030.40
CCC	1,422.60
TOTAL Delegate Expenses	2,453.00
Fall Assembly	
Catering	378.95
Speaker	832.48
TOTAL Fall Assembly	1,211.43
Formation Program	
Travell	150.00
TOTAL Formation Program	150.00
HST Paid On Goods & Services	2,026.41
Rushton Lecture	
Luncheon	750.00
Speaker	350.00
TOTAL Rushton Lecture	1,100.00
Strategic Plan Development	8,235.37
The Bulletin	
Publishing	5,000.04

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TOTAL The Bulletin	5,000.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,956.02
Balance Forward	
Bal Fwd RBC Business Account	15,267.78
TOTAL Balance Forward	15,267.78
OVERALL TOTAL	14,516.80

**Canadian Association For Baptist Freedoms
2019 Budget**

LINE	Income	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
1	Donations (Churches)	6,000.00	8,410.96	7,000.00	8,055.37	7,000.00
2	Donations (Individual)	2,000.00	3,665.00	2,000.00	7,240.00	2,000.00
3	Membership	1,800.00	1,440.00	1,800.00	1,540.00	1,500.00
4	Fall Assembly Registration	1,700.00	1,280.00	1,500.00	950.00	1,500.00
5	Rushton Lecture Registration	1,400.00	1,575.00	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
6	Investment Income (ABF)	1,800.00	1,725.52	1,500.00	1,600.61	1,600.00
7	Fund Raising	2,200.00				
8	HST Rebate		1,755.33	500.00	819.06	600.00
9	Other Income		500.00			
10	TOTAL	16,900.00	20,351.81	15,900.00	21,205.04	15,800.00
	Expense	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
	Administration					
11	Bank charges	75.00	63.30	50.00	80.70	50.00
12	Delegate Expenses	3,000.00	1,507.18	2,600.00	2,453.00	2,600.00
13	Fees & Dues	1,700.00	1,942.15	1,200.00	1,214.45	1,200.00
14	Office Supplies	600.00	166.32	400.00	90.65	400.00
15	Publicity	375.00				
16	Website	650.00	717.86	650.00	141.35	650.00
17	HST Paid On Goods & Services		1,047.55	1,000.00	2,026.41	1,000.00
18	TeleConferencing		29.68	500.00	252.62	500.00
19	Liability Insurance			500.00		
	Formation Program (AST)				150.00	2,500.00
20	Strategic Planning Initiative			3,000.00	8,235.37	1,400.00
	Assemblies					
21	Rushton Lecture & Fall Assembly	4,500.00	3,564.85	4,500.00	2,311.43	4,500.00
	Bulletin					
22	Honourarium	1,500.00				
23	Publishing	6,000.00	4,819.89	5,500.00	5,000.04	5,500.00
24	TOTALS	18,400.00	13,858.78	19,900.00	21,956.02	20,300.00
25	Income / Expense	-1,500.00	6,493.03	-4,000.00	-750.98	-4,500.00
26	<i>From RBC Business Account Balance of \$15,267.78</i>					4,500.00
27	<i>Required From Investments</i>					0.00

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms
Council – 22 January 2019
Credentials Committee Report

Since our last report to Council (13 November 2018) the Credentials Committee met on 8 January 2019. The issues considered are on-going.

Article I. Baptist Formation Program at AST: Ed Colquhoun as Director has outlined the attached schedule for the Winter term. Class enrolment and attendance has been a concern.

Article II. Discussions with a candidate to work out a timeline to Ordination. The candidate has completed all academic requirements for an MDiv and enrolled in Dr. Bill Brackney's directed study course in **Baptist Life and Thought**. The candidate is in a one-year mentorship.

Article III. A clergy accredited with CABF and CBAC has relinquished CABC credentials and we have placed the person on the CABF list authorization permission to marry.

Article IV. The review and revision of our founding policies continues.

Article V. Issues pending:

Section V.1 Creation of a status for those in ministry who have and will not meet all formal educational requirements for accreditation.

Respectfully submitted,



John Churchill
Credentials Committee, Chair

AST Baptist Formation
Provisional Schedule – Winter Term 2019

January 9	Review of First Term and Introduction to Second Term	Ed Colquhoun
January 23	Faith Stories	Rusty Edwards
February 6	Faith Stories (Continued)	Rusty Edwards
(February 14	Baptist Day in AST Chapel	Rusty Edwards)
February 27	Music in Worship	Kevin Parks and Lynette Wahlstrom
March 13	Presiding at Special Life Events like Funerals and Weddings	John Boyd
March 27	Sharing of Spiritual Autobiographies	Rusty Edwards
April 3	Governance in a Congregational Setting (e.g. Reaching Consensus)	John Churchill

Sessions begin at 1:30 on the Wednesdays noted.

Membership Committee Report

There were 76 individual memberships in 2018, up 5 from 2017. Church memberships were down 3 from 13 in 2017 to 10 in 2018. We had one life member in 2018.

2018 List Of Member Churches
Amherst First Baptist Church
Arlington United Baptist Church
Burlington Baptist Church
Falmouth Baptist Church
First Baptist Church Halifax
First Baptist Church, Brantford
Lawrencetown United Baptist Church
Port Williams United Baptist Church
United Baptist Church, Mahone Bay
Wolfville Baptist Church, Treasurer

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Report of The Website Committee

Website: www.c-abf.ca

I have continued to update our website by adding meetings to the Calendar (when I know about them), a link to the latest Bulletin and news items (e.g.; the upcoming planning day at Port Williams).

Strategic Planning:

I have added our January 26 event as well as the full draft strategy document.

Rushton Lecture and Fall Assembly:

As soon as details are available I will add this information to the website with links on the homepage to any promotional material. It would be helpful to have brief biographies of speakers.

Council:

I have updated the info on the current Council and upload minutes of our meetings.

Links:

Links are under the following headings:

[Baptist Sites](#)

[Church Sites](#)

[Ecumenical Sites](#)

[Music Sites](#)

[Religious News and Opinion](#)

[Resources](#)

If you are looking for information, you just might find it on this page.

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/CanadianABF

Currently there are 81 “followers” of our Page. I created an Event for our upcoming planning day and 303 people were “reached” by it. 11 made some response (8 are coming, 3 are interested). You can see the potential for such a tool (almost 3 times as many people saw the post as received a email invitation. Of course, may of these people are scattered far a wide, but still...

Both Jenny Drewitz and I have been contributing to the Facebook page, making particular use of posts by member Churches and religious organizations. We also add posts about resources our members

might find useful. You can help as Council members by “liking” these posts, which means that they will appear in the news feeds of all your Friends, thus expanding the reach.

If your Church is using Facebook, let us know. We will “follow” your page and “share” what you post on our site. Your activities become an encouragement to all!

John Boyd: Chair

Jenny Drewitz: Facebook Manager