



*Promoting Historic Baptist  
Traditions and Freedoms*

## Minutes CABF Council Meeting

Mar 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**(Via Zoom)**

**Present:** Lee Nicholas-Pattillo (Chair), David Allen, Joyce Allen, John Boyd, John Churchill, , Dave Gibson, Hugh Kirkegaard, Marlene Knowles, Sheila Stanley, Jeff White.

**Regrets:** Don Flowers, Bert Radford

- 1. Open with Prayer:** Chair Lee welcomed everyone, and Dave Gibson opened the meeting with prayer at 9:40 a.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved as circulated with one edit – rename Item 6.a.1 from The Bulletin to Communications to more accurately reflect our Strategic Framework.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Sheila moved and David Allen seconded approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 3, 2021.

Motion Carried

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

Hugh Kirkegaard reported on the work of the Support Committee for Strategic Initiatives.

*a. Project Support Contractor*

The Committee had circulated the next draft for the Project Support Contractor in advance of the meeting. Sample Comments:

- Draft going in right direction, suggestions for minor changes in wording to be submitted
- Another potential project is a banner that could be used at various events
- It is important that someone appropriate be chosen for each specific project
- A project plan should be developed at the outset of each project

- While the contractor develops the product, decisions on what is expected to be done and for what purpose remains with Council
- Ideally, list sample projects in the description of the opportunity

All Council Members are requested to provide feedback to Lee and Hugh.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

*b. Elevator Speech*

A draft 'elevator speech' intended to answer the questions, "Who is CABF, and why should I be part of it?" had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Sample comments/observations:

- 'Ecumenical' is not in the draft. Should it be?
- We need to be cognizant of different audiences
- Revisit 'good Christians'

*c. Video*

Council watched the video that had been prepared to support the work of the hospital chaplaincy. Sample comments:

- Video viewed as good but basic (cost about \$2000)
- At other end of spectrum, Red Lama had produced a higher end video for Acadia Divinity College (cost about \$8500)
- John Churchill will suggest another person who may be worth approaching for this work.
- Scott noted that he has used an iPad with good success to make a video for Wolfville Baptist
- Lee suggested seeking a proposal with a range of options from which to choose
- The resulting video should have a long 'shelf life'

## **5. Correspondence**

Sheila reported that confirmation of approval of the CABF by-laws had been received from the Registry of Joint Stocks. Also, a congratulatory letter with words of encouragement and support had been sent to Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton on her appointment as President for the CBAC. Connection with the Gathering remained outstanding.

## **6. Standing Reports**

*a. Proclaiming: Telling Our Story*

- i. Publications – Scott reported that he had had to eliminate some pictures from the latest issue of the Bulletin, given space constraints. Donations vs. memberships will be delineated by a checkbox. A future issue will explore perceptions of non-Christians and former Christians.
- ii. Website – John Boyd  
John B had circulated his report in advance of the meeting and updated Council that he had since had to temporarily disable the ability to post messages or notices of church events on it as the site had been used to post an ad. John had put a note to explain the temporary suspension. John moved and Hugh seconded acceptance of the website report.

Motion Carried

**b. Convening for the purpose of fellowship and growth in the Freedoms**

i. Program Committee – Jeff White

Jeff reviewed the highlights of his report that had previously been circulated. With one correction – location of Fall Assembly is at Wolfville Baptist, not First Baptist Halifax - Jeff moved, and David Allen seconded, acceptance of the report of the Program Committee.

Motion Carried

David A. made a few additional comments pertaining to the upcoming events.

- The Rushton Lecture will be approximately two hours in length with the devotional including the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hymn, a memorial moment, a presentation by the guest speaker and time for questions afterward.
- David asked for feedback on whether there should be a registration fee. Normally, this would cover lunch, incidentals, cost of cleaning, etc. The cost for the guest speaker is covered by interest from the Vince Ruston Fund. With a virtual event, the usual costs paid for by registration do not apply. It was suggested that communications indicate there would not be a registration fee but that donations would be appreciated.

ii. Partners (Representative Reports)

1. Canadian Council of Churches

Bert Radford had circulated an invitation to a Webinar focusing on gene editing technology and why should Christians care.

2. Alliance of Baptists

There was nothing further to report since the last meeting of Council

3. The Gathering

Connection with the Gathering since the last meeting remains outstanding.

4. President's Report

Lee reported that she had reached out to Anna Robbins, President of Acadia Divinity College concerning a date for the next meeting with CABC, ADC and CABF. The meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021. She has also attended meetings of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and is preparing to contact a potential speaker on behalf of CABF for the celebration in October. Due to the unique circumstance in this pandemic, many members of Council had agreed to extend their terms. Lee is now beginning work on nominations for consideration at the AGM in 2021.

Lee moved and David A. seconded that the President's Report be accepted.

Motion Carried

**c. Supporting one another as we live out the meaning of the Freedoms**

- i. **Treasurer** – David Allen
- ii. **Financial/Budget** – Dan Green  
In Dan Green’s absence, David presented the Treasurer’s and Finance/Budget Committees’ reports that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

David moved and John C seconded acceptance of the reports.

Motion Carried

- iii. **Membership** – Joyce Allen  
Joyce noted than since sending her report, three more individuals have joined bringing the number of individual memberships to 15. Joyce Marlene seconded acceptance of the Membership Report as amended.

Motion Carried

- iv. **Credentials Committee** – John Churchill  
John Churchill moved and Sheila seconded acceptance of the Credentials Committee Report that had been previously circulated.

Motion Carried

- v. **Constitution/By-Laws** – Dave Gibson  
Now that we have received official confirmation from the Registry of Joint Stocks that our By-Laws have been accepted, Dave will ensure the update is on the website and email CABF members with the link to them. The Committee will now focus on preparing a Policies and Procedures Manual, starting with inserting current policies in the Manual. Dave moved, and John Boyd seconded acceptance of the report.

Motion Carried

7. **New Business** – There was no new business.

8. **Information Items** – There were no additional information items.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., and the next regular meeting of Council will be held by Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on May 5, 2021. In addition, a special meeting of Council will be held by Zoom on Wednesday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. to finalize the approach for hiring a Project Support Coordinator to help implement priority initiatives within the CABF Strategic Framework.

### **Attachments/Reports**

Website Report, Program Committee Report, President’s Report (sent separately), Treasurer and Finance Reports, Membership Committee Report, Credentials Committee Report, CABF Project Coordinator Draft, Elevator Speech Draft, CCC Webinar Invitation.