



*Promoting Historic Baptist  
Traditions and Freedoms*

**Minutes**  
**CABF Association Meeting**  
**June 16, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**(Via Zoom)**

**Present:** President Marlene Knowles, Ed Colquohoun, Sue Colquohoun, Dave Gibson, John Boyd, Carol Anne Janzen, Alberta Clarke, David Allen, Aaron Kenny, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Scott Kindred-Barnes, Dan Green, Hugh Kirkegaard, Erica Kenny, Carolyn Harrison, Renee Clarke, Gwen Reid, Martin Roy, Sharon White, Marilyn Peers, Sheila Stanley.

*CABF comprised 56 members at the time of the Assembly, of which 17 were required to be present for quorum. President Marlene confirmed that quorum was present and welcomed everyone.*

- 1. Open with Prayer:** President Marlene opened the meeting by reading Psalm 95 followed by prayer.
- 2. Motions re Membership:**  
David Allen presented three motions concerning Membership and moved each motion in the sequence below:

Motion 1:

Whereas the Membership Committee recommended acceptance of First Baptist Church Edmonton to be a CABF Member Church, and

Whereas CABF Council on December 1, 2021, by motion approved the application of First Baptist Church Edmonton to be a CABF Member Church

**I move that the membership of CABF ratify the action taken by the Membership Committee and CABF Council regarding the approval of First Baptist Church Edmonton as a CABF Member Church.**

Ed Colquohoun seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**

Motion 2:

Whereas the Membership Committee recommended acceptance of Aaron Kenny and Erica Kenny for CABF individual membership, and

Whereas CABF Council on December 1, 2021, by motion approved the application of Aaron Kenny and Erica Kenny to be members of CABF

**I move that the membership of CABF ratify the action taken by the Membership Committee and CABF Council regarding the approval of Aaron Kenny and Erica Kenny as members of CABF.**

Dan Green seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**

Motion 3:

Whereas the Membership Committee recommended acceptance of Joe Green for CABF individual membership, and

Whereas CABF Council on January 5, 2022, by motion approved the application of Joe Green to be a member of CABF

**I move that the membership of CABF ratify the action taken by the Membership Committee and CABF Council regarding the approval of Joe Green as a member of CABF.**

John Boyd seconded the motion and noted that Joe is the newly installed Halifax Baptist Chaplain who will be inducted in the Fall.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Motions Concerning Policy and Governance:**

Dave Gibson moved the three motions that follow:

***Re: Regular Resolution to ratify decisions of Council pertaining to the CABF Policy and Procedures Manual***

***WHEREAS:***

1) the members of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms, a Society incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act* (Nova Scotia), desire to ratify the decisions of the Association Council on November 3, 2021 and June 2, 2022 to approve the Policy and Procedures Manual; and

2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as an Ordinary Resolution was duly given to members;

***THEREFORE:***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Association that:

- 1) The members of the Association hereby ratify the decisions of the Association Council on November 3, 2021 and June 2, 2022 to approve the Policy and Procedures Manual; and
- 2) It is further resolved that Pages 1 to 42 and 58-62 are in force at present.
- 3) It is further resolved that Pages 43 to 57 shall not be in force until the June 16, 2022 Amendments to the Memorandum of Association and the By-Laws of the Association are accepted by the Registrar of Joint stock Companies, acting as Registrar under the Nova Scotia *Societies Act*, at which time these pages shall come into force and pages 30 to 42 will cease to be in force.

John Boyd seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**

***Re: Special Resolution of the Members of the Society authorizing the alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Society.***

***WHEREAS:***

- 1) the members of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms, a Society incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act* (Nova Scotia), desire to alter the Memorandum of Association of the Society; and
- 2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as a Special Resolution was duly given to members;

***THEREFORE:***

**BE IT RESOLVED** as a Special Resolution of the members of the Society that:

- 1) The current Memorandum of Association of the Society be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the new Memorandum of Association attached hereto and marked as Appendix "A".

John Roy seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**

***Re: Special Resolution of the Members of the Society authorizing the alteration of By-Law #2 of the Society***

***WHEREAS:***

1) the members of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms, a Society incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act* (Nova Scotia), desire to alter By-Law #1 of the Society; and

2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as a Special Resolution was duly given to members;

**THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** as a Special Resolution of the members of the Society that:

1) The current By-Law #2 of the Society be amended by repealing Sections 54 through 59 and replacing those Sections with the new Sections 54 through 59 attached hereto and marked as Appendix “A”.

Hugh Kirkegaard seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**

Appendix A referenced in the motion is attached to these minutes.

David Allen noted that this motion enables the budget year to run annual meeting to annual meeting.

Ed Colquhoun extended a vote of thanks to all who had worked on the policy changes. The Credentials Committee has been working for more than two years consulting with individuals and other bodies as part of their deliberations on updating the credentialing process. For a long time, John Churchill had carried this file.

John Boyd commented on how essential/exciting these motions are for their impact on others. He has spoken with individuals seeking to live their faith consistent with their values and facing obstacles. It is exciting to be part of a community enabling and empowering their ministry. And there will be more coming from Alberta and British Columbia.

Hugh noted that he had hosted a first gathering of Baptist- affiliated chaplains, a big step.

Carolyn Harrison thanked the Anniversary Committee for the wonderful program and noted that our recently deceased Roger Prentice would have been so pleased.

Scott Kindred-Barnes noted that he has a plaque from the Canadian Council of Churches to the CABF and wondered where it should reside. Dave Gibson suggested we may want to circulate it and volunteered to organize this.

4. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## APPENDIX “A”

### ORDINATION, APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF ACCREDITED MINISTERS

- 54. Ministerial Credentials.** The CABF oversees a process by which a person having a sense of calling and the necessary education may receive the credentials necessary to become accredited by the CABF to perform ministry.
- (a) For candidates who are not ordained and who hold a Church Licence to Minister, a candidate may apply for a CABF Association Licence to Minister;
  - (b) For candidates who hold the appropriate Church and CABF Association licenses, a candidate may apply for designation as an Accredited Lay Minister;
  - (c) for candidates who hold the appropriate Church and CABF Association licenses, the CABF may organize an Ordination Examining Council; and
  - (d) for those who have been ordained by a body acceptable to the CABF, a candidate may apply to become accredited by the CABF.

In all cases, candidates must fulfill the requirements as established in the CABF Policy and Procedures Manual.

- 55. Accreditation.** Accreditation is an official declaration by the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms that a person meets the Association’s standards to be a CABF Accredited Minister. Accreditation is a covenant relationship between the CABF and the persons the Association accredits. This allows ministers to meet certain professional requirements and have ‘denominational’ recognition for employment. It confirms that a minister is in good standing with the CABF and provides the minister with a professional ‘denominational’ identity. The CABF pledges to provide ongoing support to those who have attained CABF accreditation and who strive to maintain its standards. Accredited clergy agree to on-going participation in the life of the Association, as well as maintaining communication and accountability to the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms. Accreditation by the CABF does not preclude the holding of accreditation by other denominational bodies.

- 56. Qualifications for Accreditation.** Accreditation is granted to individual ministers who:
- (1) successfully complete requirements overseen by the CABF Credentials Committee, which address the core professional, ministerial, ethical and educational standards through a process of written papers, interviews, and mutual discernment. Details of these standards are found in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

- 57. Authorization to Conduct Marriages.** On the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, CABF accredited ministers may be listed with their respective Provincial or

Territorial Department of Vital Statistics or other appropriate Register or office for authorization to officiate, conduct or solemnize marriages. The scope and details of this authorization are found in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

- 58. Dismissal of Accredited Ministers.** The Credentials Committee is charged by the Council to create and review from time to time and revise as required, and then to administer and follow a process whereby CABF accredited ministers may have that accreditation removed. There shall also be a process and means whereby any decision of the Credentials Committee may be appealed. These processes as they are created or revised, and approved by Council, shall be communicated to, and subject to approval by, the members at the next succeeding meeting of Members. Details of the procedure are contained in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

#### FINANCE

- 59. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year end of the Association shall be the last day of July.