

HRUBA Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)

Hosted by First Baptist Church Halifax

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7pm (Chat at 6:45 pm)

Preregistration was required!

Minutes

1. Dave Gibson, HRUBA Constitution Chair and member at 1st Baptist, Halifax, went over the rules for Zoom voting and informed the viewers that the meeting would be taped for recording minutes.
2. Welcome ~ Ann Taylor, HRUBA Moderator and member of Bayers Rd Baptist, welcomed everyone and spoke about the passing of HRUBA Treasurer, (served 4+years) Debra McGaw. HRUBA Council made a donation to Bethel Baptist Church in her memory.
3. Devotional time and opening prayer led by Rev Dr Rusty Edwards, pastor at 1st Baptist Church, Halifax. Rusty read part of a poem entitled "They have threatened us with Resurrection", by Rev Julie Eskival, Presbyterian pastor and human activist, serving in Guatemala. The disciples thought that the word being spread about Jesus not being in the tomb were rumors. Peter cared enough to check. What he found was "Transformative Hope"; that resurrection was certain!!! We are all given "transformative hope with the threat of resurrection". When we, the church of Jesus Christ, come through this Pandemic, may we be more committed to helping/transforming our community. May we all live with the threat of transformative hope. Amen
4. Rules of Order read by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, HRUBA Council member at large, on Advisory team and member of 1st Baptist, Halifax, and she was timekeeper as well. (3 minutes to speak on any matter on the floor with 30 second warning; 5 min presentations with 1 min warning)
5. Motion: Moved by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo acceptance of the meeting Agenda as circulated. Dave Gibson seconded the motion; no additions. Motion carried
6. Quorum count (delegates from 15 member churches plus 5 members of Council):
51 present – 44 screens in Zoom Room & 7 in-person at 1st Baptist, Halifax (all Provincial protocols followed); 21 churches represented plus 5 Council members.
7. Introduction of new pastors by Ann Taylor. Thank you to those who sent a picture for the screen presentation. Rev Dr Frank Guinta, HRUBA Vice Moderator, prayed for these ministries and all HRUBA pastors and ministries.
~**Aurora North End Parish Church – Pastor Kevin Jolly**
~**Mt Uniacke – Rev Linda DeMone**
~**New Beginnings – Rev Glenn Gray** (no photo available)
~**Birch Cove – Lic Andrew Sutherland**
 Rev Tara Embrett (no photo available)
~**1st Baptist, Dartmouth – Rev Gavin McCombie**
~**Timberlea – Rev Dr Elias Mutale**
~**Foundation- Rev Deb Stevens** (no photo available)
~**South End- Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy**
8. Vote to receive God's Army Community Fellowship of Eastern Passage to our family of churches: Rev Dr David Watt, Interim pastor at Bedford Baptist Church, member of West End Baptist, made a short presentation about GACF. Over the past year West End Baptist has been their mentor. This group started out as a small Bible Study and have grown to 50 members and 7 children with an average of 42 to 65 in attendance most Sundays, even in the Pandemic. West End will continue to walk alongside GACF in the months and years ahead. Please pray for them as they look for a permanent place to worship. Thank you to GACF for providing 3 amazing pictures for the screen. (service with Rev Dr David Watt, 1st Anniversary

service with Rev Kevin Vincent, Associate Executive Minister with CBAC, 2nd Anniversary service with Rev Dr Frank Guinta) Dave Gibson read the following:

HALIFAX REGION UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(Name of the Society)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO ADMIT A NEW CHURCH INTO MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS:

- 1) God's Army Community Fellowship has made application to be admitted to membership in the Halifax Region United Baptist Association; and
- 2) has given satisfactory evidence of meeting the requirements for membership as laid out in Section 7.2: Joining of the Association's By-Laws; and
- 3) West End Baptist Church has acted as a mentoring church for the past year and has recommended God's Army Community Fellowship for membership; and
- 4) notice of intention to put this resolution to the vote was given at the March 7, 2020 Meeting of the Association Body of Delegates; and
- 5) a quorum of members of the Society is present at this Annual General Meeting of the Society;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the members of the Society that:
God's Army Community Fellowship be admitted into the membership of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association.

This motion was moved by Rev Dr David Watt and seconded by Rev Dr Frank Guinta. Floor open for discussion or comment; hearing none, Ann Taylor, asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; Motion carried unanimously. Ann Taylor, Moderator declared special resolution passed. GACF was warmly welcomed into the HRUBA family of churches. Special thanks to Pastor Jason Cole of Regal Heights for all his help with GACF. Rev John Purdy, HRUBA Home Missions Chair and pastor at St Margaret's Bay and Birchy Head Baptist Churches, prayed for GACF.

9. Motion to approve the AGM Minutes of Saturday, March 7, 2020 as distributed, moved by Rev Greg Drummond, Bayers Rd Baptist Church; seconded by Rev Deb Stevens, Foundation Baptist Church. Ann asked for errors or omissions; hearing none, asked for show of hands in favor of motion; opposed, none; motion carried.
10. Linda Crilley, Timberlea Baptist Church, HRUBA Financial Advisor, moved that the body receive all other printed reports excluding Finance/Budget, Licensing and Nominating; seconded by Rev John Purdy. Any discussion, questions or concerns about any of these reports; hearing none; Ann asked for a show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.
11. Finance/Budget report and vote: (Financial Report should read 2020, not 2019, at top of page)
Linda Crilley presented the Financial statements of 2020. Thanked the HRUBA family of churches for their support during the pandemic. It was pointed out that Mulgrave Park should be removed from the Dues page of the reports, moving forward.
Linda moved the report, as found in the report book; seconded by Pastor Kevin Jolly, Aurora North End Parish Church (formerly Mulgrave Park); discussion or questions; hearing none, Ann asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.
Linda also presented the 2021 Budget. No change to dues for 2021; still \$16.00 per member. Budget much the same as 2020. Linda moved the adoption of 2021 Budget; seconded by Rev

Deb Stevens; any discussion, questions or concerns; hearing none, Ann asked for show of hands in favor; any opposed, none; motion carried.

12. Licensing Report and vote:

Rev Darren Millett, New Life Community Church, Chair of Licensing Committee, presented the reports from the Licensing Committee found on pages 22 and 23 of the Annual Report Book
~Renewal of Association Licenses to minister for Sarah Merrick, Regal Heights Baptist; Kevin Jolly, Aurora North End Parish Church, and Allan Myra, South End Baptist
~Association Licenses to Minister for Darian David, Faith Baptist, and Andrew Sutherland, Birch Cove Baptist
~Renewal of Lay Licenses to Minister for Kathy Cochrane, Bedford Baptist, and Peter Freeman, 1st Baptist, Dartmouth
Darren moved the report; seconded by Rev Nelson Metcalfe, Pastor Emeritus, Bedford Baptist Church; Ann called for discussion; hearing none; called for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

13. Nominating Committee Report:

Rev Dr Frank Guinta, Vice Moderator, Chair of Nominating Committee, presented the 2021 Nominating report found on page 24. Ann asked for further nominations; hearing none; asked for motion. Frank moved the report with the request that Council Executive be allowed to fill vacancies to be ratified at the next AGM; seconded by Pastor Jason Cole; Ann asked for any discussion: it was mentioned that there are key positions to be filled – Vice Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk; asked if Ann was filling the position of clerk? Only interim!!! No more discussion; Ann asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

14. Discussion and vote on By-Law changes.

Dave Gibson, 1st Baptist, Halifax, Chair of Constitution Committee, presented the By-Law changes with a bit of history and explanation for making these changes. It was noted that these changes were emailed to the HRUBA family of churches with a covering letter, giving individuals and churches the opportunity to ask questions through email or Zoom meeting. There were no such requests. Dave then proceeded to read the following:

HALIFAX REGION UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(the name of the Society)

**RE: SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
SOCIETY AUTHORIZING THE ALTERATION
OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY**

WHEREAS:

- 1) the members of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association, a Society incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act (Nova Scotia), desire to alter the By-Laws of the Society; and;
- 2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as a Special Resolution was duly given to members attending the Annual General Meeting of the Society; and
- 3) a quorum of members of the Society are present at this Annual General Meeting of the Society;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the members of the Society that:

- 1) The current By-Laws of the above-named Society, including all amendments thereto, be repealed in their entirety; and
2. The By-Laws of the Society be replaced with the following By-Laws attached hereto and marked as Appendix "A".

Having been moved by Dave, seconded by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist Church, Ann asked for discussion, questions or concerns; hearing none, asked for a show of hands in favor; opposed, 1; declared Special Resolution passed.

15. Other business:

Ann asked if there was any other business; hearing none; moved to announcements.

16. Announcements:

1. Fall "Inspirational Day" – Rev Dr Frank Guinta asked all present to be in prayer for this Fall event; to put Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Rock Church Fellowship Hall, Lr Sackville, on their calendars. Rev Dr Stewart Blythe will be speaking on "Effective Church in a Time of Decline". Talking with 3 other associations about joining HRUBA family of Churches in this endeavor.

17. Introduction of new Moderator:

It was Ann's pleasure to introduce HRUBA's new Moderator, (who needs no introduction), Rev Dr Frank Guinta. She passed the torch to him for the next 2 years. She prayed for him. Rev John Wilton, on behalf of the HRUBA family, thanked Ann for all her hard work and dedication over these past many years as Moderator. Very much appreciated by all. It was her pleasure to serve in this capacity.

18. Adjournment of AGM 2020:

Ann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting (8:15pm); moved by Wanda Matthews; seconded by Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy, South End Baptist; no vote needed.

19. Closing Prayer

Frank, as the incoming Moderator, closed the AGM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Taylor

Ann Taylor, HRUBA Clerk

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List of Attendees

Aurora North End Parch Church (formerly Mulgrave Park)
Pastor Kevin Jolly
Bayers Rd Baptist Church
Rev Greg Drummond
Bedford Baptist Church
Rev Dr David Watt
Rev Nelson Metcalfe
Bethel United Baptist Church

Rev Dr Vance Arbeau
Eileen Matthews
Wanda Matthews
Rebecca Veinot
Elaine Arbeau

Birch Cove Baptist Church

Rev John Wilton
Lic Andrew Sutherland
Susan Levy
Michael Langille
Ann MacFawn

Birchy Head/St Margaret's Bay Baptist

Rev John Purdy

Faith Baptist Church

Rev Borden Scott
Erica Corbin

1st Baptist, Dartmouth

Sue Demmons

1st Baptist, Halifax

Jean Ferguson
Rev Dr Rusty Edwards
Rev Jenny Eisener

Foundation Baptist Church

Rev Deb Stevens

God's Army Community Fellowship

Rev Joselito Alba
Mennie Alba
Jean Abuyuan
Amie Lozano
Arlyn McDonald
Beth Paran

Jeddore United Baptist Church

Pastor Aubrey Deslatte

New Life Community Church

Rev Darren Millett

Regal Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Jason Cole

Shilol Community Church

Rev Ogueri Chanaka
Doressa Colley-Norton

South End Baptist Church

Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy
Nancy Cameron
Lynda Scott Lunn

Spryfield Christian Community Church

Rev Pauline Coffin

Timberlea Baptist Church

Rev Dr Elias Mutale
Ann Nelson

Uniacke Baptist Church

Rev Linda DeMone
Karen Peck

West End Baptist Church

Rev Tim Cheprasov

Audrey Peverill

HRUBA Council Members

Ann Taylor, Moderator

Rev Dr Frank Guinta, Vice Moderator

Linda Crilley, Financial Advisor

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Advisory Team

Dave Gibson, Constitution Chair