

HRUBA Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 7pm (Chat at 6:45 pm)
Draft Minutes (to be approved at next Meeting of Members)

The Executive signed on at 6:30pm to be sure all was in order, for the meeting at 7pm. Delegates and guests started to sign on at 6:45pm.

Welcome and Call to Order by Rev Dr Frank Guinta—Moderator; thank you to all for attending the meeting, then instructions were given by Dave Gibson regarding voting, comments/questions, and being muted unless speaking.

The Treaty Land Acknowledgement was read by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo—Council Member at Large.

Devotion and Opening Prayer – Rev John Purdy

Frank led the meeting with a devotional time, as John Purdy was unable to attend. He read Eph 4:11-16, followed by a short talk on equipping leaders for the tough work ahead of them; about teaching others and equipping them for ministry and the message to the flock they are caring for. How they are to care for, communicate, affirm, and recognize the gifts and accomplishments of others. Must not dwell on weaknesses but work out of the strength from God. Give of their time and energy; maintain focus and take ownership, with God's help, of ministry. Become resourceful and make expectations of others, clear; eliminate unnecessary burdens. When leaders see others doing good, compliment them and encourage them in what they are doing. Devotions were closed with prayer.

Rules of Order (page 4 of Annual Report Book) were read by Ann Taylor—Past Moderator/Clerk.

Timekeeper: Council appointed Dave Gibson—Council Member. It was approved by the body.

Quorum count: (15 delegates of member churches plus 5 members of Council), was conducted by Dave Gibson.

- 33 delegates signed on to the meeting.
- 15 churches were represented.
- 8 Council Members – 5 representing Council with rest representing their church.
- 4 members of the Hospital Chaplaincy Committee were present plus 1 Chaplain.

Approval of Agenda: (Frank Guinta - Moderator)

Motion: That we accept the **agenda** as printed on page 5 of the Annual Report Book.

Moved by Ann Taylor; Seconded by Rev Marlene Knowles

Motion passed.

Introduction of New Pastors:

1. Pastor Terry Henderson – 1st Baptist, Hammonds Plains
2. Scott Kolher – Bedford Baptist
3. Rev Dr Elias Mutale – Interim South End Baptist
4. Rev Joe Green – new Hospital Chaplain

Approval of AGM Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2022, as printed in the Annual Report Book pages 6-11.

Any errors or omissions: None

Motion: That the Minutes of the AGM Tuesday, March 22, 2022 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Moved by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo; Seconded by Linda Crilley

All in Favor please raise their hand. Those Opposed please raise their hand. Motion passed.

Vote to receive all other printed reports in the Annual Report Book excluding Finance/Budget, Licensing and Nominating.

Motion: That the Annual Reports of the Moderator and Committees of Council be adopted as printed.

Moved by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist; Seconded by Lic Raphael Ibryomade, New Beginnings.

Any comments or questions: None

Motion passed.

Finance/Budget report and vote: Linda Crilley - Treasurer

Presentation of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022, page 12 of the Annual Report Book.

Motion: That the Financial Report for 2022 be approved as printed on page 12 of the Annual Report Book.

Moved by Linda Crilley; Seconded by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist

Any comments or questions: None

Motion passed.

Presentation of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 by Linda Crilley-Treasurer, page 13 of Annual Report Book

Motion: That the Budget for 2023 be adopted as printed on page 13 of the Annual Report Book.

Moved by Linda Crilley; Seconded by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist

Any comments or questions: Linda mentioned that "Dues is HRUBA's main revenue stream to support the ministries we do better together; there would be no increase for 2023 but that an increase was coming and would be announced in the Fall.

Inquiry about St Margaret's Bay/Birchy Head churches? In Transition; be in prayer for them; HRUBA to offer help.

Motion passed.

Licensing Report: Rev Darren Millett-Chair

Presentation of the report from the Licensing Committee found on page 22 of the Annual Report Book.

Motion: On behalf of the Association Licensing Committee, I move the adoption of the recommendations found on page 22 of the Annual Report regarding the approval of Licenses to minister and Lay Licenses to Minister.

Moved by Rev Darren Millett - Chair; Seconded by Rev Joe Green, Hospital Chaplain

Any comments or questions: None

Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report: presented by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Presentation of the report found on page 23 of the Annual Report Book

Motion: That the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as printed on page 3 of the Annual Report Book and that the HRUBA Council be authorized to fill any vacancies for Officers, Members of Council and Members of Committees, subject only to a ratification vote at the next AGM.)

Moved by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo; Seconded by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist.

Lee talked about the vacancies now and coming up (pages 24-26 of the Annual Report Book); all ages needed for Council; job shadowing encouraged, especially for executive positions.

Question asked: Wondering what happened to 3 Vice Moderators? Not enough volunteers. Comment:

Executive members have been in their positions longer than the 1 year term outlined in Constitution;

Executive/Council members willing to walk with new members; council has done many great things despite the Pandemic; church support is good; people investment is needed.

Any further nominations: None

Motion passed.

Ratification of Council Decisions

1. Appointment of new members to the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee (Alan Barkhouse)
Motion: That the decision of the HRUBA Council to appoint the following new members to the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee be ratified:
Rev. Wayne Desmond – South Shore
Steve Baker - AUBA
Lic Sharon White - Amherst
Moved by Alan Barkhouse, seconded by Rev Joe Green.
Support coming from all over NS; more from outside HRUBA. Thank you to the new Committee members for volunteering their time and expertise to this work.
Motion passed.
2. February 2, 2023 Revisions to the HRUBA Policies and Procedures Manual (Dave Gibson) – Ratification by member churches.
Motion: That the decision of the HRUBA Council to adopt the changes to the HRUBA Policy and Procedures Manual as noted in the June 1, 2021 revision be ratified.
Moved by David Gibson, seconded by Linda Crilley.
Discussion or questions: None
Motion passed.

Other business and Announcements:

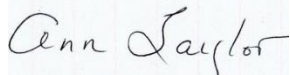
1. Small Church Pastors Event: March 25, 2023 (in person) – at Life Branch, Dartmouth; 50 or less in membership; time of encouragement; Harry Gardner to close retreat; 25 registered.
2. Encounter with Terry: April 15, 2023 (in person) – postponed due to health issues; Rev Dr Garth Williams is the Point person till such time as Rev Dr Terry Atkinson is able to return or term is up.
3. Fall Fellowship Event: Date TBA (in person)
4. HRUBA Website: needed to be updated, revised, and revamped. This has been done. Please check it out and give feedback to David Gibson.

Other Business from the floor: Beth Drummond sent a message about retirement celebration for Peter Reid, late May, or early June, in Moncton; ticketed event. Another one will happen at Oasis for all. CBAC Council meet in April; this will be on the agenda; announcement shortly after that meeting.

Motion for Adjournment: (Frank Guinta)
Moved by Rev Linda DeMone, Uniacke Baptist
Motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Lic Raphael Ibryomade

Respectfully submitted by



Ann Taylor, Past Moderator/Clerk