



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on  
Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00 pm at  
Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre for Seniors, Oakville, Ontario**

**Directors Present:** David Acheson, Ian Andexser, Malcolm Campbell, Fiona MacLeod, Peter Sanguinetti and Sheila Telford

**Members Present in Person:** 76

**Members Represented by Proxy:** 26

**Recorder:** Angela Paton

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman, Ian Andexser called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and Angela recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. The Chairman opened the meeting with introductions and presented the agenda.

**2. Minute of Silence**

Ian called for a minute of silence to be observed in memory of those who have died waiting for their pensions to be indexed

**3. Minutes of 2018 AGM**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 9, 2018 be approved as presented.

**Moved by:** Tony Soden

**Seconded by:** John Griffiths

**4. Chairman's report**

- The CABP board has been making efforts to grow our membership, but that we need our members to help recruit new members as well.
- Although there are 144,000 British pensioners living in Canada, we only have about 5,000 members. The biggest sources of new members continue to be online searches, social media and word of mouth and our new member referral contest.
- All of the combined actions CABP takes will be what makes us successful, not because of only one action. Everything we do is important to the end goal of unfreezing pensions.
- We will continue to write to Canadian MP's in an effort to bring our issue to the forefront. The Canadian government recognizes the financial cost to Canada from frozen pensions. We hope to arrange meetings with MP's and the Prime Minister.
- Brexit has currently overshadowed our efforts. The UK state pension fund is estimated to rise to 60 billion pounds.
- The UK Government tied the pension increase with voting against increases to caregivers. This was done so MPs would not be able to vote for uprating pensions.

**5. Financial Report and Approval**

- The audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 were available to all at the meeting and were presented by the Treasurer, David Acheson.
- Our assets totaled \$459,029 and our total liabilities were \$64,427. The difference between the assets and liabilities is the equity or net assets of \$394,602.
- The net assets increased from \$371,066 in 2017 to \$394,602 in 2018. This increase is due to the fact that our revenue exceeded our disbursements by \$23,536.
- Membership revenue of \$106,152 was down by \$7,537 or 6.6% from the previous year.
- Expenses in 2018 totaled \$92,301; this was \$5,092 more than was spent in 2017. The increase in expenses was made up of higher expenses in three categories, spending on Director Travel increased by \$1,794, General and Administrative Expenses increased by \$1,756 and Advertising and Promotion increased by \$983. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$463 in the cost of Office Staff.
- Last year, we received \$49,493 in contributions to the Action Fund compared to \$40,911 in 2017.
- Transfers to ICBP were higher in 2018 than they were in 2017. In 2017 we transferred \$36,300 to ICBP and last year the amount increased to \$45,100 to support ICBP activities in the UK. Most of this increase was related to the holding of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in the UK in April 2018.

- David thanked our volunteers, Brian Fenoulhet, Anna Fitzgerald and Derek Peacock for helping out in the office and at the AGM and also thanked our office manager Angela Paton for her contribution in 2018.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed.

**Resolved** that the financial statements of the Alliance for the year ending December 31, 2017 are hereby accepted.

**Moved by:** David Acheson                      **Seconded by:** Margaret Wells

**Appointment of Auditor**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed.

**Resolved** that Pennylegion Chung LLP Chartered Professional Accountants be re-appointed as the auditors of the Alliance to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting of the members or until a successor is appointed.

**Moved by:** David Acheson                      **Seconded by:** Lorne Tosh

**6. Social Media – Sheila Telford**

- We now have a presence on all major social media platforms. Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and we are using Google advertisements
- On Facebook we have approximately 750 followers.
- Recent Facebook ads will also appear on our Instagram page
- CABP is asking members to ‘Tell your story’ on Instagram so we can continue to have new content.
- CABP received a \$10,000 ad grant from Google. This means that when someone Googles ‘British Pensions’ our website will show up first.

**7. International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) Report – Fiona MacLeod**

- Explained who Tendo Consulting are and what they do to support us. Tendo have run successful campaigns like ‘End Frozen Pensions’ and arranged media coverage for Anne Puckridge to appear on TV/Radio during the October 2018 visit to the UK Parliament.
- “End frozen pensions” has a few components to the campaign. There are two petitions on Change.org as well as connections to APPG members and MPs.
- There was a good turnout at the ‘Drop-in Event’ at the Houses of Parliament. Sir Roger Gale signed Anne Puckridge’s petition that was delivered to Teresa May
- We have had articles in six national new media outlets and our story was covered in 110 articles in the UK Associated Press print media

**8. Board Report – Peter Sanguinetti**

- Peter has written and published articles for many magazines with a focus on seniors, as well as in community newspapers
- Hopes we will be able to get more exposure with the upcoming general election.

**9. Election of Board members**

**2019-22 Slate of Directors**

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| • David Acheson | • Ian Andexser      | • Malcolm Campbell | • Fiona Macleod |
| • David Morris  | • Peter Sanguinetti | • Sheila Telford   |                 |

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was passed:

**Resolved** that the slate of Directors of the Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners as shown be elected by acclamation to hold office for a three year term expiring not later than the close of the annual meeting of members in the third year of office following this election.

**Proposed by:** Yvonne Paul                      **Seconded by:** Jan Smith

**10. Confirmation of Proceedings**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was passed:

**Resolved** that all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Alliance enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the date of the last annual meeting of members are approved, ratified, sanctioned and confirmed

**Moved by:** John Griffiths                      **Seconded by:** Margaret Wells

**11. Termination**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman