



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on  
Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:03 pm at  
George Ashe Community Centre, Pickering, Ontario**

**Directors Present:** Ian Andexser (IA), David Morris (DM), David Acheson (DA), Sheila Telford (ST), Stephen Willetts (SW), Malcolm Campbell (MB)

**Members Present in Person:** 16

**Recorder:** Angela Paton

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman of CABP called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and Angela Paton recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. The Chairman of CABP, Ian Andexser, opened the meeting with introductions and presented the agenda.

**2. Minute of Silence**

The Chairman said in place of the usual minute of silence, CABP would show our video of Vic Williams in memory of his recent passing.

**3. Minutes of 2017 AGM**

The Chairman called for a motion from the floor to approve the 2017 AGM minutes. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

**Motion** to approve 2017 AGM minutes

**Moved by:** Peter Sanguinetti **Seconded by:** Brian Fenhouhlet **Motion Carried**

**4. Chairman's report**

- **IA** made introductions of all the directors present. **IA** said there is no need to elect the board members since last year all the same members were elected for three years.
- **IA** said thank you to recognize the efforts of our volunteers in running the AGM, Brian Fenoulhet and Anna Fitzgerald, and to office manager Angela Paton.
- **IA** said with over 144,000 British pensioners living in Canada, having only a few thousand is not enough. The biggest sources of new members continues to be online searches, social media and word of mouth.
- **IA** said we are considering asking members to demonstrate in front of the Canadian Consuls across the country which might generate some interest.
- **IA** attended 4 days of meetings in London with ICBP which garnered positive support. We met with a lot of MPs. Mhairi Black is a strong supporter and wrote an article on the subject of frozen pensions.
- CHOGM did not have the outcome we had hoped for.
- **IA** recognized the work of Margaret Wells in organizing cross country volunteers.
- Membership has decreased but we were able to maintain the status quo with the help of our volunteers and Margaret Wells. We are not attracting younger members, and as the majority of our members are elderly our numbers are declining as people pass on.
- In the next year – We will be looking to meet with Canadian MPs. All emails sent to the office will receive an automatic reply. We will hold another new member referral contest for existing members.



## 5. Financial Report and Approval

- The Treasurer, David Acheson, explained that the auditor Brendan Pennylegion was unable to attend the AGM but he had given CABP a clean bill of health. The certified financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017 were available to all at the meeting and were presented by the Treasurer.
- Total assets are \$428,973 and total liabilities are \$57,907. Net assets are \$371,066, which is an excess of \$34,433 over last year.
- Membership revenue is down from 2017 by about \$12,000 or 9.6%. Expenses totaled \$87,200. This was due to a decrease of director travel of \$5000. Advertising & Promotion decreased by \$1900. Office staff expenses decreased by \$1600.
- Action Fund donations were \$40,911 compared to \$46,199 in 2016. Disbursements are lower than 2016. Contributions to ICBP were \$36,263 compared to \$72,168, this was due to the decision to reduce activity in the UK because of Brexit.
- We had an increase in Marketable Securities of \$6,758 and decrease in deferred membership fees of \$4,214.

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

**Moved by:** David Acheson **Seconded by:** Peter Sanguinetti **Appointment of Auditor**

- The Treasurer proposed that Brendan Pennylegion, CA, should be appointed as Independent auditor. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed.

**Resolved** that Brendan Pennylegion, CA, be appointed as the auditor of the Alliance, to hold office until the close of the next AGM or until a successor is appointed.

**Proposed by:** David Acheson **Seconded by:** Margaret Wells **All in favour**

## 6. Marketing

- **MC** said we developed new posters, brochures and bumper stickers in 2017.
- CABP placed a ½ page ad in the British Canadian newspaper. We will monitor the results and see if it is worth it to place the ad again. Most of our new members come from searching the internet and referrals from existing members.
- CABP intentionally reduced spending on marketing due to the uncertainty of Brexit.
- In the next year – we will focus on attracting new members and spending more on marketing. We will also run the new member referral program. Any new member referred by an existing member in good standing has a chance to win an iPad air.
- Margaret Wells said we have more reps helping with the office and new members.

## 7. Canadian Government Relations

- **SW** thanked all members who have reached out to their Canadian MPs and the Prime Minister. Communication helps to keep our issue in the forefront. We have had limited traction to date. We have had meeting with EDSC and Global affairs. CABP attempted to be included on the CHOGM agenda with no success. The APPG has encouraged us to use trade negotiation as a lever to try and resolve the pension issue.
- **SW** met with Matt Jeneroux, who is the MP for Edmonton Riverbend and is on the executive committee of the Canada/UK Parliamentary association. He has written to the chair of the committee requesting that CABP be allowed to present our case.
- Regarding the possibility of an e-petition, we need 5 signature to submit a request to Parliament, if that is approved then it is posted and we would need 500 signatures for it to be seen by the Government and they will be obliged to reply.



- We are considering working with a lobby group based in Ottawa to reach Canadian Government officials.

#### 8. International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) Report

- **ST** announced she will be stepping down as ICBP Chair and John Duffy will replace her. Colin Rainsbury (ICBP Treasurer) presented Sheila with a statue and artwork as a token of thanks for her many years of work and dedication with ICBP. **ST** will continue to be a part of the CABP board.
- ICBP is funded by two member groups, CABP and BPiA. **IA** and Fiona Macleod will represent CABP on the ICBP board.
- **ST** said we will no longer be working with PHA as they are no longer able to represent us and we felt it was time to move on. We have built relationships with British journalists and will be able to represent ourselves in the media in the meantime. ICBP will be looking to join with Fleishman, Hilliard Fishburn and Tim Snowball would be able to work with us there.
- **ST** reported we have about half of the British House of Commons members on our side. We are looking to garner more support from the Conservative party. The APPG has been very supportive, and by not working with PHA we will need someone to maintain the APPG website.
- ICBP went to 28 meetings in October for CHOGM over 4 days. We did not have the exposure that we were looking for. John Duffy became a delegate and he was as involved as much as possible. We had a van all over London with our message on the side.
- **ST** said that every year there is a regulation that freezes our pensions. For one day our pensions are uprated, and then they issue regulations the next day to freeze them again. In a very underhanded way the government placed a clause dealing with the caregiver's allowances with the annual pension uprating and thus made it impossible for MPs to vote against. As a result our pensions were again exempted from the annual indexation.
- Richard Branson published a blog on the frozen pension issue, which is good exposure.

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:** Ron Gibbons **Seconded by:** Peter Kennon

#### 9. Termination

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 3:50pm