

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**National AOTS Executive/Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting - Sunday, November 20th, 2011**

The meeting of the 2011 - 2013 National Executive/Council was called to order at 7:01 pm EDT by President David Morris with prayer.

**Present on the call were:** *David Morris, Marvin Bildfell, Ernest Paddock, Harvey Douglas, Ed Macdonald, Gary Ross, Jim McKibbin, Jim Upright, Mark Browning*  
**Regrets:** *John Cooks, David Adams*

**E11-12-01 Agenda** - An Agenda for this meeting was discussed and approved by consensus

**E11-12-02** Approval of the Conference Call Meeting minutes of Sunday, October 2, 2011  
Correction (11-11-04) Date change of the Banff Men's Conference from 2013 to 2012

**Carried**

**E11-12-03 Financial/Treasurers report:**

**Follow-up on outstanding Dues** - Marvin Bildfell commented that there had been no new dues paid to National since the last conference call. Most outstanding dues are in Central Region. VP's to follow up on that.

**Hospital Fund** - Hospital Fund has been closed out.

**E11-12-04 Presidents report:** President is going to Harrow Ontario AOTS Christmas get-together December 8th for the exchange of the travelling cross.

**E11-12-05 Constitutional Implementation:** John sent out a document which listed the stages we are at with regards to the Constitution Implementation. The Visioning Team has focused mainly on the key committees to start with.

**E11-12-06 Committees:** Nominating Committee has met and decided that the first three committees that should be set up first are; Church and Community Service Committee, Fellowship and Membership Committee, Spiritual Life and Leadership Committee. Members to look over the term of reference to see if it needs to be updated. No chairperson for those committees.

*Church and Community:* Jim Upright has (reluctantly agreed) take over the Harry Colnett Memorial Scholarship Award but would like someone to take it over once the committee has been set up.

*Fellowship and Membership:* Garnet is willing to keep doing the AOTS membership supplies.

Jim Upright will (reluctantly agreed) take over the Harry Colnett Memorial Scholarship Award but would like someone to take it over once the Church and Community Service Committee is set up.

*Spiritual Life and Leadership:* No chair person but we will also need several people in this committee.

They recommend that the other committees are not key at this time with the exception of the Communications Committee which may give guidance to the website and the Handshake.

Visioning Committee needs another two people on it to help find committee chairs.

Looking for names of people willing to take over as community chair for the above committees. Please get names to Jim and the visioning team.

**E11-12-07 Dondi Project:** Nothing further on the Dondi Project from the Steering Committee. David Blair is hopeful that the AOTS will continue with the project. There are a number of Churches that were too busy at the time but they may be interested now if the project is still active.

**E11-12-08 2013 Biennial Update:** Garry wants to book an hour in our Manitoba meeting to do a presentation on the 2013 Gander Biennial. The Gander Hotel is booked for the third weekend in August 16th-18th. The National flags have not arrived in Newfoundland as of yet.

**E11-12-09 Handshake:** No information or contact from the Handshake editor. John was working on the updating and the difficulties with the distribution list.

**E11-12-10 Website:** Individual membership form and the club membership form have been put up on the website.

Discussion on putting the Minutes up on the website. The Minutes are public so it should be available on the website.

**E11-12-11 Banf Men's Conference** - October 12-14, 2012 - We are on for the AOTS workshop.

**E11-12-12 2012 National Executive Meeting** - June 7-10, 2012 - Billets and transportation are getting set up. It is 2 hours from Winnipeg Airport to Minnedosa. Speaker and musical program are set up and are going to be great!

**Other Business:**

**E11-12-13:** Regrets that the Wesley Memorial United Church AOTS club will be closing. Garry and Ernie have offered to contact the Church because it is in their area.

**E11-12-14:** Central Regions Breaking The Ice Men's Retreat is being planned for this March 4th weekend. More information will come and will be put up on the website.

David Morris closed the meeting in prayer

**Next meeting date:** January 22nd, 2012 at 7:00