

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS**

**Executive Meeting**

**Sunday, August 18, 2013 – Gander, NL**

The inaugural meeting of the 2013 - 2015 National Executive was called to order at 8:00 am NLT.

President Jim Upright opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendance at the meeting was 5, with 3 regrets as detailed below.

<b>Executive Attendance (P = Present, R = Regrets)</b>							
Jim Upright	P	Gary Ross	P	David Morris	P	Marvin Bildfell	P
Mark Browning	R	John Cooke	P	Bill Love	R	Derek White	R

**Guests:** none

Agenda – The Agenda for this meeting was discussed and approved by consensus

Financial signing authority – Motion to appoint Marvin Bildfell and Jim KcKibbin as signing officers for The National AOTS. John Cooke/David Morris Carried

Resolution of Gratitude: Be it resolved that the Executive extend sincere thanks to the Biennial Organizing Committee for their effort and contributions in hosting the 2013 Biennial.  
David Morris/Marvin Bildfell Carried

Minutes of the Executive meeting of August 15, 2013 were circulated. Formal review and approval will be completed at the next meeting.

Minutes of The National AOTS Business Meeting of August 16 & 17, 2013 were circulated. It is recommended that these minutes be reviewed at the next Executive meeting. Formal review and approval will be completed at the next Biennial Business meeting.

**Communications Strategy**

1. Discussion re the principles for communicating with Clubs
  - a. AOTS is a “Club of Clubs”, plus the Individual Members.
  - b. Each club should have a Club Contact - the primary link between the Club and the National organization.
  - c. The National organization has no business in the internal communications of clubs. As such, it is not really appropriate, for example, for National to assemble mailing lists of club members.
2. The Treasurer is continuing some of the former National Secretary functions. One example: The Treasurer is sending National Communications and updates to the Club Contacts and Individual Members.
3. The Vice Presidents are free to send additional communications to the Club Contacts and Individual Members, or to visit Clubs, etc.
4. Recommendation that the National President write an annual letter that the Treasurer will send to the Club Contacts.
5. Handshake Editor – We agreed to search for a person to replace the Handshake Editor and lead development of a newsletter format. Perhaps advertise on the web.

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6. AOTS Brochure – Marv/John will continue to work on it and circulate an updated draft to the Executive for comment. Review status and next steps at the next Executive meeting.

Club Charters - Dave Morris agreed to pull together the documents and process for chartering new clubs.

Dondi – Jim Upright will send a note to Wendy Gichuru to clarify the AOTS view regarding support for the Dondi Project.

Colnett Fund – Jim Upright will do further research on the fund.

Youth To Camp Fund – Marv Bildfell is getting contact information. John Cooke will follow up.

2014 Annual Meeting – General agreement to hold this face-to-face meeting in Ontario (timing TBD). We could hold the meeting coincident with Central Region Round-up; but there are other options. There may be an opportunity to participate in the Comprehensive Review Consultation process.

2015 Biennial – Discussed options for location and timing. Options discussed include coincident with Central Region Round-up (Ontario), and Winnipeg.

Treasurer replacement – post on the website and in the fall newsletter from Marv. Marv to follow up

Comprehensive Review Consultation process – John Cooke to follow up to see if there is an opportunity to participate.

2013 Biennial documentation/report – Dave Morris to follow up

Next meeting date: Sunday, Oct 6, 2013, 7:00pm EDST

Adjournment on motion from Marv Bildfell/John Cooke