

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
National AOTS Council Meeting at Jackson Point Ont
Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 15 and Friday April 16, 2010

The meeting of the 2009 - 2010 National Council was called to order at 10:05 am EDT by President Jim McKibbin. He opened the meeting with a reading from Marcus Borge's Book "Meeting Jesus again for the First Time" and the passage "Believe in Jesus" He followed this with a prayer, with concerns for those not present .

Present were: Al Anthony, Marvin Bildfell, George Bishop, John Cooke, Harvey Douglas, Ken Lane, Harold Lorenz, Bill Love, Ed Macdonald, Jim McKibbin, Dave Morris, Lloyd Paul, Wally Shoults, Gary Ross, Garnet Thompson, Jim Waterfall, & Jim Upright

Regrets from: Ernie Orpin, & Howard Wills (who is ill)

AM10-01-01 Agenda - The Agenda as distributed was approved by consensus, with some additions

National AOTS Gavels

Motion: Lane/Love That the National Council thank Keith Elliot for the production of the AOTS Gavels for National use **Carried**

President Jim McKibbin reviewed the work of the Dondi Project Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 14. More on this to follow with Lloyd Paul's report, but some items of note: \$117,00.00 received to date, and 50 presentation sites to take place from now till June 30, 2010

Handshake The wonderful work on the last Handshake by the **Editor Harold Lorenz**, was noted

AM10-01-02 Approval of the minutes of Sunday March 21, 2010

Motion: Upright/Ross That the minutes of January 17 be approved as amended **Carried**

AM10-01-03 Constitution - John Cooke has worked with Howard Wills in the review of the Constitution. Documents were sent out in advance with the

"Process to Endorse the Revised Constitution and Bylaws"

1. The first draft of the revised Constitution and Bylaws was distributed to National Council members on March 3 and again on March 20.
2. On March 21, National Council endorsed most sections of the Constitution; but not the Bylaws.

AOTS Constitution and Bylaws Revision 2A is now issued

Some items had little discussion and some had
Considerable Discussion (CD)

1. Page 1, Section Title: NAME

Moved by *Bishop/Douglas* That the last portion read as follows:

"I am among you as one **that** serves" (Luke 22:27, KJV)

Carried

2. Page 1, Section Title: AIMS

(No further change proposed)

3. Page 1, Section Title: FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION

(No further change proposed)

4. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Ed MacDonald* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 1, Section Title: MEMBERSHIP, Line E

(Membership fees to be managed through the Bylaws)

Carried

5. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Marvin Bildfell* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 1, Section Title: NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Line C deleted. This is described in the bylaws)

Carried

6. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Gary Ross* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 1 & 2, Section Title: OFFICERS

(Line B deleted. This is described in the bylaws)

Carried

7. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by George Bishop* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 2, Section Title: EXECUTIVE

(Line C revised, Executive now has 11 members)

(Line D added to describe members at large. Ensures "areas" are well represented at Executive and provides a succession plan for Vice Presidents.)

Change D: to Vice Presidents, **from their areas**, and

(Line J deleted – provisions clarified in the Bylaws)

(Line M added - Ensures Executive responds to committees)

(Line N Added - Executive to establish communication mechanisms)

(CD) and Change

Carried

8. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by George Bishop* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 2 & 3, Section Title: NATIONAL COUNCIL

(National Council becomes a consultative body.)

(Line B revised to clarify membership) (Line C, D & E revised to clarify meeting requirements)

(Line F deleted - The sentiment is captured in the Relationship section)

(Line G & I moved to the Bylaws) (Line H moved to Executive Line N)

Carried

- 9. Moved by John Cooke, *seconded by Garnet Thompson* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Page 3, Section Title: COMMITTEES

(Line B added. Visioning Team created)

Carried

- 10. Page 3,

Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by David Morris* that the National Council endorse the following proposed change to the Constitution:

Section Title: RELATIONSHIP

(No further change proposed. Highlighted section was endorsed on Mar 21)

Change to Section C: appoint representatives to appropriate units or committees

Carried

- 11. Section Title: AOTS CLUBS

(Typographical error in Line A corrected)

Carried

- 12. Page 3 & 4, Section Title: REGIONAL COUNCILS

(No further change proposed)

(CD) and review

Discussion on Executive Section “L” already passed

Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by David Morris*

On the above section: **Delete “Promote the”** and change establishment to **“establish”** Regional Councils **(CD) and review**

Carried

- 13. Page 4, Section Title: THE RULES OF ORDER

(No further change proposed)

- 14. Page 4, Section Title: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(No further change proposed)

- 15. Page 4, Section Title: THE BYLAWS

(No further change proposed)

This process completes the review of the proposed Constitution.

i. Process To Approve the Revised Bylaws

Bylaws – Next Steps

The following process is intended to lead the National Council to **approve** short sections of the proposed Bylaws.

- * Since the Bylaws were not discussed at the March 21 meeting, all sections will be dealt with in this process.
- * A motion will be presented to approve each section.
- * Debate and further revision of each section may be required before approval is granted.
- * At the end of the process, we will call for approval of the total document.
- * All proposed revisions will be presented at a Biennial meeting for concurrence .
- * All of the section titles and page numbers are those shown in **AOTS Constitution & Bylaws 2010 Revision 2A**. *Words in italics are not part of the motion; but are included for discussion purposes.*

1. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Al Anthony* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 5, Section Title: CLUB MEMBERSHIP
(Wording revised) (Line D revised to clarify member in good standing)
Change Due on to March 31 **Carried**

2. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Gary Ross* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 5, Section Title: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
(Revised and shortened) (Lines C & D revised to clarify member in good standing)
Change Due on to March 31 **Carried**

3. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Ed MacDonald* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 5, Section Title: NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP
(Revised and shortened. "Procedures" moved to the Terms of Reference of the Fellowship & Membership Committee) **Carried**

4. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Wally Shoults* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 6, Section Title: RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF CLUBS
(This a new section to capture elements that were previously in the Constitution.) **Carried**

5. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Bill Love* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 6, Section Title: RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP
(This a new section to capture elements of the old document) **Carried**

6. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Al Anthony* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 6, Section Title: NATIONAL CONVENTION
(Revised and shortened. "Procedures" moved to the Terms of Reference of the Convention Committee) **Change Biennium to Biennial** (two places) **Carried**

7. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Gary Ross* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:
Page 7 & 8, Section Title: OFFICERS - Terms of Reference, subsections A) through G)
(Revised and shortened. President-Elect duties expanded to include Visioning Team. VP role shortened substantially. Consider capturing some of the previous detail in a separate role description. No reference to Bermuda – is this still required?)
(CD) and review and changes
Sec A Honorary President Add: The President elect in consultation with the Nominating Committee will select the Honorary President
Sec D President-Elect Add:
3. In the absence of the President, **The President Elect will be** called to chair,
Delete (the Vice-Presidents or the Past President) **Carried**

8. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Garnet Thompson* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:

Page 8 & 9, Section Title: COMMITTEES

(New "Committees" section inserted. The intent is that the role of of each committee will be maintained by the Executive in a separate "terms of reference" document)

Carried

9. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Gary Ross* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:

Page 9, Section Title: REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

(Section revised and shortened.)

(Consider capturing some of the previous detail in a separate role description.

(Provision to appoint Reps added.)

(CD) and review

Carried - Subject to further review by VP's

10. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Bill Love* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:

Page 9 & 10, Section Title: FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

(Line B revised. Clarifies procedure for approving expenses.)

(Line D revised. Bans borrowing)

(Line E revised. Clarifies auditing procedure)

(Line F revised & typo corrected. Clarifies "no remuneration")

(Line G, H, I & J revised or added. Clarifies reimbursement procedures)

(Line K revised. "their" instead of "his".)

Change I to: at the rate **established by the United Church of Canada.**

Carried

11. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Ken Lane* Page 10 & 11, Section Title: AOTS LOGO, LAPEL PINS, THE AOTS FLAG, HERALDRY OF THE FLAG

(No change proposed) **Addition** An appropriate process to order the AOTS Flag through Kennedy Flags was needed

Carried

AM10-01-04 Financial/Treasurers report:

Marvin Bildfell reviewed and commented on the January – April 15, 2010 statement of Receipts and Expenditures.

Considerable discussion and Review

Motion: Bildfell/Shoults The Acceptance of the Financial Report

Carried

AM10-01-05 The Dondi Project: Lloyd Paul

Lloyd reported on the Men's Ministry Network (MMN) and the Dondi Project. In 2010 the focus is the Dondi Project. Lloyd outlined some of the work at present. A contact list of Men in Congregations is being developed. He indicated the fundraising strategies to reach the \$1.3 million goal – \$1- million to Angola, \$100,000 to M&S, ` \$200,00 for Project costs

The Dondi Project: Lloyd Paul - continued

AOTS has been significant in Hosting of Events. Lloyd gave out Dondi Pins to all present

Area presently being worked on are: Core Messaging:

- A. United Church of Canada and Mission & Service Fund
- B. Men's Ministries Network – Including the AOTS
- C. Dondi Project
- D. How Drumming can be a Vehicle in Men's Ministry

Lloyd gave out the following items: 1. Dondi Project Folders

- 2. Men's Ministries Network Brochures
- 3. A DVD "Fatherhood – Indigenous Men's Journeys"
- 4. "Read the New Testament in a Year" brochure
- 5. "Rendezvous" Youth Event Promotional Card
- 6. Lloyd Paul's Business Cards

Motion: *Paul/Douglas* The Acceptance of the Dondi Project Report

Carried

AM10-01-06 Spring Roundup Report

Ken Lane outlined the Roundup Event Program to take place on this weekend.

Motion: *Lane/Anthony* that the report be accepted

Carried

AM10-01-07 Biennial Convention Planning 2011

Considerable discussion and brainstorming took place as to how best to combine the Biennial with the Roundup April 15-17, 2011. Concerns as to how to avoid having the Biennial detract from the "Men's Retreat" atmosphere, generated considerable discussion. The timing logistics for the events were key to avoid the impact of National Meetings on the Roundup. There was general consensus that having the National Meetings take place on the Thursday and Friday's prior to the Roundup would be one way to minimize the impact.

At the continuation of meetings at 9 AM Friday April 16

Biennial Convention Planning 2011

After more discussion and reflection, a poll of members present on the subject of a Ladies Program had the following result:

3 – For a Ladies Program, 11 – Opposed

Many of those opposed had reservations, but for this Event and Date only felt it was best

AM10-01-08 Discussion around the situation on Individual and Life Members

Considerable discussion about the different categories with Individual paid up Life Members, Club, and National Life members. Who should be getting the "Handshake"? Ken Lane and Jim Upright will provide some update info on the above to the Treasurer - Marvin Bildfell.

AM10-01-09 Constitution and Bylaws

By Law Changes made by the Executive need concurrence

Constitution Change:

Motion: Cooke/Morris That THE BYLAWS section E. --- shall be (remove “Presented” to) **reported** to the next National Biennial Convention

Bylaws approval last item except for **Regional Council Representative**

12. Moved by *John Cooke, seconded by Marvin Bildfell* that the National Council approve the following proposed change to the Bylaws:

Page 11 & 12, Section Title: MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURES

(New section to capture elements of the old document)

With a Change to Sec B to: Traditionally, all **AOTS** meetings, are called to order --

Delete (Clubs and National) are called to order

Carried

Motion: Cooke/MacDonald That the National Council **approve the revised Constitution** as shown in revision 2A, with the amendments that have been added during meetings in the past two days, and that these changes be communicated to the membership for concurrence at the Biennial Convention in 2011

Carried

ByLaws section - approval continued

Regional Council Representative – further review required

Revision to heading for D. was old E. A. deleted **Change to:**

Listed below are the suggested duties of the Regional Council Representative

The Representative is expected to plan their activities based on the needs of the Region.

Section E.

Item 2. (remove “Maintain”)

Change to: Review the list of the Individual Members in the Region,
as provided by the Treasurer

Delete Item 8.

Motion: Cooke/Love Regional Council Representative section be approved

Carried

Motion: Cooke/Ross That the National Council **approve the revised Bylaws** as shown in revision 2A, with the amendments that have been added during meetings in the past two days, and that these changes be communicated to the membership for concurrence at the Biennial Convention in 2011

AM10-01-10 Individual Members - Gary Ross - VP East

Motion: Ross/Anthony That the VP's be responsible to forward the necessary packages to New and Renewing Individual Members **Carried**

Motion: Love/Ross That to VP's be provided with the necessary packages for New Individual Members **Carried**

AM10-01-11 AOTS Representation on UCC National Committees

President Jim McKibbin

Jim indicated he has received a request to forward a name for a man to represent AOTS at a National Camping Committee Meeting. This will request will be deferred to the June Executive meeting

Jim indicated he has also received request to forward a name for a man to represent AOTS at a Gender Justice Committee. After some discussion a request for volunteers was made.

Motion: Morris/Love That Jim Upright be nominated for this Committee **Carried**

National AOTS Supplies – Garnet Thompson

Garnet gave us an overview of some of the supplies that may be surplus to our needs.

Motion: Thompson/Ross That Garnet be authorized to obtain National Past Presidents pins which use a Club Past President pin, and have a small Diamond chip secured at the bottom. **Carried**

Motion: Thompson/Anthony That we receive the Inventory report **Carried**

AM10-01-12 Biennial Convention Planning 2013

Considerable discussion took place as to the location of this Convention, which would coincide with the 90 Anniversary of AOTS.

Motion: Thompson/Ross That Gary Ross look into the possibility of holding a convention in Gander, Newfoundland and report back at the Sept. 19 C.C. Meeting as to potential costs and availability. **Carried**

AM10-01-13 Joys and Sorrows:

Those present were all given an opportunity to express Joys and Concerns for others

Next Conference Call meeting dates: Sunday, June 13, Sept. 19, & Nov. 21
5 PM EDT, or EST as applicable

Jim McKibbin closed the meeting in prayer