

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Police Chaplain Association by Zoom 23 October 2021

Members present: Appendix A regrets from Katherine Bourbonniere

David Boyle, OPP chaplain from Kenora, offered a word of praise

1117 President Bruce Ewanyshyn expressed thanks to Miriam Mollering for the first online training module. He expressed apologies to our Jewish chaplains for holding this on their Sabbath, and offered an opening prayer.

Welcome: Bruce welcomed all 25 present then and asked us all to mute our phones. He welcomed ICPC rep George Abrams. Bruce asked each of the Leadership Team to introduce ourselves: Bruce from Brandon Police Service, George from Calgary, RCMP K Divisional Chaplain, Brian Krushel from Camrose, AB, Camrose Police Service, Roxzena Hayden, Chaplain, ATS Liaison, London ON, Fr John Tyrrell, Jarvie AB, RCMP chaplain to Westlock and Barrhead RCMP detachments, Michael Rolph, Chaplain RCMP K Division. Katherine Bourbonniere is an RCMP chaplain in Nova Scotia currently engaged in doing a funeral.

Quorum: those members in good standing present. Achieved.

Agenda: Moved George Madden, seconded Phil Sovdi, Carried by show of hands.

Housekeeping matters: Zoom protocols – be muted unless speaking. Confirmed John Tyrrell as Secretary for the AGM by consensus. Reminder that only members in good standing, those paid up, can vote.

Registrar report: 27 present and 1 observer.

Minutes of 2020 AGM: Moved John Tyrrell, seconded George Madden to approve these minutes as printed and circulated pages 6-8. Carried by show of hands.

Business arising from the minutes: ATS in Niagara postponed until 2022, Winnipeg until 2023. It will be suggested that the provision for a person to remain a member be extended from 1 year to 5 years in order to be relocated. Our online training courses be developed. A new CPCA website replace the newsletter and be our primary means of communicating.

President's Report, Registrar's Report, Academic Standards Committee Report, ATS Planning Committee Report all in Convening circular pages 9-17 be approved. Moved Charles Swartwood, seconded Scott Carroll, carried by show of hands.

Regional Chapter Report page 21-22 was addressed by Charles Swartwood, PCAO president. Approved as printed by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: John Tyrrell present the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditures pages 23-24, moved John Tyrrell, seconded Robert Parmenter, that they be approved as printed and circulated. Carried by show of hands.

New Business:

Constitutional amendments: Michael Rolph present the proposed changes and the rationale, pages 25 and 26 of the convening circular. Bruce Ewanyshyn noted that this must pass by two thirds vote. Moved Michael, seconded Rick James, that the amendments be adopted. Carried by more than two-thirds by a show of hands.

Nominating Committee: Secretary-Treasurer John Tyrrell introduced the candidates from the Committee. For President Bruce Ewanyshyn, for 1st Vice-President George Madden, both ratified by show of hands. Chaplain Imran Ally questioned the process and referred to the constitution. Bruce Ewanyshyn responded.

For 2nd Vice-President Imran Ally, Robert Parmenter and David Roch. Each person was allowed one minute to make a brief introduction. Imran Ally and Robert Parmenter did so, David Roch was not present.

Discussion followed about how to maintain a secret ballot as this Zoom platform did not allow for voting. It was agreed that each person would send a chat directly to Roxzena Hayden who agreed to receive them. After all had voted, Roxzena announced that Robert Parmenter had been elected 2nd Vice-President. Bruce Ewanyshyn congratulated Robert and thanked Imran and David for letting their names stand for election.

Budget: John Tyrrell presented the budget, page 29 of the convening circular. He noted that the in-person leadership team meeting budgeted for in 2021 did not take place so it is in for 2022. Many of these items are a

best guess estimate. Moved John Tyrrell, seconded George Madden, that the budget be approved as printed and circulated. Carried by show of hands.

2022 Objectives:

Academic Standards Committee: Brian Krushel announced that the first On-line Training course will go live on Monday 25 October on our website. This is entitled *Ceremonies, Events and Funerals*. It will cost each learner \$40. Chaplain Greg Bailey questioned the necessity of charging a fee to CPCA members considering this is not a university course. Registrar Brian Krushel responded explaining the need to recover some costs incurred by the CPCA for producing the courses. The costs include payment to the website creator Costs to the association are payment to the website manager Patrick Trudeau for set-up on the web, and to our Instructional Design consultant who will be paid as each course goes live. No stipend is being paid to the presenter. An incentive is being offered to those who do five of the courses, to get the sixth one free. Brian reported that our consultant is Janelle Wallace who has a masters in Instructional Design and a Nursing degree and works as the educational advisor for the Bethany Group of about 800 staff.

Rod Willems suggested there should be a two price system for non-members to pay more. This was referred to the new executive.

Rick James wanted to know if credit is being given to those who took ICPC courses earlier. Answer: yes.

CPCA Certified Instructors: The committee is working on the standards for those people. George Abrams wanted to know if ICPC certified instructors would receive CPCA reciprocity. Brian said Yes. Past President Michael Rolph asked George He wanted to know if there would be reciprocity for CPCA certified instructors with ICPC. George said he would raise it in the next Annual General meeting of ICPC.

David and Phyllis Roch joined the meeting and were welcomed by Bruce. David was thanked for letting his name stand for election.

Communications Team: the website has become our primary communication tool but we are also using Zoom and Twitter and email and possibly Facebook. The *Chaplains Chats* begun by Marion Jamer has been replaced by the Chaplains Connect which has been and will continue to be hosted by Bruce Ewanyshyn.

Regional Chapters: while additional chapters are not anticipated at this time, it is our goal to encourage the development of more geographic chapters, encouraging local leadership.

Further Constitutional changes: It was noted that this is a work in progress with the goal of supporting diversity and inclusion.

Open Discussion: Bruce noted that the newly elected positions of President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President are two year term positions. It was noted that the position of Secretary-Treasurer will come up for election in 2022. Rick James asked if the Niagara Falls ATS will be online as well as in-person. Bruce said that is our goal.

Adjournment: Moved Greg Bailey, seconded Rick James, that we adjourn. Carried.

1242 Robert Parmenter closed the meeting with prayer.

Chaplain John Tyrrell, CD1

Secretary