

**NBACL/ANBIC
Annual General Meeting
September 30, 2016
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Delta Hotel
225 Woodstock Rd.
Fredericton, NB**

Attendees:

Pierrette Plourde	Kourtney Stevenson
Curtis Plourde	Kaitlin Gamble
Peter Kelly	Sherry Jonah
Lynn Akmens	Anne Gauthier
Lorraine Silliphant	Sylvie Cyr
Jason Carr	Suzanne Desrosiers
Nicole Marshall	Jacque Therrien
Stephen Harrison	Jean Louis Daigle
Natalie Sherwood	Andrea Allen
Charlotte Pyke	Roxanne Tarjan
Deidre Green	Leola Langille
Alex Dingwall	Audrey Beaudoin
Patty King	David Jory
Kristi Ewart	Bruce Washburn
Jody Carr	Paul Morrison
Normand Robichaud	Joyce Kimball
Moira Wilson	Monica Inman Riley
Sydney Allen	Laura Lee Carrier
Lexie Hawkes	Danny Soucy
Erin Wilson	Sarah Wagner
Kelsey Colford	Richard Blaquiere
Pierrette Bouchard	Scholastic Isayah
Véronique Pelletier	Rachel Mills
Ken Pike	Alecia Thomas
Majella Collette	Doug MacDonald
Richard Collette	Scott MacDonald
Daniel Collette	

1. Call to Order

President Dianne Cormier Northrup called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and confirmed that there was quorum.

Roxanne Tarjan was invited to the podium to explain the rules of order for the evening, which included how members of the public can contribute to the discussion. However, only voting

members can vote and they cannot give their vote to others. Since there were no objections from the floor, it was declared that the rules would be applied.

Dianne proceeded to introduce NBACL Board members and NBACL Executive Director - Krista Carr.

2. Approval of Agenda

A new item was added to the agenda: Greetings from CACL

Motion; *Approval of the agenda with the addition of the following agenda item "Greetings from CACL".* Moved by Deidre Greene and seconded by Norman Robichaud. Motion carried.

3. Minutes of September 25 2015 AGM

Motion; *Approval of the minutes dated September 25, 2015.* Moved Roxanne Tarjan and seconded by Andrea Allen. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Greetings from CACL (new item)

Lorraine Silliphant, on behalf of Joy Bacon –National President, brought greetings from CACL. A brief overview of the association was provided along with acknowledging that Dianne as President of NBACL is on the National Board along with other provincial Presidents.

5. President's Report

Dianne gave a brief summary of her President's report. Please refer to page 8 of the 2015-2016 Report to the Community, to obtain more details. The four categories of the President's report are changing lives, changing communities; defending rights; achieving organizational sustainability and striving for ordinary.

Diane also announced that The Fredericton Direct Co-op will be sponsoring a family weekend this coming December.

6. Committee and project reports

Detailed reports on each of these committees are included in the "2015-2016 Report to the Community" which was circulated to all in attendance.

Inclusion Committee-Moira Wilson

Moira Wilson provided a summary of the activities of the Inclusion Committee, please refer to page 27 of the 2015–2016 Report to the Community for more details.

Governance Committee-Alex Dingwall

Alex Dingwall provided a summary of the activities of the Governance Committee, please refer to page 42 of the 2015-2016 Report to the Community for more details.

Inclusive Education Committee-Alex Dingwall

Alex Dingwall provided a summary of the activities of the Inclusive Education Committee, please refer to page 29 of the 2015-2016 Report to the Community for more details.

Changing Lives Changing Communities (CLCC) Committee

Dianne gave update on behalf of Joy Bacon reported on the activities of the CLCC Committee please refer to page 40 of the 2015-2016 Report to the Community for more details.

Family Support Task Force-Dianne Cormier-Northrup

Dianne Cormier-Northrup reported on the activities of the Family Support Task Force, please refer to page 16 of the NBACL Annual report for more details.

7. Treasurer's Report

Deidre Green, NBACL Board Treasurer, was asked to come to the podium.

- **Approval of Audited Financial Statements, ending March 31 2016**

Treasurer, Deidre Green, presented the audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

Motion: *Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements – ending March 31 2016.* Moved by Deidre Green and seconded by Norman Robichaud. Motion carried.

- **Approval of Operating Budget 2016-2017**

Treasurer Deidre Green presented the 2016-2017 Operating Budget. It was noted that there was a mistake on the orange and blue lines; however, this did not have an impact on the current year's totals.

Motion: *Acceptance of the Operating budget 2016-2017.* Moved by Deidre Green and seconded by Daniel Colette. Motion carried.

- **Approval of Auditors for the 2016-2017 year**

Motion: *Acceptance of Shannon Buffet as the auditors for the 2016-2017 year.* Moved by Deidre Green and seconded by Lorraine Silliphant. Motion carried.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Proposed By-law changes

Alex Dingwall, Chair of Governance committee, was asked to come to the podium.

Alex explained that constitutional changes do not happen often; however, when they do, they are for very specific reasons, which is the case tonight. It is important to note that NBACL has evolved from a grassroots organization to a central agency with a board that is critically

important to the long-term organizational sustainability. The changes to the constitution are as a result of this evolution and include a new structured process on recruiting board members. (Please refer to the backgrounder for more details).

Alex proceeded to read each of the proposed changes to the constitution by-laws and provided an explanation for the proposed changes.

Motion: *Approval of the proposed changes to the constitutions by-laws as presented.* Moved by Alex Dingwall and seconded by Richard Blaquiere.

Prior to the vote taking place:

A member of the public brought forward concerns that these proposed changes are less democratic and are taking all of the power from the AGM, when there is no room for people to be nominated from the floor and that is a significant issue. A second member of the public brought similar issues forward and felt strongly that removing nominations from the floor is a loss.

The motion proceeded to a vote with the following results: 15 members voted yes and 7 members opposed

Motion carried.

9. Nominations Report

Alex Dingwall assumed the Chair role for the Nominations portion of the meeting. Alex reported that the responsibility of the Nominations Committee is to provide a full slate of officers to the AGM. The goal is to balance representation from regions of New Brunswick, parents, self-advocates, and community representatives.

Alex Dingwall read the list and terms of each board member and pointed out that the document needs to be modified so that Dianne Cormier Northrup's name is added under the category "two years remaining".

Alex also pointed out that there are currently two board vacancies.

Motion: *Accept the list of officers as presented.* Moved by Alex Dingwall and seconded by Roxanne Tarjan.

A member of the public asked how these board member vacancies will be filled. It was explained that this will be done through the local association and if the process is not successful then a public process for that region will be undertaken. A letter will be sent to the local association advising of them of need.

A second member of the public came forth and asked if the nominating committee could amend the Terms of Reference to include that a representative need to visit every council in the region.

Motion: *That the original motion be amended to include that whoever accepts the role of regional representative must visit each Council in their regions annually.*

Moved by David Jory and seconded by Jean Louis Daigle. Motion carried.

Motion: *Approval of the following Board members: Paul Morrison (community member), Kourtney Stevenson (regional rep. for the S-E), and Patricia Dineen (community member).*

Moved by Roxanne Tarjan and seconded by Andrea Allen. Motion carried.

10. Election of Officers

The officers for the 2016-2017 year are:

President – Moira Wilson

Past President – Dianne Cormier Northrup

Vice-President – Roxanne Tarjan

Self-Advocate – Daniel Collette

Treasurer – Deidre Green

Secretary – Suzanne Desrosiers

Motion: *Approval of the list of elected officers as presented.* Moved by Paul Morrison and seconded by Cheryl Leblanc. Motion carried.

11. Swearing in of New Board

The Directors for the 2016-2017 year were sworn in at 8:29 pm.

Moira Wilson – President

Dianne Cormier Northrup – Past President

Roxanne Tarjan – Vice President

Daniel Collette – Self-Advocate

Deidre Green – Treasurer

Suzanne Desrosiers – Secretary

Cheryl LeBlanc

Richard Blaquiere

Andrea Allen

Alex Dingwall

Paul Morrison

Kourtney Stevenson

Patricia Dineen

Douglas Willms (Honorary President)

Lorraine Silliphant (Distinguished Associate)

Doug MacDonald (Distinguished Associate)

Kelly Lamrock (Distinguished Associate)

12. Presentation to Outgoing Board Members

There are three outgoing Board members: Norman Robichaud, Martine Godbout, and Joy Bacon. Board Chair, Dianne Cormier Northrup, thanked all outgoing Board members for their

dedication and presented Norman Robichaud with a plaque for his service. The other outgoing members will be honored at the November Board meeting.

13. Ratification of Actions of the Board

Motion: *Approval of the ratifications of the Action of the Board.* Moved by Daniel Collette and seconded by Deirdre Green. Motion carried.

14. Special Presentation: “Supporting people with an intellectual disability who also have a mental health condition” – by Dr. Patty Peterson

Ken Pike introduced Dr. Patty Peterson, guest speaker. Dr. Peterson gave an overview of the e-book that is now available on the NBACL website.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

There was no new business.

18. 2017 Annual General Meeting and Conference – NBACL 60th Anniversary.

Next year’s AGM will coincide with the Association’s 60th anniversary. The celebration will be held in Fredericton and will include the AGM, a conference, awards, and special events. Krista showed a video which featured 3 amazing stories of people who have been helped by NBACL in the past year. As we look back at the 60 years, we decided we needed to do many things to celebrate all that has been achieved during that period which is why one of the projects will be the creation of a book. The book will feature stories of people and their families that have been helped during the past 60 years.

19. Adjournment – The AGM was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Andrea Allen.