

NBACL/ANBIC
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 28, 2017
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fredericton Inn
1315 Regent Street
Fredericton, NB

Attendees:

Alecia Thomas	Lise Hitchcock
Alex Dingwall	Lonnie Cole
Amanda Donaher	Lorraine Silliphant
Andrea Allen	Louis Evangelista
Andrea Randon	Lynn Akmens
Andrew Feetham	Majella Collette
Angela Casey	Mariah Malone
Anita McEvoy	Martha Donovan
Audrey Demars	Martine Haché
Brian Connors	Maryse June Pelletier
Cate Brander	Melinda Gaudet
Chantal Pelletier	Mike Ross
Christina Leavitt	Moira Wilson
Daniel Collette	Nancy Amos
Danny Soucy	Nick George
Debi Gallant	Normand Robichaud
Dianne Cormier Northrup	Pat Wilcox
Donna Imhoff	Patty King
Gail Willis	Patricia Dineen
Ginette Arseneau	Patsy Belliveau
Hélène Corriveau	Pauline Gravel
Isabelle Mallet	Peggy-Curry Kyle
Janice Cole	Pierrette Bouchard
Jason Carr	Richard Collette
Jean Louis Daigle	Robert McCoubrey
Jennifer Kennedy	Sara Potter
Joyce Kimball	Sarah Wagner
Julie Fudge	Sarah Walsh
Kanza Hashmat	Simon-Pierre Godbout
Karine Pelletier	Stephen Pyke
Kayla Wilcox	Suzanne Desrosiers
Tina Wilcox	Sylvie Cyr
Kelly Guignard	Tabatha Bois
Kourtney Stevenson	
Leola Langille	
Lisa Robichaud	

Please note all items marked * require an action/decision

1. Call to Order
President Moira Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am and confirmed that there was quorum. She also explained the rules of order for the meeting, 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. There were no objections or questions from the floor.
2. Approval of Agenda*
Agenda amended to include greetings from CACL President Joy Bacon. **Motion:** *The agenda be approved as amended;* moved by Kourtney Stevenson seconded by Jean Louis Daigle; motion carried.
3. Approval of September 30, 2016 AGM Minutes*
Minutes need to be amended to reflect that the following were in attendance during the 2016 AGM meeting; Connie Melanson Savoy, Nancy Amos and Stephen Pyke. **Motion:** *That the minutes of the 2016 AGM be approved as amended”* moved by Daniel Collette seconded by Jean Louis Daigle; motion carried.
4. Business Arising from Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes
5. Greetings from CACL (new item)
Joy Bacon –National President, brought greetings on behalf of CACL. She congratulated the organization on celebrating its 60th Anniversary. NBACL can be very proud of its organization and it is a very important part of the National Federation of *Canadian Association of Community Living*. NBACL has a history of being a leader in Canada and an innovator.
6. President’s Report - **Moira Wilson**
Moira provided an overview of her report which can be found on page 8 of the “Report to the Community”; Moira also highlighted some of the organization’s key accomplishments. This report reflects the best days, vibrancy and success of the organization within this past year and the best days to come.
7. Committee and Project Reports – NBACL Committee Chairs
Detailed reports on each of these committees are included in the 2016-2017 “Report to the Community” which was circulated to all in attendance.
 - **Inclusion Committee - Moira Wilson**
Moira provided an overview of the role of the committee along with a summary of the activities accomplished in 16-17; please refer to page 24 of the 2016–2017 “Report to the Community” for specific details.
 - **Governance Committee - Alex Dingwall**
Alex provided an overview of the role of the committee along with a summary of the activities accomplished in 16-17; please refer to page 39 of the 2016-2017 “Report to the Community” for specific details. In 2016-2017, the governance committee was also tasked to bring forth recommendations on how to address the concern brought forth during the 2016 AGM on the relationship between NBACL and the local Associations for Community Living (ACL).
 - **Inclusive Education Committee - Alex Dingwall**
Alex provided an overview of the role of the committee along with a summary of the activities accomplished in 16-17; please refer to page 26 of the 2016-2017 “Report to the Community” for specific details.

- **Stakeholder Relations Standing Committee – Lorraine Silliphant**

Lorraine provided an overview of the role of the committee along with a summary of the activities accomplished in 16-17; please refer to page 30 of the 2016-2017 “Report to the Community” for specific details. Lorraine concluded by saying that she is very excited about the work that is being done with this committee! The committee was reconstituted and a report will be provided by Lorraine Silliphant.

At the same time that the Governance Committee was looking the relation between NBACL and locals, Fredericton local ACL was having meetings with other locals to share and to get to know each other. Locals met with Provincial Associations there was a Task Force was created. The Task Force had Board meetings and consultation and then came up with recommendations. The Task Force found after speaking with individuals across the Province, many local associations are stringing for the same common thing; to be a valuable resource in your community and to be more effective in supporting individuals with an intellectual disability and their families. Clear capacity needs to be built in communities to support individuals in different ways, in regular places, and the same time as people who do not have a disability. Currently there are no clear roles and responsibilities which would be mutually beneficially established between NBACL and locals to each other; the committee is working on this and continuing to take opportunities to fulfill their mandate.

- **Changing Lives and Changing Communities Committee – Moira Wilson**

Moira provided an overview of the role of the committee along with a summary of the activities accomplished in 16-17; please refer to page 38 of the 2016-2017 “Report to the Community” for details.

Moira asked if there were any questions or comments from the floor.

Jean Louis Daigle commended NBACL on the work they are doing and specifically the work that is being done at the Stakeholder Relations Standing Communities Committee regarding the defining roles and responsibilities between locals and NBACL. With their local ACL having the challenge of being in a francophone area they realized they needed the strength of the NBACL behind them.

Patty King (Self Advocate) offered the following comments “I am a self-advocate. I have worked with NBACL being on several committees and with the Saint John ACL. I do this work because it’s important that self-advocate have a voice and it gives me great pleasure to work and learn, NBACL does not see my disability but my ability. When we all work together we can make great progress.” Patty also gave a brief overview of People’s First mandate and the outcome of their October 27, 2017 meeting. During their meeting they honored Andrea Feunekes for her 30 years of dedicated service. The following were appointed to People First executive; President, Donna Brown (Grand Falls), 1st Vice-President, Robert McCoubrey (Moncton), 2nd Vice-President, Brian Connors (Moncton), Treasurer, Peggy Curry-Kyle (Woodstock), and Jonathan Burgeron - Representing Francophone North – West outside of Quebec.

8. Treasurer’s Report * - Meagan Henheffer

Meagan Henheffer, NBACL staff member, was asked to come to the podium. Meagan presented the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Deidre Green.

- Approval of Audited Financial Statements, ending March 31, 2017*

Motion: *That the Audited Financial Statements ending March 31, 2017 be approved;* moved by Dianne Cormier Northrup seconded by Patty King; motion carried

- Approval of Operating Budget 2017-2018*

Motion: *That the Operating Budget 2017-2018 be approved;* moved by Andrea Allen seconded by Daniel Collette; motion carried

- Approval of Auditors (signing authority) 2017-2018*

Motion: *That NBACL proceeds to tender for the services of an Auditor and that an auditor be appointed for the 17-18 year;* moved by Kourtney Stevenson and seconded by Jacques Therrien.

Motion: *That the executive of the Board have signing authority;* moved by Steven Pike and seconded by Jean Louis Daigle.

9. Resolutions*

There were no resolutions.

10. Proposed By-law changes*

There were no proposed By-law changes for this year.

11. Nomination report – Alex Dingwall

Alex 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. At this time we have one vacancy; Regional Rep. for N-E.

The following have one year remaining in their term:

- Suzanne Desrosiers – Regional Rep. for Central
- Andrea Allen – Parent/Self Advocate
- Alex Dingwall – Community member
- Daniel Collette –Parent/Self Advocate
- Diane Cormier Northrup – Parent/Self Advocate

The following have two years remaining in their term:

- Moira Wilson – Parent/Self Advocate
- Patricia Dineen – Community member
- Paul Morrison – Community member
- Kourtney Stevenson – Regional Rep. for the S-E

The following is the slate of new Board members for 2017-2018 – 3 year term;

- Simon-Pierre Godbout – Community Member
- Patty King – Regional Rep. for Fundy
- Jacques Therrien – Regional Rep. for the N-W
- Deidre Green - Community Member
- Debi Gallant – Parent/Self Advocate

12. Swearing in of all Board Members – Alex Dingwall

Board Members who were present were asked to stand and read out loud the following document “Obligation of a Board Member (as approved at the Board meeting, June 2nd, 2011)

Motion: *Accept the list of officers as presented.* Moved by Jean Louis Daigle and seconded by Kourtney Stevenson; motion carried.

13. Presentation to outgoing Board members – Moira Wilson thanked the following outgoing Board members for their service and dedication to the Board; Cheryl Leblanc, Roxanne Fairweather, and Richard Blaquiere.

14. Ratification of action of Board*

Motion: *That the action of the Board be ratified;* moved by Daniel Collette, seconded by Leola Langille; motion carried.

15. Special presentation - Moira Wilson

Moira announced that NBACL is having its first ever campaign - *End Exclusion*; the goal of the campaign is to raise 3 million dollars in unrestricted funds over the next five years and that as of today \$950 000 has been raised! A short video describing the campaign was shown to all those in attendance. It was announced that Doug Willms will the Cabinet and the following have agreed to be part of the Cabinet; Eric Matchett, Heather Washburn, Richard Blaquiere, Marie Williamson, Mike Rouse, Gordon Porter. It is expected that with these additional funds NBACL will be able to not only continue its services and programs to its current clients but also serve an additional 10 000 children and teen who have an intellectual disability.

16. Old Business

There was no old business

17. New Business. Danny Soucy was asked to come to the podium. This year's staff retreat was held in conjunction with NBACL 60th anniversary. He is pleased to be recognizing the following employees: Employee Recognition Service Award – Lynn Akmen for 10 years of dedicated service.

2017 NBACL Gas Pump Award - This award was first introduced in 2015 as a way for employees to nominate co-workers to be recognized for their outstanding contributions. Staff are invited to submit nominations for an NBACL employee who exemplifies the following: leadership & reliability, team spirit & collaboration, creativity & innovation, knowledge & takes initiative to learn and positive vibes. Based on the results of the nominations of her peers, the winner of this year's NBACL gas pump award is Andrea Randon.

18. 2018 Annual General Meeting - The location is to be determined

19. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Prior to adjourning the meeting Moira brought the following **motion:** *That the reports from the committees and projects be accepted as presented during the AGM;* moved by Daniel Colette and seconded by Kourtney Stevenson ; motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:53.