

THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA

PORTICO, Mississauga, Ontario

2017 Annual General Meeting March 21, 2017

MINUTES

BUSINESS SESSION TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2017

The Chair, Rev. D Wells, called the business session to order at 1:35 PM. Appreciation was expressed to the Western Ontario District including L. Gibbons and PORTICO Church. The Chair invited L. Gibbons to bring greetings from the District. L. Gibbons opened the meeting in prayer.

GUESTS

The Chair invited Rev. T. Snow to bring greetings from The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. The chair led in prayer for The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Chair noted that this meeting is ruled by the 2016 *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the parliamentary procedures will be ruled by *Robert's Rules of Order*, and introduced the Parliamentarians, P. Doroshuk and R. Davis.

AGM 17-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the delegates wearing a blue name tag denote voting privileges, establishing the voting bar. CARRIED

The Chair welcomed visitors and those joining the meeting by livestream.

- AGM 17-02 **MINUTES OF THE 52nd GENERAL CONFERENCE**: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of the 52nd General Conference in Montreal, Quebec be approved as distributed. CARRIED
- AGM 17-03 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as stated. CARRIED
- AGM 17-04 AGENDA OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED
- AGM 17-05 ROSTER REPORT: The Chair called for a reading of the Roster Report. The Chair of the Roster Committee, P. Victor, read the Roster Report.

VOTING Credential – Voting	177		
		National/District Department Director	5
Lay Delegate Sub-Total Voting NON-VOTING	5 187		
		Credential – Non-Voting	33
		Visitors & Staff	51
Sub-Total Non-Voting	84		
GRAND TOTAL ATTENDANCE	271		

- D. Wells vacated the Chair for the report of the General Superintendent. D. Hazzard assumed the Chair.
- AGM 17-06 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** D. Wells expressed gratefulness for the Fellowship and the opportunity to share together in mission. Everyday Faith and the 2020 Initiative, with emphasis on theological, spiritual and missional vitality, remain our focus. There has been progress across our Fellowship in the area of revitalization through strengthening existing churches and leaders. Appreciation was expressed to N. Rogge and the Communications staff who continue to emphasize and provide resources on Everyday Faith, and to the working groups who help to move the shared vision of 1% of Canadians in disciple making communities by 2020 forward. General Conference 2018 in Victoria will see the launch of the PAOC centennial celebration and initiatives. In 2019 the PAOC will host the Pentecostal World Fellowship conference in Calgary.
 - D. Wells thanked the constituents for the opportunity to take a recent sabbatical, allowing him to delve deeper into study, and expressed appreciation for the privilege of being God's servant and the opportunity to share with others in this great calling.

MISSION CANADA PRESENTATION: B. Egert expressed appreciation for all of the Mission Canada workers present at the meeting. He shared highlights from ministries in Canada that are seeing incredible things happen through engagement and encountering.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report of the General Superintendent and the report of the Assistant to the General Superintendent for Mission Canada be received.

CARRIED

D. Hazzard vacated the chair. D. Wells resumed the chair.

AGM 17-07

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER: D. Hazzard expressed appreciation to the PAOC accounting team for their display of excellence in their accounting procedures. There was a \$400,000 increase in shared funding revenue for Global and Mission Canada workers. Fellowship tithes were up 2.5%, totaling \$1,532,900 and there was an operational surplus of \$13,795. A four-year comparison of donations from 2013 to 2016 inclusive show a consistent increase. Growth and strength was realized in each of the three legal entities of the PAOC, namely Pentecostal Financial Services Group, the Pension Fund, and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Affinity partnerships continue to assist in raising ministry funds for the operations of the PAOC. A slight decrease in the total mortgages we are currently serving has been recorded. Currently we have 1,057 affiliated assemblies with an additional 119 satellites. Appreciation was expressed to the staff in Fellowship Services.

R. Davis was invited to speak regarding the Pension Fund, which continues to see growth with membership totaling over 2,280. Total assets in 2016 were just under \$122M. On an ongoing basis the Fund is in excess of 100% funded and on a solvency basis, 92% funded, placing it in the top one third of pension funds in Canada.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the December 31, 2016 Audited financial report. CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report of the General Secretary Treasurer be received.

CARRIED

AGM 17-08

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: M. Cornelius presented his report, expressing appreciation to the International Missions team, Regional Directors, and ERDO staff. A short video was presented highlighting the opportunities and challenges of reaching the growing Asian population in Africa. Missions revenue in 2016 was just short of \$32M while expenses were kept to approximately 7% of operational costs. Churches are encouraged to allocate a portion of their Missions budgets to "where most needed" to assist in special projects in the field. General Conference 2018 will see a Missions focus with the goal of recruiting 100 new Global Workers. Leading up to the conference Global Workers will travel across our nation to speak in our churches, encouraging people to commit themselves as new Global Workers. A short video on the work of ERDO was presented, highlighting 25 years of work with ChildCARE Plus.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report of the Executive Director for International Missions be received.

- AGM 17-09 RATIFICATION OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS: As per By-Law 10.2 of the General Constitution & By-Laws, it was MOVED and SECONDED to ratify the appointment of the District Superintendents to the General Executive.
- AGM 17-10 RATIFICATION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS: As per By-Law 10.2 of the General Constitution & By-Laws, it was MOVED and SECONDED to ratify the appointment of the Regional Directors to the General Executive.
- AGM 17-11 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR 2017**: D. Hazzard presented the General Executive's recommendation for the Auditor for the 2017 fiscal period.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to appoint *Robertson, Lott and Brohman (RLB) Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors* as The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada's Auditors for the 2017 fiscal year.

CARRIED

R. Wells

The Chair declared the meeting closed. P. Miller closed the meeting in prayer.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

David R. Wells

General Superintendent

David E. Hazzard

General Secretary Treasurer