



THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
TCU Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

51st GENERAL CONFERENCE
April 28 – May 1, 2014

MINUTES

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2014

The Chair, Rev. D. Wells, called the first business session to order at 1:10 PM. Appreciation was expressed to the Saskatchewan District, including J. Drisner.

The Chair invited J. Drisner to bring greetings from the Saskatchewan District. J. Drisner opened the conference in prayer.

GUESTS

Rev. D. Hazzard recognized and honoured the former executive officers and invited those in attendance to stand: Rev. D. Ball, Rev. Wm. Griffin, Rev. L. Markham, Rev. K. Parks, Rev. R. Schmunk, Rev. R. Taitinger, and Rev. G. Upton. Rev. Wm. Morrow and Rev. S. Hunter could not attend. The delegates welcomed the former executive officers.

Rev. M. Cornelius recognized our international guests: Bishop Philip Adhikary and Samuel Adhikary from Bangladesh, Rev. Tiago Manhica, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Mozambique and Rev. Pedro Muianga, President of the Bible College in Mozambique. He welcomed Global Workers and Mission Canada workers in attendance.

The Chair invited Rev. C. Andrews to bring greetings from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Chair introduced Rev. Alton Garrison of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship. He also introduced Rev. R. Ciaramitaro of Windsor, Ontario, President of the Open Bible Faith Churches, Dr. D. Cole of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA), and Rev. J. Cornelius of the Canada Food Grains Bank.

The Chair noted that this conference is ruled by the *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, Wm. Griffin, P. Doroshuk and G. Connors.

- GC 14-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the delegates wearing blue lanyards denote voting privileges, establishing the voting bar. CARRIED
- GC 14-02 **MINUTES OF THE 50th CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Minutes of the 50th General Conference be approved as printed and distributed. CARRIED
- GC 14-03 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as printed and distributed in the conference manual. CARRIED
- GC 14-04 **AGENDA OF THE 51st CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented to the conference, noting that the business sessions will be extended to 4:30 PM if needed each day. CARRIED

Canada, and Novus leadership development. The conference expressed appreciation to the Mission Canada workers.

D. Wells expressed appreciation to the Mission Canada team, to the Executive Officers, to the Communications department, the International Office staff, and his wife S. Wells.

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. This was affirmed with applause by the conference.

CARRIED

J. Drisner prayed for Rev. & Mrs. Wells. J. Drisner vacated the chair. D. Wells resumed the chair.

GC 14-10 **RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:**

The following pre-nomination ballots resulted in a ratification ballot for the position of Assistant Superintendent for International Missions:

Ballots Cast	386
Ballots Required to Elect	257
Votes Received	326 (84.5%)

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 14-11 **RESULTS OF THE RATIFICATION BALLOT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:**

Ballots Cast	367
Ballots Required to Elect	246
Ballots Received	359 (97.8%)

M. Cornelius was re-elected as the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions and expressed appreciation to the conference for the vote of confidence.

S. Chaloner led the conference in prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Cornelius.

D. Wells invited T. Seres of the Canadian Bible Society to bring greetings to the conference.

GC 14-12 **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FELLOWSHIP SERVICES:** D. Hazzard presented his report, noting a 2% increase in annual donations in the 2012-2013 biennium. The 5 year revenue analysis indicates a 7% increase from \$20,490,000 to \$21,877,000. Due to a surplus in operations in 2012-2013 as well as a large individual donation to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, as of 2013 we are debt free, positioning us for a very strong future together.

We have a significant number of church loans and mortgages. J Richards was invited to speak regarding Pentecostal Financial Services Group (PFSG). He affirmed the positive position of PFSG, highlighting the donations of affinity partners. He also spoke of the Stewardship department, highlighting wills, seminars, and investments. The remainder of the portfolio comes from individuals or trust funds.

D. Hazzard expressed appreciation to J. Richards for his work in seeing the portfolios of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada grow, and to D. Ball, former Executive Officer, for his investment of wisdom and leadership in establishing PFSG.

D. Hazzard introduced R. Davis, the new Executive Director of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He invited the entire fellowship to attend the Pension Fund members meeting on May 1, 2014 so that every church would be equally informed. The Pension Fund has performed incredibly well since the 2008 downturn and is currently at \$101,500,000. We are making our way through a season of challenge and the Lord is helping us.

D. Hazzard expressed appreciation to the Executive Officers, the staff that serve in the Fellowship Services Department, and to his family.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services be received.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the first business session at 4:18 PM.

CARRIED

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2014**

Business Session 2 was called to order on Wednesday, April 30 at 1:05 PM.

ROSTER REPORT #2:

The Chair called for a reading of the roster report.

The Chair of the Roster Committee, S. Gold, read Roster Report #2.

VOTING

Credential – Voting	386
National/District Department Director	7
Lay Delegate	36
Sub-Total Voting	429

NON VOTING

Credential – Non Voting	76
Visitors & Staff	241
Sub-Total Non Voting	317

GRAND TOTAL ATTENDANCE **746**

GC 14-13 It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #2 be accepted as read.

CARRIED

GC 14-14 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:**
The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

Rev. D. Smith	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. S. Clarence	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. J. Stewart	Western Ontario
Rev. S. Sparling	Eastern Ontario
Rev. P. Corriveau	Quebec
Rev. R. Knowles	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The ballots were declared closed.

At B. Richards' request, D. Wells invited him to bring the following recommendation to the conference:

The PAOC has always tried to provide ministry and business around the world with excellence. The economic financial markets of Canada and the world are becoming increasingly more complex. Organizations and companies now have

MBA-trained leaders which help them guide through these complicated and perplexing financial/economic problems. Even today the average bank in Canada is demanding their leadership have an MBA in finance. The PAOC continues to grow financially with properties that are worth millions, mortgages worth millions, and pension fund worth millions. If we added up all the property of the PAOC, mortgages and the pension fund, we would be dealing with probably hundreds of millions of dollars of assets.

Therefore, as a member I ask the General Executive to appoint a study comprised of lay people who are experts in the financial field to study the governance structure pertaining to the role of the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services, specifically examining the following:

1. Look into dividing this Office into two Assistant Superintendent Officers.
The first Officer would deal with services such as credential, law, etc.
The second Officer would deal with all financial needs of the PAOC.
2. Would evaluate the merit of having a lay member as Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services who has the following qualifications:
 - a. An MBA in finance.
 - b. 10 years of experience in the Canadian financial market.
 - c. A member in good standing with a PAOC church.

And that the General Executive present a full report of the committee's recommendations back to the General Conference constituency six months before the next General Conference.

This request will be forwarded to the General Executive for further discussion.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, K. Johnson, was asked to begin presenting the Resolutions.

GC 14-15 **RESOLUTION #1** – Article 5 Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths – Gender Inclusivity:
It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Article 5 Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths – Gender Inclusivity* be amended as follows:

5.3.2 THE BELIEVER AND DEMONS

Demons attempt to thwart God's purposes; however, in Christ, the believer may have complete liberty from the influence of demons. He **The believer** cannot be possessed by them because his **the believer's** body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in which Christ dwells as Lord.

5.4 HUMANITY MAN

Humans were Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God. **They** He fell through sin and, as a consequence, incurred both spiritual and physical death. Spiritual death and the depravity of human nature have been transmitted to the entire human race with the exception of the Man Christ Jesus. **Humans** Man can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

5.5 SALVATION

5.5.1 ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

Salvation has been provided for all **people** man through the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. It is the only perfect redemption and substitution atonement for all the sins of the world, both original and actual. His atoning work has been proven by His resurrection from the dead. Those who repent and believe in Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and receive eternal life. Furthermore, in the atonement, divine healing was provided for all believers.

5.5.2 REPENTANCE AND FAITH

A person Man can be born again only through faith in Christ. Repentance, a vital part of believing, is a complete change of mind wrought by the Holy Spirit, turning a person to God from sin.

5.5.3 REGENERATION

Regeneration is a creative work of the Holy Spirit by which **a person** man is born again and receives spiritual life.

5.5.4 JUSTIFICATION

Justification is a judicial act of God by which the sinner is declared righteous solely on the basis of their his-acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

5.6 THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

5.6.1 ASSURANCE

Assurance of salvation is the privilege of all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ, resulting in love, gratitude and obedience toward God.

5.6.2 SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is dedication to God and separation from evil. In experience it is both instantaneous and progressive. It is produced in the life of the believer by the his appropriation of the power of Christ's blood and risen life through the person of the Holy Spirit; He draws the believer's attention to Christ, teaches them him through the Word and produces the character of Christ within them him. Believers who sin must repent and seek forgiveness through faith in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

5.6.3 BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience in which the believers yields control of themselves himself to the Holy Spirit. Through this the believer he comes to know Christ in a more intimate way and receives power to witness and grow spiritually. Believers should earnestly seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. The initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth.

CARRIED

GC 14-16

RESOLUTION #2 – Federal Not For Profit Corporations Act:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendments be approved:

PREFACE

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada was established by letters patent issued by the Secretary of State of Canada on May 17, 1919, and is registered as a charitable organization with Canada Revenue Agency.

The General Conference, ~~which meets biennially,~~ has adopted the *General Constitution and By-Laws* as hereinafter printed.

ARTICLE 6 RELATIONSHIPS

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada shall conduct its activities through its General Conference, ~~and district conferences,~~ local assemblies, and other ministries.

ARTICLE 7 MEMBERS

7.1 VOTING MEMBERS: The voting membership of the General Conference shall consist of:

7.1.1 Ordained ministers and senior pastors holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have served for two full and consecutive years as senior pastor immediately preceding the convening of the General Conference.

7.1.2 Holders of a valid Ministerial License for Women credential.

7.1.3 Ordained global workers under appointment, and global workers holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have been under Global Worker appointment for two (2) full and consecutive years.

7.1.4 Duly appointed lay delegates from any affiliated assembly.

7.1.4.1 Each local assembly affiliated with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is authorized to appoint and send one lay delegate to each General Conference. Those churches with a membership of more than 200 shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 active official members recorded on the membership roster of the local assembly. These delegates shall be Spirit-filled members in good standing with the assembly. Lay delegates shall not be credential holders or the spouses of voting credential holders. Lay delegates must present a letter of authorization from the secretary of the church board to the conference registrar.

7.1.5 Lay members of the General Executive and duly appointed national departmental directors and departmental coordinators, and appointed or elected district departmental and ministry leaders who present to the registrar a letter of authorization from the district executive.

All voting members must be registered for any regular or special meeting of the General Conference.

7.2 NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Credentialed members of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada other than those described as voting members in Article 7.1.

ARTICLE 7 8 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference shall possess all the powers of a general meeting of the members of the corporation duly convened, and all the powers granted to the corporation by letters patent and the incidental and auxiliary powers possessed by the corporation in accordance with Section 14 of the Canada Corporations Act 1965.

The said General Conference shall possess power to pass by-laws from time to time for the conduct and management of the corporation. It shall have power by a two-thirds vote of the members of the said General Conference to authorize a sale of the undertaking or assets of the corporation; and to authorize a winding up of the affairs of the corporation.

~~The membership of the General Conference shall consist of all ordained ministers of the corporation; senior pastors holding the Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential who have served for two full and consecutive years as senior pastor immediately preceding the convening of the General Conference; licensed women ministers; global workers under individual appointment, all of whom hold current valid credentials under the aforementioned categories; duly appointed delegates of any affiliated local assembly; lay members of the General Executive, duly appointed national departmental directors and departmental coordinators; and appointed or elected district departmental and ministry leaders who present to the registrar a letter of authorization from the district executive.~~

ARTICLE 8 9 MEETINGS

Regular sessions meetings of the General Conference shall be held annually biennially by order of the Executive Officers Committee at such time and place as the General Executive shall determine.

During even numbered years the meeting shall be known as the biennial General Conference. Elections shall be conducted and resolutions related to constitutional changes shall only be considered at this meeting.

During odd numbered years, the annual meeting shall coincide with the regular spring session of the General Executive with an open invitation to the membership of the General Conference.

Special meetings of the General Conference may be ordered by the General Superintendent when requested by a minimum of five percent of the voting membership. ~~on agreement by majority of the General Executive members~~

ARTICLE 9 10 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

9.1-10.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Executive Officers Committee of the corporation shall **be elected by the membership of the biennial General Conference and shall** consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services and the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions and such officer or officers as may be added from time to time by action of General Conference.

9.2 10.2 GENERAL EXECUTIVE

The General Executive shall **be elected by the membership of the biennial General Conference and shall** consist **of individuals who serve as** of the Executive Officers Committee, the duly elected **district** superintendents, of each district, the regional directors of International Missions, **as well as** five additional credential holders, and three lay persons.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED to renumber the remaining Articles as appropriate.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED to amend By-Laws 2.1 and 2.2 as follows:

BY-LAW 2 GENERAL CONFERENCE

2.1 QUORUM

Quorum shall consist of two percent of eligible voting members of the corporation registered at any meeting of the General Conference. All members registered and voting in any meeting of the General Conference shall constitute a quorum.

2.2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The agenda for the General Conference shall be established by the General Executive and may include **(see Article 9 MEETINGS):**

- Reports of the Executive Officers Committee
- Unfinished business
- Elections
- New business
- Adjournment

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 3.1. be amended as follows:

3.1 VOTING CONSTITUENCY

3.1.1 The voting constituency **shall consist of voting members as outlined in Article 7** shall consist of:

- ~~3.1.1.1~~ Ordained ministers and senior pastors holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have served for two full and consecutive years as senior pastor immediately preceding the convening of the General Conference.
- ~~3.1.1.2~~ Holders of a valid Ministerial License for Women credential.
- ~~3.1.1.3~~ Ordained global workers under appointment, and global workers holding a valid Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry credential, who have been under Global Worker appointment for two (2) full and consecutive years.
- ~~3.1.1.4~~ Duly appointed delegates from any affiliated assembly.
- ~~3.1.1.5~~ Lay members of the General Executive and duly appointed national departmental directors and departmental coordinators, and appointed or elected district departmental and ministry leaders who present to the registrar a letter of authorization from the district executive.

All **voting members** must be registered for any regular or special meeting of the General Conference, or be eligible to participate in the pre-conference nomination ballot as provided in By-Law 3.3.1.1.

3.1.2 LAY DELEGATES

~~Each local assembly affiliated with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is authorized to appoint and send one lay delegate to each General Conference. Those churches with a membership of more than 200 shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 active official members recorded on the membership roster of the local assembly. These delegates shall be Spirit-filled members in good standing with the assembly. Lay delegates shall not be credential holders or the spouses of voting credential holders. Lay delegates must present a letter of authorization from the secretary of the church board to the conference registrar.~~

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED to amend By-Law 3.3.1.1 as follows:

- 3.3.1.1** A pre-conference nomination ballot for each executive officer position shall be mailed 90 days prior to General Conference to all members eligible to vote at General Conference, as described in **Article 7** By-Law 3-4, and to lay delegates who have been duly appointed and recorded with the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services at least 90 days prior to General Conference, to be returned postmarked no later than 60 days prior to Conference. The pre-conference nomination ballot shall be mailed together with a description of the qualifications, responsibilities and duties of the elected Executive Officers Committee.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED to amend By-Laws 10.2.4.3.1 and 10.2.6.3 as follows:

10.2.4.3.1 CONFERENCE PRIVILEGES

Licensed Minister credential holders shall be entitled to district conference privileges. **Licensed Minister credential holders may be entitled to General Conference privileges as outlined in Article 7.1.**

- 10.2.6.3 CONFERENCE PRIVILEGES** - Recognition of Ministry credential holders shall be entitled to district conference privileges. **Recognition of Ministry credential holders may be entitled to General Conference privileges as outlined in Article 7.1.**

CARRIED

GC 14-17

RESOLUTION #3 – By-Law 6.1.6.1 Execution of Documents:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 6.1.6.1 be amended as follows:*

- 6.1.6.1** Contracts, documents, or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the corporation shall be signed by **any two of the Executive Officers** ~~the General Superintendent and by the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services,~~ and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the corporation without any further authorization or formality. In the event that **only one of the Executive Officers** ~~either the General Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services is not available to sign documents, the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions or the Fellowship Services Executive Assistant shall be authorized to sign documents, with either the General Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services.~~

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Laws 6.1.6.3 and 6.1.6.4 be amended as follows:

- 6.1.6.3** The General Executive shall have power by resolution, from time to time, to appoint any other officer or officers on behalf of the corporation either to sign contracts, documents or instruments in writing generally, or to sign special contracts, documents or instruments in writing.
- 6.1.6.4** In matters of urgency, or as required by provincial legislation, the Executive Officers Committee in session shall have power by resolution, from time to time to appoint any other person or persons on behalf of the corporation to sign specific contracts, documents or instruments.

GC 14-18

RESOLUTION #4 – By-Law 8.1.3.1.2 Credential Standards Committee:

It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 8.1.3.1.2 be deleted and similar wording be added to By-Law 8.4.1.1 as follows:*

- ~~8.1.3.1.2 This committee shall review biennially all credential application forms, procedures and standards and shall make recommendations for modifications to the General Executive.~~

8.4 SUPERINTENDENTS SUBCOMMITTEES**8.4.1 ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE****8.4.1.1 PURPOSE**

This committee shall clarify common administrative procedures and policies related to credentials, church records, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada mortgages, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada group insurance programs, legal matters, and other administrative matters common to the operations of the district offices.

This committee shall review all credential application forms, procedures and standards as needed and shall make recommendations for modifications to the Superintendents Committee.

CARRIED

GC 14-19

RESOLUTION #5 – By-Law 10 Revisions:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.2 be amended as follows:*

10.2 QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE AND RETAIN CREDENTIALS

The General Executive shall appoint a Credential Standards Committee (By-Law 8.1.3) to set the standards for credentials in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, including but not limited to academic standards.

All applicants for credentials shall have a personal experience of salvation and shall have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues, and shall personally subscribe to *The Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Credential holders shall be expected to maintain biblical standards of holiness, guarding their lives against conformity to the world in appearance, in selfish ambition, in carnal attitudes and evil associations, and always, as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall seek to conform to the positive virtues of love, mercy, and forgiveness as taught by the Lord.

Credential holders shall be expected to refrain from "acts of the sinful nature: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like" (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, premarital and extramarital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18; 7:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIVORCED AND REMARRIED NEW APPLICANT

- 10.2.1** An applicant who has never been married or who is widowed and who wishes to marry a divorced person whose former spouse is still living, or an applicant who has been divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living, or an applicant who is currently married to a spouse who has a former spouse still living, may qualify for credentials when the following conditions exist:

- 10.2.1.1 The former spouse, of either the credential applicant or of the applicant's current spouse, has committed *porneia* as defined in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1 and determined by one or more of the following means:
 - 10.2.1.1.1 A district hearing committee has found the former credentialed spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.
 - 10.2.1.1.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.
 - 10.2.1.1.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.
 - 10.2.1.1.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.
 - 10.2.1.1.5 If the previous means of evidence are not available, consideration may be given to an affidavit witnessed by two signators, or a notary public or commissioner of oaths, affirming that the applicant's former spouse has committed *porneia*.
- 10.2.1.2 A minimum period of five years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:
 - 10.2.1.2.1 The date the current marriage took place.
 - 10.2.1.2.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one (1) or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.2.1.1.
 - 10.2.1.3 The individual has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she is currently a partner in a marriage relationship where faithfulness has been clearly demonstrated for a minimum period of five (5) years.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CURRENT CREDENTIAL HOLDERS

- 40.5.5 **10.2.2** A credential holder who is divorced with a former spouse still living and who wishes to retain credentials may be declared eligible to remarry when the following conditions exist:
 - 40.5.5.4 **10.2.2.1** The credential holder did not contribute to a divorce by having committed *porneia*.
 - 40.5.5.2 **10.2.2.2** The former spouse has committed *porneia* as defined in The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1 and determined by one (1) or more of the following means:
 - 40.5.5.2.4 **10.2.2.2.1** A district hearing committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has found the former credentialed spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.
 - 40.5.5.2.2 **10.2.2.2.2** A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.
 - 40.5.5.2.3 **10.2.2.2.3** A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

40.5.5.2.4 **10.2.2.2.4** Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential holder.

40.5.5.2.5 **10.2.2.2.5** If the previous means of evidence are not available, consideration may be given to an affidavit witnessed by two signators, or a notary public or commissioner of oaths, affirming that the applicant's former spouse has committed porneia.

10.5.5.3 10.2.2.3 A minimum period of four years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

40.5.5.3.1 **10.2.2.3.1** The date of the credential holder's divorce.

40.5.5.3.2 **10.2.2.3.2** The date the former spouse, committed *porneia* as determined by one or more of the means listed above in By-Law ~~40.5.5.2. 10.2.2.2.~~

40.5.5.4 **10.2.2.4** The credential holder has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she has clearly demonstrated exemplary Christian character and morality for the prior four (4) year period.

40.5.6 **10.2.3** Should a credential holder who has never been married wish to marry a divorced person whose former spouse is still living, the conditions in By-Law 10.2.2 shall apply to the divorced person.

40.5.7 **10.2.4** Ministers may decline to officiate at a wedding ceremony which is not in harmony with their personal beliefs and convictions.

40.5.8 **10.2.5** No minister may perform any wedding ceremony in which either party has been divorced and the former spouse is still living, except in instances in which, after proper investigation, the minister has determined and is satisfied that the following conditions exist, or where the minister has received an affidavit from the person who has a living former spouse, duly witnessed by two signators, or a notary public or commissioner of oaths, that declares the conditions listed below have been fulfilled:

40.5.8.1 **10.2.5.1** all reasonable efforts at reconciliation with the former partner have been exhausted; and

40.5.8.2 **10.2.5.2** there has been sexual immorality on the part of a former partner or a former partner has remarried; and

40.5.8.3 **10.2.5.3** there is repentance for any personal failures that may have contributed to the breakup of the previous marriage; and

40.5.8.4 **10.2.5.4** a legal divorce has been obtained.

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining items under By-Law 10.2 be renumbered.
AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining items under By-Law 10.5 be renumbered as follows:*

40.5.9 **10.5.5** It is recommended that credential holders do not invite into the church or community for official public preaching, teaching, or evangelistic ministries any person or persons who are divorced and remarried and have a living former spouse or who are married to such a person, unless such person holds ministerial credentials with a religious organization recognized by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

~~40.5.10~~ **10.5.6** No credential holder shall knowingly invite into the church or community for official public preaching, teaching, or evangelistic ministries any person or persons whose credentials are under suspension or who have had their credentials dismissed in accordance with By-Law 10.6.2. Any violation of this regulation shall result in a review of the matter by the district executive, and disciplinary actions shall be taken as deemed warranted.

~~40.5.11~~ **10.5.7** In order to maintain active standing:

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining items under By-Law 10.5.11 be renumbered to reflect the new numbering as 10.5.7 sub-items.

CARRIED

GC 14-20 **RESOLUTION #6** – By-Law 10.2.3 (Formerly 10.5.6):
It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 10.2.3 be amended as follows:*

10.2.3 Should a credential holder who has never been married or a credential holder who is widowed wish to marry a divorced person whose former spouse is still living, the conditions in By-Law 10.2.2 shall apply to the divorced person.

CARRIED

GC 14-21 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	344
Ballots Spoiled	1
Ballots necessary for election	172
Rev. J. Stewart	213 (62.0%) ELECTED
Rev. M. Wojda	169 (49.0%)
Rev. D. Smith	121 (35.2%)
Rev. P. Corriveau	117 (34.0%)
Rev. S. Clarence	112 (32.6%)
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	111 (32.3%)
Rev. S. Sparling	90 (26.2%)
Rev. R. Knowles	69 (20.0%)

GC 14-22 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair read the names eligible for election on the second ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. D. Smith	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. S. Clarence	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. S. Sparling	Eastern Ontario
Rev. P. Corriveau	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 14-23 **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** A short video was presented featuring Rev. and Mrs. W. Hilsden and their work at the training centre in Israel. Rev. M. Cornelius shared that currently 30% of the students in the Bible College in Israel are Arab believers. We continue to see incredible stories of harvest around the world. Rev. Tiago Manhica was invited to bring greetings to the conference from the Assemblies of God in Mozambique. He expressed appreciation to Rev. S. Chaloner and Rev. B. Mercer for their work in Mozambique. There are now approximately 3,000 churches in the country with over 1,000 pastors. Rev. Philip Adhekary was invited to bring greetings to the conference from the country of Bangladesh. He expressed appreciation to the General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for International Missions

for their invitation to be part of the conference. He reported that 38 people accept Christ every day through their ministry and 7 churches are established every week. Rev. Cornelius paid tribute to Rev. H. Hunter, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Cuba, who recently passed away, for the great work he did in Cuba during his many years of ministry there.

A video featuring D. Adcock on behalf of Emergency Relief and Development Overseas (ERDO), and V. Ninaber and D. McAlister of International Missions was shown. M. Cornelius expressed appreciation to D. Boyd, who recently resigned effective December 31, 2014 as Regional Director in Europe. He introduced two recently appointed International Missions directors – V. Ninabar, Director of Global Operations and K. Warra, Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives.

The conference expressed appreciation to the International Missions team.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report of the Assistant Superintendent for International Missions be received.

CARRIED

GC 14-24

SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the second election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	377	
Ballots Spoiled	9	
Ballots necessary for election	188	
Rev. M. Wojda	197	(52.3%) ELECTED
Rev. D. Smith	138	(36.6%)
Rev. P. Corriveau	116	(30.7%)
Rev. S. Clarence	102	(27.0%)
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	96	(25.5%)
Rev. S. Sparling	67	(17.7%)

GC 14-25

THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. D. Smith	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. S. Clarence	Alberta and Northwest Territories
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. P. Corriveau	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 14-26

THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the third election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	368	
Ballots Spoiled	13	
Ballots necessary for election	181	
Rev. D. Smith	140	(38.0%)
Rev. P. Corriveau	105	(28.5%)
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	59	(16.0%)
Rev. S. Clarence	50	(13.5%)

No election was declared.

FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot:

Nominees:

Rev. D. Smith	British Columbia and Yukon
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
Rev. P. Corriveau	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

RESOLUTION #11 – By-Law 10.6.2 Causes of Disciplinary Action:
It was MOVED and SECONDED that By-Law 10.6.2 be amended as follows:

10.6.2 CAUSES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

10.6.2.1 Credential holders shall be expected to maintain biblical standards of holiness, guarding their lives against conformity to the world in appearance, in selfish ambition, in carnal attitudes and evil associations, and always, as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall seek to conform to the positive virtues of love, mercy, and forgiveness as taught by the Lord.

Credential holders shall be expected to refrain from "acts of the sinful nature: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like" (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, premarital and extramarital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18; 7:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

10.6.2.1.1 Violation of **Biblical mandates** principles as stated in this *General Constitution and By-Laws* **shall** may give just cause for disciplinary action, by the district executive committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, among such causes for action shall be:

10.6.2.1.1.1 Any moral failure involving sexual misconduct or sexual deviation (including but not limited to adultery, **heterosexual or homosexuality activity**, incest and sexual assault).

10.6.2.1.2 Any moral failure of a sexual nature (including but not limited to improper **physical** contact with the opposite sex, sexual **exploitation or** harassment, pornography, and any sexual conduct **or advocacy of sexuality** unbecoming a **credential holder** minister).

10.6.2.1.3 Any moral or ethical failure other than sexual misconduct or any conduct unbecoming to a credential holder (including but not limited to deception, fraud, theft, assault, **and drunkenness**, the use of tobacco and the non-medical use of mood-altering substances).

10.6.2.1.4 The propagation of doctrines and practices contrary to those set forth in the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

10.6.2.2 In keeping with "the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'" (James 2:8 NIV) and Paul's use of his freedom outlined in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV, "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under

the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings".

Credential holders shall be expected to live by the principles of servant leadership and limit their liberties for the sake of others.

Violation of the principles of servant leadership and other actions that may bring reproach to the name and cause of Christ, may be just cause for disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to:

~~10.6.2.3—General inefficiency in Pentecostal ministry.~~

~~10.6.2.9 10.6.2.2.1 Violations of **Failure to honour** The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Ministers Code of Ethics and generally accepted ministerial courtesy.~~

~~10.6.2.7 10.6.2.2.2 **A contentious or non cooperative spirit, an assumption of dictatorial authority, or an** An arbitrary rejection of district (or Missions Operations Committee in the case of global workers) counsel **and direction**.~~

~~10.6.2.5—A contentious or non-cooperative spirit.~~

~~10.6.2.2b 10.6.2.2.3 The use of tobacco and the non-medical use of **alcohol or other** mood altering substances.~~

~~10.6.2.6—An assumption of dictatorial authority.~~

~~10.6.2.8 10.6.2.2.4 The mismanagement of personal or church finances which brings reproach upon the cause.~~

~~10.6.2.10 Any proven act or conduct which after a full investigation of the evidence is determined to be in violation of By-Law 10.2 qualifications.~~

~~10.6.2.14 10.6.2.2.5 Officiating at a marriage ceremony contrary to By-Law 10.5.8 **10.2.5**.~~

M. Cornelius provided background to assist in clarifying the issues in the Resolution relating to alcohol and mood altering substances.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to divide Resolution 11 into two parts, with Part B as follows:

WHEREAS there are causes for disciplinary action against a credential holder;

AND WHEREAS credential holders are expected to maintain biblical standards of holiness;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.2 be amended as follows:

~~10.6.2.2b 10.6.2.2.3 The use of tobacco and the non-medical use of alcohol or other mood altering substances.~~ CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to address ~~10.6.2.7~~ **10.6.2.2.2** separately. DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to refer Resolution #11 to the General Executive. DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend 10.6.2.2 by deletion as follows:

10.6.2.2 In keeping with “the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’” (James 2:8 NIV) and Paul’s use of his freedom outlined in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV, “Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”.

A vote by count was taken to amend 10.6.2.2 by deletion, resulting in 146 in favor and 167 opposed.
DEFEATED

The motion to divide the resolution into two parts was CARRIED.

GC 14-29

FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the third election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	354	
Ballots Spoiled	5	
Ballots necessary for election	178	
Rev. D. Smith	192	(54.2%) ELECTED
Rev. P. Corriveau	112	(31.6%)
Rev. C. S. Gillingham	43	(13.0%)

The Chair thanked P. Corriveau, outgoing credential member, for his good work. J. Stewart and M. Wojda each expressed appreciation to the conference for their vote of confidence. The Chair expressed appreciation to the conference on behalf of D. Smith, and led the conference in prayer on his behalf.

GC 14-30

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

Nominees:

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia and Yukon
E. Etoroma	Alberta and Northwest Territories
D. Kennedy	Saskatchewan
B. Eastveld	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
A. Root	Western Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 14-31

FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE: The results of the first election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	365	
Ballots Spoiled	0	
Ballots necessary for election	183	
C. Hornby Allen	243	(66.6%) ELECTED
E. Etoroma	171	(46.8%)
S. Shew	155	(42.5%)
J. Veilleux	146	(40.0%)

D. Kennedy	120	(32.8%)
A. Root	104	(28.5%)
B. Eastveld	98	(26.8%)

GC 14-32 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the second ballot.

Nominees:

E. Etoroma	Alberta and Northwest Territories
D. Kennedy	Saskatchewan
A. Root	Western Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario
J. Veilleux	Quebec

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

The Chair declared the business of the house will include the business session on Thursday, May 1 at 2:00 PM.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to extend the business session to 4:50 PM.

CARRIED

GC 14-33 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared as follows:

Ballots Cast	362
Ballots Spoiled	8
Ballots necessary for election	180
E. Etoroma	244 (67.4%) ELECTED
S. Shew	184 (50.8%) ELECTED
J. Veilleux	119 (32.8%)
D. Kennedy	78 (21.5%)
A. Root	50 (13.8%)

E. Etoroma and S. Shew each expressed appreciation to the conference for their vote of confidence.

GC 14-34 The divided Resolution 11 Part A was CARRIED.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the second business session at 4:50 PM.

CARRIED

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION
THURSDAY MAY 1, 2014**

Business Session 3 was called to order on Thursday, May 1 at 2:12 PM.

Resolution #11, Part B was brought back to the floor:

WHEREAS there are causes for disciplinary action against a credential holder;

AND WHEREAS credential holders are expected to maintain biblical standards of holiness;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *By-Law 10.6.2* be amended as follows:

~~10.6.2.2b~~ **10.6.2.2.3** The use of tobacco and the non-medical use of alcohol or other mood altering substances.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the question be brought to the vote immediately. DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion to read "the use of tobacco and other mood altering substances and the irresponsible use of alcohol". DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion as follows: "the use of tobacco and drugs and the misuse or abuse of alcohol or other substances that can be classified as substance abuse." DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion as follows: "the use of tobacco and the misuse or abuse of alcohol, non-medical drugs or other substances that can be classified as substance abuse."

Ballots were distributed for a secret ballot on the amended wording. The conference was instructed to vote yes or no. The ballots were cast.

GC 14-36

RESOLUTION #8 – By-Law 10.2.2.1.2.3 Preaching Requirement:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.2.2.1.2.3 be amended as follows:*

Qualifications for Ordination: A Proven Ministry

10.2.2.1.2.3 Discipline and maturity in personal life and effectiveness in preaching or other means of communicating the gospel. ~~preaching ministry. Preaching shall be defined to mean the preparation and delivery of a sermon, other than teaching in a Sunday school.~~

CARRIED

GC 14-37

RESOLUTION #9 – By-Law 10.2.4.1.2.6 Global and Mission Canada Worker Appointments:

It was MOVED AND SECONDED that *By-Law 10.2.4.1.2.6-7 be amended as follows:*

10.2.4.1.2 MINISTRY APPOINTMENT

The granting of this credential shall be conditional upon the applicant's receiving an appointment in ministry as follows:

10.2.4.1.2.1 appointment in accordance with local church policy or congregational election to the pastoral staff of a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; or

10.2.4.1.2.2 faculty or leadership appointment by the board or administrative committee of a Bible college or seminary of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; or

10.2.4.1.2.3 exclusive, management level appointment by the district executive; or

10.2.4.1.2.4 exclusive, management level appointment at the International Office; or

10.2.4.1.2.5 chaplaincy appointment or itinerant ministry approved by the district executive; or

10.2.4.1.2.6 appointment in accordance with the International Missions Department or Mission Canada policy as a Global or Mission Canada worker; or

10.2.4.1.2.6 7 other ministerial appointments as approved by the district executive.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Global or Mission Canada worker appointment be added to By-Law 10.2.6.1.2.6 for Recognition of Ministry and 10.2.7.1.2.6 for Ministry Related and that the final numbered item be renumbered for the inclusion.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new By-Law 10.3.7 be added under 10.3.6 Global Worker Appointments as follows:

10.3.7 MISSION CANADA WORKER APPOINTMENT

Mission Canada worker applicants who hold no district credentials shall obtain such from their home district before the Mission Canada worker appointment is granted by the Mission Canada Committee.

Persons under appointment by the Mission Canada Committee shall hold their credentials with their credentialing district.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.3.7 be renumbered to 10.3.8 to allow for the inclusion.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.3.6 be amended as follows including adding the wording from By-Law 10.2.8 and that By-Law 10.2.8 be deleted.

~~**10.2.8 GLOBAL WORKER APPOINTMENT** – The International Missions Operations Committee will ensure that those being approved for global worker appointment hold ministerial credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or be one whom the International Missions Operations Committee approves, as defined by International Missions policy.~~

10.3.6 GLOBAL WORKER APPOINTMENT

Global worker applicants who hold no district credentials shall obtain such from their home district before the global worker appointment is granted by the Missions Operations Committee.

Persons under appointment by the Missions Operations Committee shall have their credentials transferred to the department of the International Office responsible for international missions, but they shall continue to have voting privileges in their credentialing district.

~~Global worker applicants who hold no district credentials shall obtain such from their home district before the global worker appointment is granted by the Missions Operations Committee.~~

Global workers eligible for a change in their grade of credential shall make application to the Missions Operations Committee for reclassification. Any exceptions shall be referred to the Superintendents Committee.

~~Applicants for short-term global worker appointment of one year or more, and having no other credential, must have a Ministry-Related credential from their home district before receiving Missions Operations Committee appointment.~~

10.3.6.1 EXCEPTIONS

The International Missions Operations Committee will ensure that those being approved for global worker appointment hold ministerial credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or be one whom the International Missions Operations Committee approves, as defined by International Missions policy.

CARRIED

GC 14-38

RESOLUTION #10 – By-Law 10.4.2 Transfers Into the PAOC:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.4.2 be amended as follows:*

10.4.2.5 All ministers transferring shall complete the required courses of study and The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada *Application for Ministerial Credentials* for our records, including the credential exam and academic transcripts, and a letter of reference from their current church organization. Before receiving credentials they shall allow a copy of their former credentials and, if applicable, their ordination certificate, to be made available for the files of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Credential holders accepted for transfer from other church organizations **may** shall have a provisional credential status for one year before credential transfer is confirmed.

CARRIED

GC 14-39

RESOLUTION #13 – By-Law 10.6.3 Composition of a District Hearing Committee:
It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT *By-Law 10.6.3 be amended as follows:*

10.6.3 DISTRICT INITIATIVE

Credential holders are responsible to the executive of the district in which their credentials are held.

Occasions sometimes arise which make it necessary to deal with credential holders who have reached a point at which, in the opinion of the district executive, endorsement can no longer be given. District executive committees, which have the authority to ordain ministers and to recommend them for credentials, also have the right to carry out disciplinary procedures arising from causes cited in By-Law 10.6.2.....

(paragraph 7) The district executive shall be the hearing committee. In the event that the district executive finds itself compromised in any manner, or appears to lack impartiality, or lacks gender and/or cultural diversity, it shall have the right to appoint a substitute hearing committee composed of ordained ministers with at least five years experience in that district, to hear charges against a credential holder.

CARRIED

GC 14-40

RESOLUTION #14 – By-Law 10.6.6 Investigation of Allegations:
It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.6.6 be amended as follows:*

10.6.6 INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS

Allegations with a description of the violation(s) must be made in writing and be properly signed by one who is willing to appear in person and give testimony at a district hearing.

~~Written and signed reports of Alleged violations under By-Law 10.6.2 shall be investigated. The District Superintendent, or the District Superintendent's appointee, and another credential holder appointed by the District Superintendent of the district in which the alleged offense is reported to have occurred shall make an investigation, having in mind that it is their responsibility to safeguard the minister, the church, and the fellowship. This shall be done to determine the credibility of the allegations.~~

CARRIED

GC 14-41

RESOLUTION #15 – By-Law 10.6.6.6 Sources of Evidence:
It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT *By-Law 10.6.6.6 be amended as follows:*

10.6.6.6 An investigation is not to determine the guilt or innocence of the credential holder. The investigators shall consider the available testimony and determine if there is sufficient evidence to convene a disciplinary hearing. A minimum of two witnesses (individuals or separate sources of evidence) are required to proceed to charges being laid. The investigators shall seek to assemble all relevant facts, evidence and testimony to present to the disciplinary hearing.

CARRIED

GC 14-42

RESOLUTION #16 – By-Law 10.6.9 Preparation and Filing of Charges:
It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.6.9 be amended as follows:*

10.6.9 PREPARATION AND FILING OF CHARGES

~~Charges shall be considered in a disciplinary hearing only when they have been made in writing, dated and signed by the complainants or by the investigating officers.~~

If, after due investigation of allegations, it is determined that charges should be laid, formal charges shall be prepared and filed in the district office. The investigators shall have the right and responsibility to make written charges if the complainant refuses, and if there is sufficient evidence to present a reasonable case for a hearing. The laying of formal charges is not to be considered as an personal indication of belief in the guilt of the accused by the investigators. It is a procedural matter to deal with evidence at hand.

CARRIED

GC 14-43

RESOLUTION #17 – By-Law 10.6.11.2.4 Role of Investigators:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.6.11.2.4 be amended as follows:*

- 10.6.11.2.4** If the District Superintendent does not serve on the investigation committee or provide testimony at the district hearing committee, the District Superintendent shall have the right to be present as an observer and a procedural resource person. The District Superintendent shall not be present or participate when the verdict is being considered.

CARRIED

GC 14-44

RESOLUTION #18 – By-Law 10.6.11.5-6 Accused Credential Holder in a District Hearing:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Laws 10.6.11.5 and 10.6.11.6 be amended as follows:*

- 10.6.11.5** The agenda and proceedings shall provide sufficient opportunity for the investigators and accused credential holder complainee to speak, offer evidence, cross-examine, present witnesses, and to make a summation statement. The hearing committee shall also have the opportunity to ask questions of the investigators, complainant and accused credential holder complainee and the witnesses. The hearing committee shall not become involved in debating with the parties involved, or in any way conduct or appear to conduct themselves, as prosecuting or defending the complainant or accused credential holder complainee. It shall be the role of the hearing committee to question and make inquiry of the participants and to seek to have all the facts, evidence and testimony duly presented and examined to ensure an objective decision.

- 10.6.11.6** The verdict shall be made by secret ballot in the absence of investigators and complainant and accused credential holder complainee. At least a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to determine guilt.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.6.10.3 be amended as follows:

- 10.6.10.3** There shall be no record of the investigation transferred with the file of the accused credential holder complainee if he the credential holder leaves the district.

CARRIED

GC 14-45

RESOLUTION #19 – By-Law 10.6.14.1-4 Right of Appeal – Process Leading to Judgment:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.6.14.1-4 be amended as follows:*

- 10.6.14.1** The written request must specifically state the nature, purpose and reason for the appeal based on the process leading to or the judgment rendered. ~~of the district hearing committee.~~

- 10.6.14.2** The appeal committee shall base the appeal hearing on the reason for appeal stated by the credential holder.

- 10.6.14.3** New evidence shall not be a reason for the appeal, nor shall new evidence be accepted at the appeal hearing.

- 10.6.14.4** The appeal committee has the responsibility to review ~~the judgment of the district hearing committee and the adherence to the constitutional process~~ leading to the judgment rendered.

CARRIED

GC 14-46

RESOLUTION #20 – By-Law 10.6.14.6 Right of Appeal – National Hearing Committee:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.6.14.6 be amended as follows:*

- 10.6.14.6** The District Superintendent shall appoint one member of the hearing committee and one member of the investigating committee to represent the district. If the District Superintendent did not serve on the investigating committee, nor provide testimony at the district hearing committee, the District Superintendent, by virtue of office, has the right to be present at the appeal hearing as an observer only. The District Superintendent shall not be present or participate when the verdict is being considered.

The Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services has the right to be present as an observer and a procedural resource person. The Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services shall not be present or participate when the verdict is being considered.

Legal counsel shall not be present at the appeal.

The credential holder shall have the right to have another credential holder or spouse present for support but not as an active participant in the appeal hearing process.

The verdict of this appeal committee shall be determined by secret ballot and a simple majority of the five members. The verdict shall be final.

CARRIED

The secret ballot to amend 10.6.2.2.3 resulted in 318 ballots cast, 1 spoiled; 115 in favor of the motion, 202 opposed.

DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to table the amendment. A vote by count was taken to table the amendment, resulting in 129 in favor and 145 opposed.

DEFEATED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to vote on the initial amendment to Resolution 11 Part B, which read "the use of tobacco and other mood altering substances and the irresponsible use of alcohol."

Ballots were distributed for a secret ballot on the original amendment to amend the wording. The conference was instructed to vote yes or no. The ballots were cast.

The result of the secret ballot was 106 in favor, 189 opposed.

DEFEATED

Ballots were distributed to vote on the original wording of Resolution 11 Part B, "the use of tobacco and the non-medical use of alcohol or other mood altering substances". The conference was instructed to vote yes or no.

GC 14-47 **RESOLUTION #12** – By-Law 10.6.16.1-2 Eligibility for Restoration:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Laws 10.6.16.1 and 10.6.16.2 be amended as follows:*

10.6.16.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR RESTORATION

Participants in the restoration program are required to make application in writing and provide an admission of guilt in reference to an offence(s) noted in By-Law 10.6.2.

When the hearing process results in a finding of guilt suspension of a credential, the credential holder must make application for the restoration program within one year of the date of the disciplinary hearing or shall be dismissed.

If at any time the district executive determines that restoration is not feasible, the credential holder shall be dismissed.

In the event a credential holder who has been dismissed shall later show repentance and indicate a desire for reinstatement, the credential holder shall, upon obtaining the approval of the district executive, have the credential reinstated in suspended form and enter the prescribed restoration program, with the provision that the credential holder shall not be eligible for full reinstatement until the requirements of the program have been satisfactorily completed.

10.6.16.2 BASIS AND PERIOD OF TIME

For those found to have violated any of the principles in By-Law 10.6.2, the district executive shall determine the period of restoration.

The restoration period begins upon the approval of an application for restoration. The period of restoration shall be not less than one year unless the offence is determined to meet the criteria of By-Law 10.6.12.3. When the violation involves porneia as defined in Article 5.9.1

~~and By-Law 10.2 adultery, it shall be for a minimum period of two years. When the violation involves sexual deviation, including but not limited to homosexuality, incest and sexual assault, it shall be for a minimum period of four years. The district executive shall determine the length of the restorative period required. The district executive shall have authority to extend the restoration period based on the offense in order to ensure satisfactory completion of the restoration program.~~

The maximum number of restorations that a credential holder may be offered shall be two. A credential holder may be offered only one restoration for violations requiring a suspension of two years or more.

There shall be no reinstatement of credentials for a person who is found guilty of a sexual offense involving a person under the age of 18 as determined by a district executive or by the court as defined in the *Criminal Code* of Canada.

CARRIED

GC 14-48

RESOLUTION #21 – By-Law 10.14.2 The Official Ministerial List:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.14.2 be amended as follows:*

10.14 THE OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL LIST

10.14.2 This list is issued for the use of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada credential holders. Disclosing Giving the list to non-credential holders outsiders is strictly forbidden. ~~Exceptions may be made only at the discretion of the Executive Officers Committee.~~ Use and disclosure of this information is subject to the terms of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Privacy and Security Policies.

CARRIED

GC 14-49

RESOLUTION #22 – By-Law 12.10.7 Execution of Documents:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 12.10.7 be amended as follows:*

12.10.7 EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

Where the signature of the corporation of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is required on any contract, document, or any instrument in writing affecting real property which is titled in the name of the corporation of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and which is situated within the geographic boundaries of any district conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 12.1, any two elected district officers of the district conference in consultation and registered with the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, shall may be authorized to sign such contract, document, or instrument in writing, and in such cases, contracts, documents, or instruments in writing so signed, affecting only such real property which is held in the name of the corporation of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and is situated within the geographic boundaries of such district conference, shall be binding upon the corporation of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 5.2.5 be amended as follows:

5.2.5 All properties of the corporation shall be bought, taken, held, sold, transferred, mortgaged, leased, assigned or conveyed by the Executive Officers Committee in the corporate name, except where such property is located within the geographic boundaries of a specific district conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 12.1, in which case such properties of the corporation located within the geographic boundaries of that district may be bought, taken, held, sold, transferred, leased, assigned or conveyed by any two elected district officers of the district conference in the corporate name of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, as provided in By-Law 12.10.7, such action to be taken only in consultation with and registered with the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 6.1.6.2 be amended as follows:

- 6.1.6.2 Where any contract, document, or instrument in writing affects real property located within the geographic boundaries of a district conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 12.1, and such contracts, documents, or instruments require the signature of the corporation, in such cases only, such contracts, documents, or instruments may be signed by any two elected district officers of the district conference in consultation and registered with the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the corporation of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CARRIED

GC 14-50

RESOLUTION #23 – By-Law 12.13.1 Credential Reference Forms:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 12.13.1 be amended as follows:*

12.13 CREDENTIALS

- 12.13.1 All candidates for credentials shall complete the official application form and forward the same to the district office not fewer than 60 days prior to the district conference or an earlier deadline established by the district executive.

They shall submit **references as required and** ~~for reference the names of two ordained ministers. They shall appear in person before the district's Credential Committee and shall be prepared to be examined regarding their doctrine, ability and conduct.~~

CARRIED

GC 14-51

RESOLUTION #24 – By-Law 14.10 Local Assemblies:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 14 be amended as follows:*

- 14.10 **Allegations leading to charges in matters involving the right of a credentialed staff member to hold credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 10.6.2 must be made to the district in writing, and properly signed by one who is willing to appear in person and give testimony concerning the charges. Charges brought against a credential holder shall be dealt with according to provisions made in the General Constitution and By-Laws of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.**

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining By-Laws be renumbered for the inclusion.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Local Church Constitution By-Law 2.1.6 be amended as follows:

- 2.1.6 **CHARGES INVOLVING CREDENTIALS:** Allegations leading to charges in matters involving the **right of a credentialed staff member** ~~pastor's right to hold credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 10.6.2~~ **of the General Constitution and By-Laws** must be made to the district executive in writing, and properly signed by one who is willing to appear in person and give testimony concerning the charges. Charges brought against a credential holder shall be dealt with according to provisions made in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CARRIED

GC 14-52

RESOLUTION #25 – LCC Article 8.3 Notice of Business Meetings:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution Article 8.3 be amended as follows:*

- Article 8.3 NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Two weeks (14 days) notice shall be given of the annual congregational business and special business meetings **with a public announcement in the main service(s)** ~~from the pulpit and~~ **as well as being** posted and publicized in the local church. It shall include date, time and purpose of the meeting.

CARRIED

GC 14-53

RESOLUTION #26 – LCC By-Law 3.1.2 Pastor's Council:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution By-Law 3.1.2 be amended as follows:*

OPTION TWO – PASTOR’S COUNCIL

3.1.2 All members of the Pastor’s Council will be presented at the annual congregational business meeting for ratification.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to amend the resolution to read “It is recommended that all members of the Pastor’s Council will be presented at the annual congregational business meeting for ratification”.

DEFEATED

The ballot to keep the original wording of Resolution 11 Part B resulted in 291 ballots cast (194 ballots required); 171 in favor and 120 opposed.

DEFEATED

GC 14-54 **RESOLUTION #27** – LCC By-Law 3.1.4 Nominating Committee:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution By-Law 3.1.4 be amended by addition to read:*

OPTION ONE – ELECTED

3.1 NOMINATIONS

3.1.1 The nominating committee shall be comprised of the pastor and [leadership] or a committee appointed by the [leadership], which shall be constituted of the pastor, one (1) [leadership] member and three (3) non-[leadership] members.

3.1.2 The nominating committee, after its appointment, shall invite submissions from members of the congregation, until 14 days prior to the annual congregational business meeting, or a longer period as approved by resolution of the membership and recorded in minutes of the congregation. The submissions shall be in writing, signed by the local church member, and submitted without the knowledge of the person.

3.1.3 It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to receive submissions for each office to be filled and, after determining if such individuals are qualified and willing to serve, shall present a slate of nominees for consideration at the congregational business meeting.

3.1.4 The membership may empower a nominating committee to set aside the submission process and agree on the names of members who are qualified and willing to serve on the leadership team. Such names shall be presented as the slate of nominees for consideration at the congregational meeting.

CARRIED

GC 14-55 **RESOLUTION #7** – By-Law 10.2.2.3 (FORMERLY 10.5.5.3):

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *By-Law 10.2.2.3 be amended and reordered as follows:*

10.2.2.4-3 The credential holder has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she has clearly demonstrated exemplary Christian character and morality for the prior four (4) year period.

10.2.2.3 4 A minimum period of four years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

~~**10.2.2.3.1** The date of the credential holder’s divorce.~~

~~**10.2.2.3.2** The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.5.5.2~~ **10.2.2.2, provided that the time between the divorce and remarriage is not less than one year.**

Notwithstanding the above, the National Credential Review Committee may present an application with relevant supporting information to the General Executive for consideration when, in the view of the Committee, circumstances merit special consideration.

CARRIED

GC 14-56

RESOLUTION #28 – LCC By-Law 6.3.11 Right of Appeal:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution By-Law 6.3.11 be amended as follows:*

LCC 6.3.11 RIGHT OF APPEAL: The local church member shall have the right of appeal. The purpose of the appeal is to examine the process and the judgment rendered.

Any appeal of the decision by the hearing committee must be made in writing within 30 days of receiving the decision of the committee to the secretary of the [leadership]. The [leadership] shall request the District Superintendent to appoint a committee to hear the appeal.

The appeal will be heard within 60 days of receiving the request for an appeal in writing.

The accused person will be present at this appeal, but if the accused person neglects or refuses to attend the hearing, it may proceed in the absence of the accused person. The decision of this appeal committee will be final.

The decision of the appeal committee will be communicated in writing to the church member by the chair of the appeal committee within five (5) days of the appeal hearing.

Legal counsel shall not be present for either side at the appeal hearing, nor in any other investigative or disciplinary hearing provided for in these by-laws.

If the church member has chosen to not attend the hearing, then the member will not be eligible to appeal the decision that has been rendered.

CARRIED

GC 14-57

RESOLUTION #29 – LCC Article 9 Abstention Votes:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution Article 9 be amended as follows:*

LCC ARTICLE 9 (2nd paragraph): The acquiring and disposal of real property shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the **eligible votes cast by** voting members present at a duly called congregational business meeting. Where property is placed in trust with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, either district or international, a 75 percent majority of **eligible votes cast by members present** these voting at a duly called congregational business meeting shall be required.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Constitution and By-Laws 14.13 and 14.14 be amended as follows:

14.13 Where property is placed in trust with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, either district or national, at least a 75 per cent majority of **eligible votes cast by members present** the voting members present at a duly called congregational business meeting shall be required to dispose of such property.

14.14 Except as required in By-Law 14.13 the acquisition and disposal of real property shall be decided by at least a two-thirds majority of the **eligible votes cast by** voting members present at a duly called congregational business meeting.

CARRIED

GC 14-58

RESOLUTION #30 – LCC Article 9 Declaration of Trust:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution Article 9 be amended as follows:*

ARTICLE 9 PROPERTY: All real estate owned by this local church shall be held in the name of the ~~respective district of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada where incorporated, as trustee for the local church according to the terms of the *Declaration of Trust*, or by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada where the respective district is not incorporated as trustee for the local church according to the terms of the *Declaration of Trust*, or~~ by the trustees of the local church as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or and, in the case of an incorporated local church, may be held by the local church in its corporate name as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all other applicable references in the General Constitution and By-Laws and Local Church Constitution be amended accordingly.

ARTICLE 12 LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

Local assemblies shall be composed of born-again Pentecostal believers, associating themselves together in a group for the purpose of worship, self-edification and worldwide evangelization. Its members shall share in maintaining scriptural order, a standard of holiness and agreement with *The Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and shall be faithful in financial support. The assemblies shall be set in order and have the privilege of calling a pastor, electing a board, and conducting its business and being represented at the biennial General Conference and the annual district conference according to the requirements of the *General Constitution and By-Laws* and the district constitution and by-laws of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. It may acquire property, titles being held ~~in trust by the respective incorporated district of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, or in trust by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada~~ according to the terms of the *Declaration of Trust*, or, by the trustees of the local church as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or in the case of an incorporated local church, may be held by the local church in its corporate name as a local church of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. ~~where the respective district is not incorporated, or by trustees duly appointed by the local assembly.~~ The interrelationship of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the district conference and the local assembly shall be maintained according to the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The assembly may appeal to the district executive for help in solving local problems. Local assemblies are expected to cooperate with district and national programs, and are expected to contribute regularly to the worldwide missionary program of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

By-Law 12.16.2.1.8 The property title of an assembly seeking affiliation shall be held in the name of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, ~~either district or national,~~ according to the terms of the *Declaration of Trust*. Exceptions may be considered by a district executive.

By-Law 14.6 In the event of dissolution or winding up of the local assembly, where the title is held in the name of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, ~~either district or national,~~ all its remaining assets shall be distributed to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for its continuing ministries, as provided in the *Declaration of Trust*. Otherwise, upon dissolution the remaining assets shall be distributed to The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

By-Law 14.10 All real estate owned by the local church shall be held in trust by ~~the district of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, if incorporated, for the local church, or in trust by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for the local church,~~ or by the trustees of the local church as a local assembly of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, or, in the case of an incorporated church, the property may be held by the church in its corporate name as a local assembly of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

BY-LAW 14.11 THE DECLARATION OF TRUST

Property held in the name of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada ~~or in the name of any district of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada,~~ shall be governed by the terms of the *Declaration of Trust* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada ~~or the Declaration of Trust of the respective district,~~ whether or not the local assembly is in possession of a copy of the *Declaration of Trust* issued with reference to the specific property held in trust by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for the local assembly.

By-Law 14.12 Where the title to the local assembly is held in trust by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, ~~either district or national~~ on behalf of the local assembly, and the local assembly at a duly convened congregational business meeting requests the return of title to the local assembly, such request shall be considered by ~~the district secretary-treasurer or~~ the Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services ~~as the case may be~~, in accordance with the provisions of the *Declaration of Trust*.

By-Law 14.13 Where property is placed in trust with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, ~~either district or national~~, at least a 75 per cent majority of the voting members present at a duly called congregational business meeting shall be required to dispose of such property.

CARRIED

GC 14-59 **RESOLUTION #31 – LCC Article 7 Pastor and [Leadership]:**
It was MOVED and SECONDED that *Local Church Constitution Article 7* be amended by deletion as follows:

7.1 PASTOR

7.1.1 Nominations for pastor shall be submitted to the local church congregation by the [leadership], after consultation with the District Superintendent ~~and the retiring pastor~~.

CARRIED

GC 14-60 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – NEXT BIENNIUM:** D. Hazzard presented the General Executive's recommendation for the Auditor for the 2014-2015 biennium.

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 2014-2015 biennium.

CARRIED

GC 14-61 **RESOLUTION #32 – Courtesy Resolution:**

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2014 General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of express gratitude and appreciation to the following:

1. The Saskatchewan District Superintendent J. Drisner, the lead team, the District executive, the pastors and congregations of the Saskatchewan District and area churches for their warm hospitality, kindness and assistance with the many, varied details of the conference, and the City of Saskatoon.
2. Our General Superintendent, Rev. D. Wells, for his ministry and his excellent leadership.
3. Our Executive Officers for their faithful service and ministry to the Fellowship.
4. The General Executive for their work in preparation for the conference.
5. Our Sponsors, Deeks Insurance, Elim Lodge, and other sponsors who assisted us.
6. Our guest speakers.
7. Our worship leaders, Evan Drisner, Blaine Eagle and their worship team members.
8. All the conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.
9. Rev. J. Hillier, Mrs. R. Stagg (Recording Secretary), Ms. S. McKenzie, Mrs. N. Rogge (Communications), Mrs. C. Stuckless (Conference Office, Sponsorship Coordinator), Mrs. T. Couch, Mr. R. Narain and other staff personnel of the International Office who have served in official functions to efficiently facilitate this General Conference. The staff of the Saskatchewan District, and the host of volunteers who have served our conference so well.
10. All who assisted in administration, clerical registration and other support ministries.
11. The TCU Place, and all of their staff who have served us so capably in every way.
12. Saskatoon area hotels and restaurants offering special service to us.
13. And most of all, to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for His blessing and presence in every session and service.

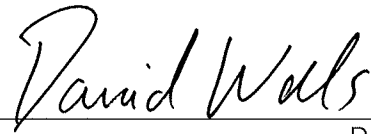
CARRIED

GC 14-62 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the 51st General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CARRIED

The Chair declared the meeting closed.

The final session of the 51st General Conference was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.



David R. Wells
General Superintendent



David E. Hazzard
Assistant Superintendent for Fellowship Services



The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

**General Membership Meeting
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
May 1, 2014
MINUTES**

The Chair, Rev. D. Hazzard, called the General Meeting of the Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to order at 5:05 PM. The meeting was opened with prayer.

GCPF 14-01 **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME:** The Chair welcomed R. Davis as the new Executive Director of the Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GCPF 14-02 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was Moved and Seconded to approve the May 1, 2014 Agenda as presented. CARRIED

GCPF 14-03 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** It was Moved and Seconded to adopt the May 10, 2012 Minutes of the General Membership meeting. CARRIED

GCPF 14-04 **FINANCIAL REPORT:** R. Davis presented the Pension Fund Financial Statements as at December 31, 2013, noting year to date net assets available for plan benefit of \$99,874,193. It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve the December 31, 2013 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

The Chair extended appreciation to R. Davis and the Board of Trustees for their work on behalf of The Pension Fund (1969) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

GCPF 14-05 **REPORT TO THE 2014 PENSION FUND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** R. Davis presented the report of the Pension Fund. Appreciation was expressed to the churches and employers who made special contributions to ensure that the deficiency is being lowered and the Fund is moving forward. It was noted that the Government bond rate rose by 60 basis points in 2013, resulting in a significant turnaround for the Fund. The Board of Trustees continue to consider options for the future, including the possibility of developing a hybrid of a Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution plan. Appreciation was extended to the team which provides support: R. Stagg, L. Simmons, K. Maier, C. Howson, J. Hearn, H. Li, D. Hazzard, R. Schellenberg, and the Board of Trustees.

A question was raised from the floor regarding the possibility of extending the current age limit of 55 for increasing contributions. This will be brought to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

GCPF 14-06 **MOTION OF APPRECIATION:** It was Moved and Seconded to express appreciation to R. Schellenberg, previous Executive Director of the Pension Fund, and to J. Richards for his interim work with Pension Fund Mortgages. CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:64 PM.



R. Davis
Pension Fund Executive Director



D. Hazzard
Chair, Pension Fund Board of Trustees