



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

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2019 FCA CANADA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Executive Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre | Richmond, BC
May 8, 2019 | 2:45 PM
MINUTES

The Annual Business Meeting commenced at 2:57 PM.

Chairman, Glenn Breitzkreuz, welcomed the group and Paul Vallee opened in prayer.

The platform group consisting of the Chairman, Glenn Breitzkreuz, the Secretary-Treasurer, Gene Enns, the Parliamentarian, Robert Parmenter, and the Recording Secretary, Autumn Sellen, were introduced.

A special welcome to those from the U.S. John Sprecher, Rich Doebler, and Gabe Carlson.

BUS 19-01 Introduction of New Ministers and Church Delegates: The Chairman had new members stand and introduce themselves and where they are from.

The Parliamentarian determined that a quorum was established. At least 25 representatives were in attendance.

BUS 19-02 Approval of Agenda: It was Moved and Seconded to approve the May 8, 2019 Annual Business Meeting agenda as circulated and amended, with the Business Item b stricken.
Moved: Steve King
Seconded: Lance Tyrer
CARRIED

BUS 19-03 Approval of Minutes: It was Moved and Seconded to approve the May 2, 2018 Annual Business Meeting minutes as printed in the Reports booklet.
Moved: Jim Reimer
Seconded: Greg Fraser
CARRIED

BUS 19-04 Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Gene Enns presented the Notice to Reader submitted by Dart Bryant Chartered Accountants as printed in the Convention Reports booklet. Key items to note: The FCA moved from a cash-based accounting system to an accrual-based system. The FCA Board became the legal FCA Plus Board, with the books being integrated together. There was a reduction in payroll due to an unexpected leave of an FCA administrative staff person during which Living Stones Church stepped-in to cover. There were adjustments made to the scholarship fund. These changes make the books appear unusual, however, the accountant is very pleased with the direction the FCA bookkeeping is headed.

BUS 19-05 2020 Budget: Gene Enns presented the 2020 Proposed Budget as printed in the Convention Reports booklet. He noted that the 2019 minister renewal fees were higher. However, it was lower than budgeted. Due to office changes, there is a reduction in administration expenses. FCA will no longer forward \$10,000 to FCA Media due to structure changes of the FCA Media. The Convention budget line returned to \$10,000. Also, returned to the original intended amount, was the Fellowship Pastor travel expenses. These were



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previously reduced to help balance the budget. The Transition and Development cost is for the office transition as well as future initiatives. These costs have some unknowns, therefore \$20,000 is set aside to help in these various developments. Revenue is anticipated to be the same amount. Line 10 has been reduced due to office set up. Convention subsidies on line 15 is \$11,000. Next year, 2020, there is no Canadian Convention. This was left in to help with the convention planning committee and convention bursary for San Diego. There is a projected \$5,000 surplus in the budget.

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the 2020 Draft Budget as presented.

Moved: Gene Enns

Seconded: Rick Hansen

CARRIED

- BUS 19-06 **Fellowship Pastor's Report:** Glen Forsberg noted that his report was printed in the Reports and Agenda booklet. He shared some observations and visionary thoughts for the Fellowship. Glen mentioned the FCA National Week of Prayer will be September 8-14, 2019.
- BUS 19-07 **Missions' Coordinator's Report:** James Humphries presented his report to the group. He noted that he is in a time of transition and will no longer stand as the Missions' Coordinator. The next coordinator will help to create a Missions Committee. James will be available to offer help as an advisor, as needed. It was noted that Beverly Fawcett and Robert Parmenter have volunteered to continue the work with Missions.
- BUS 19-08 **Group Retirement Plan:** Jim Reimer presented his report for the Group Retirement Plan. He promoted the plan with a PowerPoint presentation. Jim noted that this program started 5 years ago.
- BUS 19-09 **FCA Plus Report:** George Bradley gave a verbal report and promoted the Group Benefits Plan. He noted that the FCA Plus report was omitted from the printed Reports and Agenda due to a scheduled FCA Plus Committee meeting that was set for after the printing of the booklet. The FCA Plus printed report and brochure was distributed to those present. [Secretary or FCA Office Note: Available to members not present by request.]
- BUS 19-10 **Convention Reports:** The Chairman thanked those who submitted the reports which were printed in the Convention Reports booklet.
- BUS 19-11 **Envisioning Meeting Summary:** Trevor Hoskins gave a summary of the Envisioning Meeting that took place the day before. There was a sense that the FCA Leadership has heard what has been brought to previous Envisioning Meetings and that they are taking steps to an appropriate response. There was great dialogue and confirmation of the unity amongst the Fellowship.
- BUS 19-12 **FCA Media Team:** Glenn acknowledged and thanked the FCA Media team for their continued work to help drive change in the FCA.

The Chairman gave an update from the Parliamentarian that 15 observers (non-FCA Canadian members) were present. He thanked them for their interest but reminded them they would not be eligible to vote.



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BUS 19-13 Business Item a. Statement of Common Beliefs Alignment

It was Moved and Seconded to replace the current Statement of Common Beliefs to align with FCA U.S. as proposed (changes are underlined):

WE BELIEVE:

The Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:15–17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13).

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10–11; Matthew 28:18; Luke 3:22; John 14:16).

In the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 14; 20:28–29; Philippians 2:6–11; Isaiah 9:6; Colossians 2:9),

His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34–35; Isaiah 7:14),

His sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26–27; 1 John 3:5; 1 Peter 2:22),

His miracles (Matthew 4:23; Luke 6:17–19; John 3:2),

His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood (Colossians 1:14, 20; Romans 5:8–9; Ephesians 1:7),

His bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Luke 24:4–7, 36–48; Revelation 1:17–18),

His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Acts 2:33; 5:30–31; 1 Peter 3:22),

His personal return in power and in glory (Acts 1:11; Philippians 2:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13–18; John 14:1–3).

That justification by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man (Romans 3:24–25; John 3:3–7; 1 John 5:11–13; Ephesians 2:1–16; Revelation 5:9; Acts 4:23; 1 Corinthians 6:11).

That the prime agency for the work of God's kingdom is the Christian local church functioning under the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ to fulfill the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel to make and baptize disciples of all nations. The church has been entrusted with the ordinances of Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 1:6–8; 2:41–47; 16:4–5; Matthew 16:18; 28:18–20; Mark 16:15–16; Luke 24:44–49; John 20:21; Ephesians 1:22–23; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; 12:1–31).

In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit which includes: the baptism in the Holy Spirit as an



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experience distinct from regeneration; his indwelling by which the Christian is enabled to live a godly life; his supernatural gifting and empowering of the church for its work, life, and worship (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; 10:44-46; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40).

In a lifestyle and practice of ethical conduct and integrity consistent with the character of Jesus Christ and biblical standards (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:13-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11; 2:11-13; 3:9; 1 Peter 1:13-16).

In the return of Jesus Christ, to consummate his kingdom in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29; Mark 14:62; 2 Thessalonians 1:2-10; Revelation 1:5-7; 20:4-5, 11-12).

In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:11, 21-23; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:11-16).

Moved: Paul Vallee

Seconded: James Humphries

CARRIED

BUS 19-14 Business Item b. Parachurches Permitted to Endorse:

This business item tabled for further study as per the consensus vote of the Envisioning meeting.

BUS 19-15 Business Item c. Amendments to Articles of the Corporation Proposed Amendment #1

It was Moved and Seconded to amend the Articles of the Corporation as proposed:

Whereas, The articles and the bylaws of the FCA are in conflict regarding the minimum number of directors;

Whereas, The Recording Secretary is not normally understood to be granted the status of director ex-officio; and

Whereas, The current maximum number of directors in the articles of the FCA prevent the corporation from functioning according to the intention in the bylaws; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the minimum number of directors as indicated in the FCA bylaws be decreased from 4 to 3;

Resolved, That the bylaws be amended to remove the Recording Secretary as an ex-officio director of the corporation; and

Resolved, That the maximum number of directors as indicated in the FCA articles be increased from 8 to 12.

Moved: Gene Enns



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Seconded: Paul Reich

CARRIED

BUS 19-16 Business Item c. Amendments to Articles of the Corporation Proposed Amendment #2

It was Moved and Seconded to amend the Articles of the Corporation as proposed:

Whereas, Article 6 – Statement of the purpose of the corporation provides for the legal purposes of the FCA; and

Whereas, The present legal purpose does not align with CRA's expectations for charitable registration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the current statement of purpose of the FCA in the articles, which is:

The purpose of the FCA is to enable churches to share in mutual Christian care and practical cooperation in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. The FCA is committed to both local church autonomy and inter-church cooperation as biblical norms for ministry.

Be replaced with:

The purposes of the FCA are:

- 1. To advance religion by conducting public worship and by preaching and advancing the teachings of the Christian faith;**
- 2. To advance religion by establishing, maintaining, and supporting evangelism, missions, and missionaries to propagate the Christian faith;**
- 3. To advance religion by establishing, maintaining, and supporting Christian places of worship;**
- 4. To advance religion by promoting and facilitating fellowship among churches and Christians of like faith;**
- 5. To advance religion by producing, publishing, distributing, and selling Christian literature;**
- 6. To advance religion and education by establishing, maintaining, conducting, and supporting schools and programs of instruction based on Christian teachings;**
- 7. To advance religion and education by providing scholarships based on qualifying criteria to allow candidates to attend post-secondary Christian education;**
- 8. To relieve poverty by providing financial assistance based on qualifying criteria to allow candidates to attend post-secondary Christian education;**
- 9. To relieve poverty by providing for education, skills training, the basic necessities of life, and other humanitarian needs in accordance with the tenets of Christianity; and**
- 10. To assist with the efficiency and/or effectiveness of the carrying out of the charitable purposes and activities of other affiliated Christian charities by facilitating, administering, advising, or otherwise assisting in charitable and administrative areas.**



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*Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: David Reimer
CARRIED*

BUS 19-17 **Business Item c. Amendments to Articles of the Corporation Proposed Amendment #3**

It was Moved and Seconded to amend the Articles of the Corporation as proposed:

Whereas the articles and the bylaws of the FCA are in conflict regarding the different classes of members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the current article regarding the classes, or regional or other groups, of members that the corporation is authorized to establish, which is:

The corporation is authorized to establish one class of members. Each member is entitled to vote.

Be replaced with:

The corporation is authorized to establish the following classes of members:

- 1. Class A: Ministers. Class A members shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the members of the Corporation and each Class A member shall have one (1) vote at each such meeting, except for meetings at which only members of another class are entitled to vote separately as a class.**
- 2. Class B: Churches. Class B members shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the members of the Corporation and each Class B member shall have two (2) votes at each such meeting, except for meetings at which only members of another class are entitled to vote separately as a class.**
- 3. Class C: Parachurch Organizations. Class C members shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the members of the Corporation and each Class C member shall have two (2) votes at each such meeting, except for meetings at which only members of another class are entitled to vote separately as a class.**

*Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: Rick Hansen
CARRIED*

BUS 19-18 **Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #4: Statement regarding the distribution of property remaining on liquidation (Article 9)**

It was Moved and Seconded to amend the Articles of the Corporation as proposed:

**Whereas, parachurch ministries contribute to the financial wellbeing of the FCA; and
Whereas, CRA requires all registered charities to distribute remaining assets to qualified donees; therefore, be it**

Resolved, That the current article on the statement regarding the distribution of property remaining on liquidation, which is:



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In the event of the dissolution or winding-up of the corporation all its remaining assets after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed equally amongst its member churches.

Be amended as follows:

In the event of the dissolution or winding-up of the corporation all its remaining assets after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed equally amongst its Class B and Class C members that are qualified donees.

Moved: Gene Enns

Seconded: Terence Sellen

CARRIED

BUS 19-19 Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #5: Provisions 1 & 2 (Article 10, Bylaw Part VII)

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the proposal of Provisions 1 and 2:

Whereas, CRA recommends various statements to be included in a charitable corporation's articles; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following provisions be added to the articles:

- 1. The corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in furtherance of its purposes.**
- 2. Directors shall serve without remuneration, and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his or her position as such, provided that a director may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in performing his or her duties. A director shall not be prohibited from receiving compensation for services provided to the corporation in another capacity.**

Moved: Gene Enns

Seconded: Greg Fraser

CARRIED

BUS 19-20 Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #5: Provision 3 (Article 10, Bylaw Part VII)

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the proposal of Provision 3:

Whereas, Voting threshold provisions must be included in the articles in order to be effective;

Whereas, Abstentions do not normally hold the same status as negative votes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following provision be added to the articles:



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3. In order to effect any ordinary resolution on an amendment to the bylaws passed at a meeting of members, a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast by the members who voted in respect of that resolution shall be required.

Resolved, That the current formula for amending bylaws found in Part VII of the bylaws which states the following:

...an affirmative vote of at least two- thirds (2/3) of the members at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said by-law...

Be amended as follows:

...an affirmative vote of at least two- thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the members who voted at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said by-law...

Moved: Gene Enns

Seconded: David Reimer

CARRIED

BUS 19-21 Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #5: Provision 4 (Article 10, Bylaw Part VII)

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the proposal of Provision 4:

Whereas, The FCA's present articles do not align with applicable historical practices; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following provision be added to the articles:

4. The directors may appoint one or more directors, who shall hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the next annual general meeting of members, but the total number of directors so appointed may not exceed one-third of the number of directors elected at the previous annual general meeting of members.

Moved: Gene Enns

Seconded: Terence Sellen

CARRIED

BUS 19-22 Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #5: Provision 5 (Article 10, Bylaw Part VII)

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the proposal of Provision 5:

Whereas, The FCA desires to make business decisions as one membership group as much as possible; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following provision be added to the articles:

5. The members shall not be entitled to vote separately as a class or group on an amendment to:
 - a. effect an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of all or part of the memberships of such class; or



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- b. **create a new class or group of members having rights equal or superior to those of the members of any particular class.**

Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: Paul Vallee
CARRIED

BUS 19-23 **Business Item c. Proposed Amendment #5: Provision 6 (Article 10, Bylaw Part VII)**

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the amended proposal of Provision 6:

Whereas, The FCA of Canada will be in the United States on occasion for conventions; and Whereas, The Annual Business Meeting of the FCA of Canada members takes place at conventions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following provision be added to the articles:

6. The annual meeting of members of the corporation may be held outside of Canada if held at an International FCA Convention during a year when no Canadian National FCA Convention is held.

Moved: Gene Enns
Seconded: Matthew Sampson
CARRIED

BUS 19-24 **Business Item d. Updating of Handbook (to separate Constitution & Bylaws from Policies & Procedures)**

It was Moved and Seconded to entrust the Elders to do a comprehensive review and revamp of the Handbook, separating the Constitution and Bylaws from the Handbook portion.

Moved: Chris Clements
Seconded: Wilson Kadavil
CARRIED

A revised Handbook will be available online (canada.fcaministers.com) for members to review and submit feedback.

BUS 19-25 **Business Item e. 2022 International Convention Location**

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the invitation from the FCA U.S. to host the 2022 FCA International Convention in the U.S.

Moved: George Bradley
Seconded: Greg Newman
CARRIED

The Chairman reviewed the ballot that was distributed as members signed-in. It was declared by the Parliamentarian that 72 eligible voting members signed-in and 16 non members present. Matthew Sampson and Greg Newman were appointed as scrutineers.



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- BUS 19-26 **Recognition of Planning Committee for the National Week of Prayer & Regional Coordinators:** Glen Forsberg acknowledged those involved with the National Week of Prayer. The committee consists of Glen Forsberg, Ron Short, Beverly Fawcett, and Autumn Sellen. Glen also asked for the Regional Coordinators to stand to be recognized.
- BUS 19-27 **Recognition of Elder Emeritus:** Glen Forsberg presented James Humphries to the group to be recognized as Elder Emeritus, joining Brad Montsion, Jim Reimer, Roger Armbruster, John Lucas II, Gordon Setterlund, Wilfred Lawrenson, Paul Vallee, and Lovelace St. John. Glen led a prayer of affirmation over James Humphries.
- BUS 19-28 **Election of Elders:** All three names for election on one ballot were accepted as indicated below. 72 of 72 eligible ballots were collected:
- Glen Forsberg** was re-elected for a 3 year term as Elder (70 YES, 2 NO = 97%)
Trevor Hoskins was re-elected for a 3 year term as Elder (66 YES, 4 NO, 2 abstain = 94%)
Gene Enns elected for a 3 year term as Elder (66 YES, 4 NO, 2 abstain = 94%)
- BUS 19-29 **Destruction of the Ballots:** It was Moved and Seconded to destroy the ballots.
Moved: George Bradley
Seconded: Mark Ramshaw
CARRIED
- BUS 19-30 **Next Convention:** Gabe Carlson brought a promotion for the 2020 International Convention hosted in the U.S. It will be April 27-30 in San Diego, California at the Bahia Resort.
- BUS 19-31 **Acknowledgement:** The group acknowledged and appreciated the 2019 Convention Planning and Host team. Many thanks to Jim and Doreen Reimer, Ron and Darlene Short, Richard and Ramona Dannhauer, and the whole team for their excellent work hosting this Convention.
- BUS 19-32 **Adjournment:** Jim Reimer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Minutes submitted by Autumn Sellen, Recording Secretary.