

Minutes of the Virtual District Conference Business Session & the Annual General Meeting

Christian & Missionary Alliance - Canadian Pacific District
May 19, 2021

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Errol Rempel opened the meeting at 1:00pm and gave a warm welcome and then led in prayer.

Data on the Spot (DOTS) gave an overview of the virtual voting process. A test vote to determine quorum was held.

The following delegates were present:

174 Accredited Delegates

23 Corresponding Delegates

197 Total Delegates

There were 174 out of 188 registered voting members present, and a quorum was established.

2. Call to Order

Steve Schneider was named as the Chair and called the meeting to order at 1:11pm.

3. Adoption of Agenda (pg. 3)

Moved (E. Rempel) and seconded (D. Toews) that the Agenda be adopted, giving the Chair the opportunity to adjust it as needed.

CARRIED

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda (pg. 4)

No items were removed.

5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes of the District Conference Business Session and the Annual General Meeting May 14-15, 2019
- Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting April 21, 2020
- Reception of the Report of the President of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada
- Reception of the Report of the President of Ambrose University
- Reception of the Report of the President of ETEQ
- Approval of the Appointment of the Auditor

Moved (E. Rempel) and seconded (D. Toews) that the Consent Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Report of the District Superintendent and the District Executive Committee (DEXCOM) (pg. 46-60)

Errol Rempel presented the report. Errol shared that he kept this item from inclusion in the Consent Agenda to thank everyone in attendance for their perseverance and resilience. He stated his gratitude for the dedication to pastoring amid the pandemic and expressed his understanding of how difficult it has been. He shared that many believers and church leaders are in a season of languishing right now and that the keeping grace of God can have a preserving and stabilizing effect.

Errol thanked and honoured the ways in which Canadian Pacific District (CPD) church leaders have leaned in, asked for help, and found creative ways to serve their congregations. In a state of chaos, believers have the ability to embody the hospitable grace of Jesus.

Moved (E. Rempel) and seconded (D. Toews) that the Report of the District Superintendent and DEXCOM be received.

CARRIED

7. Report of the District Conference Audit Review Committee (pg. 75-76)

Teresa Bartel, Interim District Conference Audit Review Committee Chair, presented the report on behalf of the committee for 2020.

Two virtual meetings were held on March 18 and 26, 2021. These meetings were attended by Michael Loewen, the CPD auditor. Many questions were answered, and Michael shared that the District's accounting and reporting processes are of the highest quality.

Loewen Kruse was recommended as the auditing firm for next year.

8. **Report of the Auditor and the Audited Financial Statements for 2020**
(pg. 77-97)

Mark Hutchinson, District Treasurer, presented the report and the CPD audited financial statements for 2020.

Mark shared that finances are in good shape and our churches are doing well. Mark thanked Aaron Chan, District Director of Finance, and affirmed the quality of Aaron's work with finances. He also thanked the District Office team for their continued work.

Mark commented on the decrease in expenses due to the pandemic and noted the second mortgage related to Kawkawa Camp in place in the event of any litigation from the time the camp was a CPD entity. Further note was made of several unrestricted donations received.

Moved (M. Hutchinson) and seconded (G. Zacharias) that the Report of the Auditor and the Audited Financial Statements for the Christian & Missionary Alliance – Canadian Pacific District for 2020 be received.

CARRIED

9. **Approved Budgets for 2022 & 2023** (pg. 98-101)

Mark Hutchinson presented the approved CPD budgets for 2022 and 2023.

Mark commented on the lines related to the self-managed benefits plan and noted that the increased expense is due to the recently increased benefits for workers. He explained that the increase in Conferences, Retreats, and Committees for 2022 is in hopes of a return to in-person gatherings next year. He noted that the increase in salaries from 2019 is due to an increase in salary portion that the district covers for the District Superintendent and the Assistant District Superintendent for Mission Mobilization, the increase to full time for the Assistant District Superintendent for Chinese and Vietnamese Churches position, and the addition of an administrative staff member.

Moved (M. Hutchinson) and seconded (M. Mordaunt) that the approved balanced budgets for 2022 and 2023 be received.

CARRIED

10. **CPD Bylaws Amendments** (pg. 102-119)

Steve Schneider passed the Chair to Errol Rempel.

Steve noted that small adjustments were made to correct or update references in the bylaws and provide added clarity. Amendments include a correction to the legal name of the CPD and the Income Tax Act of Canada, clarification on the role of the Treasurer, updated language to include mention of a compilation engagement, and to provide the ability to make disbursements through electronic means.

Moved (S. Schneider) and seconded (D. Toews) that the amendments to the Bylaws of the Christian and Missionary Alliance – Canadian Pacific District as listed in the Decision Profile be approved.

CARRIED

Errol Rempel returned the Chair to Steve Schneider.

11. **Break**

A break was taken at 2:04pm.

12. **Call to Order**

Steve Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

13. **Report of the District Nominating Committee**

Dave Driedger, Chair of the District Nominating Committee, presented the report and noted all candidates that were nominated. Dave shared his gratitude for the privilege of being part of this committee and appreciation for each member's heart and dedication to the process. He expressed his appreciation to all candidates and in particular to the District Superintendent candidates for their participation in the process with humility and a prayerful spirit.

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) that the Report of the District Nominating Committee be received.

CARRIED

14. Elections

14.1 District Superintendent

A video of a speech by the District Superintendent candidate, Mark Peters, was presented and Steve Schneider encouraged everyone to pay close attention.

There was only one nominee, a vote was taken to elect Mark Peters as District Superintendent.

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) to elect Mark Peters as District Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific District.

CARRIED

14.2 DEXCOM Treasurer

There was only one nominee, and a vote was taken to elect Mark Hutchinson as DEXCOM Treasurer.

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) to elect Mark Hutchinson as Treasurer of DEXCOM.

CARRIED

14.3 DEXCOM Secretary

There was one nominee, and a vote was taken to elect Jeffrey Ku as DEXCOM Secretary.

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) to elect Jeffrey Ku as Secretary of DEXCOM.

CARRIED

14.4 DEXCOM Members at Large

There were eight nominations, and a vote was taken for the following nominees (incumbents are *italicized*):

Abe Chan
Carmen Kinniburgh
Janet Kirby
Andrew McGregor
Andrew Martens
Kenda Reimer
Long Truong
Kyla Ward

Moved and seconded to elect Abe Chan, Carmen Kinniburgh, Janet Kirby, Andrew McGregor, Andrew Martens, Kenda Reimer, Long Truong, and Kyla Ward as DEXCOM Members at Large.

CARRIED

14.5 **General Assembly 2022 Nominating Committee** (2 maximum)

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for candidates in addition to the names put forward by the Nominating Committee.

There were no additional nominations, and a vote was taken for the following nominees:

Joe Chan
Bronwyn Spilsbury
Leon Throness (Alternate)

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) that Joe Chan and Bronwyn Spilsbury be elected to the General Assembly 2022 Nominating Committee, with Leon Throness as an alternate.

CARRIED

14.6 **District Nominating Committee 2023** (3 maximum)

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for candidates in addition to the names put forward by the Nominating Committee.

There were no additional nominations, and a vote was taken for the following nominees:

Carol Goh
Patrick Loo
Daren Wride

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) that Carol Goh, Patrick Loo, and Daren Wride be elected to the District Nominating Committee for 2023.

CARRIED

14.7 District Conference 2023 Audit Review Committee (3 minimum)

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for candidates in addition to the names put forward by the Nominating Committee.

There were no additional nominations, and a vote was taken for the following nominees:

Deanna Akai
Teresa Bartel
George Brodie
Kelsey Ferguson

Moved (D. Driedger) and seconded (C. Casimong) that Deanna Akai, Teresa Bartel, George Brodie, and Kelsey Ferguson be elected to the District Conference 2023 Audit Review Committee.

CARRIED

15. New Business

No new business was brought to the floor.

16. DEXCOM Farewell to Errol Rempel

Kyla Ward shared that during the recent DEXCOM meeting, all members had the opportunity to share their thoughts about Errol and three main themes emerged. First, Errol's extraordinary character that is Christ-centred after having led beautifully and bravely, leaves a legacy in our district. Second, his skill and proficiency as a leader. Errol has walked through many crises with humility, care, wisdom, compassion, an attitude of service, and empathy. Kyla spoke to Errol's ease in stewarding command balanced with his ease in relinquishing control. He is aware of his abilities and shares them generously and is also aware of the abilities of the team around him. He truly sees the people he leads. Lastly, Errol has served with a posture of service and embodies servant leadership in its truest form. He humbly empowers others and has been an encouragement to many people in the CPD.

Steve Schneider expressed his gratitude for Errol's leadership and service and presented the gift of a painting by Brian Buhler to Errol on behalf of DEXCOM.

17. **Farewell from Errol Rempel**

Errol expressed his gratitude to everyone he has worked with as District Superintendent. He shared a passage from Romans 16 and expressed that those he has worked with are more than just a list, they are people who have loved, inspired, taught, and encouraged him. He further shared that this has been a joyous, fulfilling eight years and that it has been the privilege of a lifetime to be the District Superintendent of the CPD. Errol expressed thanks to the Lord, to his wife, Marilyn, for her support, and to Mark Peters for being open to accepting this position.

18. **Commissioning of New District Superintendent and DEXCOM**

President David Hearn expressed his gratitude for Errol and shared his appreciation for Errol's leadership. He shared an exhortation and then led in prayer for the new District Superintendent and DEXCOM.

19. **New District Superintendent Remarks**

Mark Peters thanked Dave for his encouragement and prayers. Mark shared that he has always loved the local church and being a pastor and that despite the anguish that has come with the position, he has also known great joy. He shared that he has tremendous confidence in Jesus to lead us forward. Mark expressed how humbling it has been to be elected and that he is looking forward to working with the team at the District Office. He also expressed his gratitude to the District Nominating Committee, Errol Rempel, and his fellow pastors at North Shore Alliance Church.

20. **Acknowledgements & Expressions of Gratitude**

Errol invited those in attendance to use the Zoom reactions and chat to express their thanks to Steve Schneider, Erin Knott, Dwayne Toews, Stacy Dryfhout, Caroline Tempel, Kim Tran, and DOTS for the time and energy that went into making District Conference happen.

21. **Adjournment**

The Chair declared adjournment of the District Conference Business Session and Annual General Meeting for 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Dryfhout
Caroline Tempel

District Conference Secretaries