

UNTD Association of Canada, Board of Directors

Meeting

Tuesday, 8 September 2020
1800 EDT

Draft Minutes

In attendance: Graham Scott, Russ Cape, Glenn Carroll, Bill Clearihue, Ross Connell, Glenn Davidson, Roger Elmes, Barry Frewer (guest), Ken McCaw, Iain Munro, Bill Thomas, Jennifer Bennett, Bob Blakely

Regrets: Hugues Letourneau

The meeting was called to order at 1804, EDT.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bill Thomas
Seconded by Roger Elmes
CARRIED

2. President's Report

Graham Scott extended the Board's welcome to Jennifer Bennett and Bob Blakely for their first meeting and to guest Barry Frewer of the Communications Committee.

Graham reported that he and Glenn Davidson had a productive meeting with CDR Beth Vallis of **NAVRESHQ**. This was followed by a meeting with CMDRE Michael Hopper and his staff. Graham reported that he briefed COMNAVRES about the UNTDA history background and membership. He found them supportive and open to UNTDA participation on the 2023 planning. Roger Elmes added there were indications of interest in future connections between the COMNAVRES and the UNTDA.

Graham observed that his experience has been that there has been no hesitation from post-UNTDs about supporting the Association. It is important that the word get out about welcoming female former cadets and Francophones.

Graham and Bob Blakely commented that this was a good time to review the governance structure which has been informal to date. Graham and Bob are to prepare recommendations to incorporate as a federal non profit society.

Moved by Glenn Davidson
Seconded by Bill Clearihue
CARRIED

Graham led a discussion concerning French language issues. A discussion followed about a French version of the UNTDA name. It was observed that a French translation

had never existed for the program. "Association UNTD" was mentioned but the topic was tabled for further discussion.

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Iain Munro
CARRIED

3. Finance Report

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Ken McCaw
CARRIED

4. Newsletter & Archives Report

Bill Clearihue reported that there are 2600 post-UNTDs on the nominal list. He expects that there are likely 5000 former cadets in total. Jennifer Bennett observed that the Directorate of History and other COMNAVRES sources could be approached for post-1990 cadets and officers. Bill, Jennifer and Glenn Davidson are to investigate these sources.

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Bill Clearihue
Seconded by Glenn Carroll
CARRIED

5. Membership Committee Report

Ross Connell proposed that the "Count Yourself In" poster be prepared in a French version. This was approved.

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Russ Cape
Seconded by Jennifer Bennett
CARRIED

6. 2023 Committee Report

Roger Elmes reported that the 2023 Committee has had two recent meeting in August. This was followed by a lengthy discussion between Roger and CDR Beth Vallis. Roger cautioned that the time available to plan for the 2023 anniversary will fly by and early work is needed.

Roger reported that he and Bill Thomas have been successfully approaching former senior officers to act as NRD liaison representatives. Bill is currently working the Maritimes for candidates.

Roger reported as well that work is being done on a Challenge Coin for the anniversary.

Jennifer Bennett commented that there is a great deal of historical material available in unit histories, 50 and 75th anniversaries collections, naval museums, women in the RCN, etc.

Roger reported that there is interest in a "One Navy" national event for 2023. The current thinking is a 5 day event in either Vancouver or Victoria.

Directors are asked to contact Roger with ideas.

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Bill Clearihue
CARRIED

7. Communications Report & General

Ross Connell reported that the website home page and membership pages were being translated into French. He added that the French policy should be included in the bylaws review.

Barry Frewer reviewed the "Gunroom Shots" project. He will be the editor. The intent is to provide continuous communications, together with the Newsletter, with the membership. To be published four times per year, the first issue is expected by early October. Its success will be dependent upon stories contributed by members. Paul Seguna has designed the head banner.

Ross acknowledged that social media coverage was the next step for the publication. Jennifer Bennett suggested liaising with NAC and Navy Public Affairs for help.

Adoption of the report:
Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Russ Cape
CARRIED

8. Nominations Committee

Graham Scott reviewed the activities of the nominations committee. The committee met twice and considered three dozen potential candidates.

The following are recommended to the board for election:

Nick Slonosky (CA74) - for Manitoba
Craig Walkington (BR79) - for the Maritimes
Daniel Hache (DA78) - for Quebec
Marta Mulkins (DA88) - at large
Kim Kubeck (DA88) - for Southern Ontario

Moved by Graham Scott
Seconded by Jennifer Bennett
CARRIED

9. Other Business

Graham acknowledged that Bob Duncombe be elected as a director emeritus for his years of contributions to the UNTDA. He also recognized Bob Jenkins retirement from the board and his ongoing work as a director and lead for the 2018 Reunion in St John's.

It was observed that Bob should be elected as a director emeritus according to past practice.

Moved by Graham Scott
Seconded by Russ Cape
CARRIED

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1956 EDT.

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