

# Naval Reserve Association of Canada/ Association de la Réserve navale du Canada

Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday March 11, 2024

1900-2100 EDT on Zoom

## **1. Call to order at 1903.**

The meeting was called to order and the President advised he had received regrets from Bob Blakely, Iain Munro, Gord Laco, Andy Pollack, Daniel Haché and François Laplante.

The President then welcomed Peter Baker.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Meeting Agenda was moved for approval by Roger Elmes and seconded by Ray Zuliani.

Carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of previous minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday December 11th, 2023 were moved by Ross Connell and seconded by Bill Clearihue.

Carried unanimously.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Craig Walkington and seconded by Ray Zuliani that the Consent Agenda be approved which concerned recommendations of the Executive Committee to:

- Amendment the Board policy manual Revised Sections A-13 to A19.
- Discontinue the existing Archives Committee and replace it with two additional Committees the UNTD Archives Committee and the NRAC/ARNC History and Archives Committee.
- Create\_a Support and Benefits Committee

Carried unanimously.

#### **5. Report From the President -Graham Scott**

The President's Report was presented for discussion and questions.

#### **6. Amendment to the purpose of NRAC/ARNC**

The following resolution to Amend the Purpose of the Association for approval of the membership was moved by Ross Connell and Seconded by Bill Clearihue

That the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows;

*To celebrate the naval and civilian contributions of Canadian Naval Reservists of all ranks, serving and retired, with an emphasis on citizenship, leadership, commitment, service and personal discipline, by providing opportunities for members to support each other and the Navy, and for convivial social interaction.*

Carried unanimously.

#### **7. Nancy Bunting Status**

As Nancy Bunting has been unable to carry out her responsibilities as the Secretary and as a Director, the Executive committee recommended that it is in the interest of the association that she should cease to be a director and

that once she is able to effectively carry out the role of director, she should be nominated to rejoin the board.

Moved by Roger Elmes and Seconded by Ray Zuliani

On the Recommendation of the Executive Committee, Nancy Bunting should be removed from the board as a director.

Carried Unanimously.

## **8. Planning for the Annual meeting**

Marta Mulkins provided an overview of where matters stand with regard to the AGM.

- HMCS Carleton has agreed to host the event in the Wardroom facility.
- The meeting will be made available across Canada on the forces Microsoft Teams program.
- Subject to final confirmation, the Commander of the Naval Reserve, Commodore Montgomery will be the guest speaker.
- Following the guest speaker there will be an informal reception for those attending the meeting.
- Members and friends of the Association are welcome to attend in person.

## **9. The Governance and Nominating Committee** provided its report to the Board advising that the request for nominations closed at midnight February 29<sup>th</sup> with no nominations received beyond those recruited by the GNC.

The Report recommended that the Board recommend to the membership at the AGM that the following new nominees be elected as directors of the Association:

Todd Kelly, Former Formation Chief, CPO1 Ret'd, NB  
Alan Offer, Capt. Ret'd Currently at VAC, - Quebec  
Christian Levasseur, CPO, (Musicien) Trois Rivières, Québec  
Carmen Lapointe, LCdr Ret'd, Carleton, Ontario  
David Gagliardi, Commodore, Ret'd, BC

And the following directors be re-elected:

Bob Blakely, Commodore, Ret'd, Edmonton  
William Clearihue, SLT Ret'd Oakville, Ontario  
Ross Connell, Lt(N). Ret'd Oakville, Ontario  
Roger Elmes, Lt(N). Ret'd British Columbia  
Iain Munro, SLT Ret'd, Kingston, Ontario

The Resolution to recommend the above to be elected by the membership was moved by Ray Zuliani and seconded by Cheryl Bush.

Carried Unanimously.

10. The GNC further recommended to the board that the following Officers of the corporation be appointed, noting that the GNC would later recommend a director to fill the secretary position.

Moved by Bill Clearihue and seconded by Craig Walkington that the following officers be appointed by the board to take effect on the completion of the AGM.

Marta Mulkins, President and Chair of the Board.  
Daniel Hache, 1st Vice President and 1st Vice Chair of the Board.  
Todd Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the Board.  
Ross Connell, Treasurer

Carried unanimously.

#### 11. **Approval of draft agenda for AGM**

The draft Agenda for the AGM was considered by the board and its approval was moved by Marta Mulkins and seconded by Roger Elmes.

#### 12. **Financial Affairs –Ross Connell**

On a motion proposed by the Treasurer, Ross Connell and seconded by Craig Walkington, the board approved the Financial Statements for 2023 to be presented to the AGM.

Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer then presented a budget for 2024 underlining that as a new organization a more comprehensive budget was not possible at this time particularly with regard to expenditures and consequently the budget should be approved with the recognition that it is limited by the inability of the board to more effectively predict the obligations concerning expected expenditures during the year. One consequence is that many more expenditure initiatives will likely have to go before the board for approval than would be the case with a more mature organization.

Subject to the above limitations, the approval of the budget in principle was moved by Ross Connell and seconded by Bill Clearihue.

Carried unanimously.

### **13. Special Report of the Transition Committee**

Ray Zuliani as Chair of the Transition Committee provided an overview of the work of the committee over the past year noting that the recommendations of the committee had been acted upon or had been referred to Board Standing Committees which were now responsible for follow up action.

Ray then introduced Peter Baker who, following much discussion of alternatives by the committee, had been asked by the committee to prepare a badge/logo that would provide a unique identification of the Association. Peter then presented his proposal along with a number of potential variations. The board was very impressed by the design presented. The presentation involved various options as to usage and it was recognized that much detail work still needed to be done to address various presentations. It was the direction of the board that all the presentations of the Badge/logo would be bilingual in format. The board asked the Communications Committee to plan for a suitable launch.

The board adopted a motion proposed by Ray and seconded by Marta that the design be approved in principle so that final refinement could proceed.

Carried unanimously.

Ray then moved a motion to Stand down the Committee, seconded by Ross Connell.

Carried unanimously.

**14. Committee Reports:**

- The Communications and Website Committee report was delivered by Ross Connell, who welcomed Kate Bandura and Andy Pollock to the committee. Andy is assuming responsibility for our Facebook presence. The membership committee has asked for an “elevator” type pitch to be prepared by the Comms Committee for use in promoting the Association.  
On top of the apparent success of Connexions the committee is looking at finding ways to attract local news from NRDs.
  
- Events Committee Report was provided by the Chair Roger Elmes. The committee is investigating participation in the Battle of Atlantic Wall of honour.  
The major discussion was with the committee’s proposal to survey the interests of members in various events that might be advanced by the committee. The Board was very supportive of this initiative. Moved by Roger Elmes and seconded by Nick Slonosky that the committee be authorized to go ahead with developing and proceeding with the survey.

Carried Unanimously

- The Archives Report was presented and the discussion concerning the report focused on the quality material and base line information that will be valuable to the work of the two committees established earlier to replace the existing committee.

**15. Marta’s Draft Report on Advocacy**

The board considered Marta’s special Report on Advocacy.

On a motion by Roger Elmes seconded by Ross Connell that the report be accepted and form the basis of an Advocacy Policy for the Board Policy Manual.

Carried Unanimously

**16. Future Matters**

- Two items regarding the Inventory of relationships and the status of the Junior Officer Award certificate update be moved to the next meeting so that Daniel Hache can address both.
- The Charitable status initiative- application to Federal government was also postponed so it can be addressed by Bob Blakely.

**17.** There being no further business the next Meeting f the board will follow the AGM on AGM Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>

**18. Adjournment. 2100**