

# Manitoba Baptist Association

## Call to Order

October 13, 2007 at Fort Richmond Baptist Church, Winnipeg — Mark Woods called the meeting to order with prayer.

## Seating of Delegates

Elim, Beausejour	3
First, Minitonas	5
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	1
Emmanuel, Morris	6
Oakbank, Oakbank	5
Grace, Ochre River	8
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	6
Temple, Swan River	2
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	0
Abundant Life	4
Central	2
Fort Richmond	5
McDermot Avenue	9
Mission	8
New Life Ministries	4
Rowandale	6
Whyte Ridge	8
Meadowood Chaplain	1
Regional Minister	1
Guests	3
Executive	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>

## Special Committees

**Ballot Committee:** Mark de Kluyver, Rick Pedde, Doug Friesen

**Scrutineers:** Norm Piel, Howard Bredin

**Resolution of Thanks:** Sonja Kilmartin, Tamara Friesen

MSC to appoint the committees.

## Minutes of 2006 Meeting

MSC to accept last year's minutes as presented.

## Reports

### Moderator's Report

Mark Woods highlighted several points in his written report.

### Treasurer (Financial) Report

Garry Harland highlighted the financial report for the MBA, 2006.

- Expenses exceeded income by just over \$71,000. We failed to achieve revenue goals and experienced unforeseen costs. This included transfer of property worth approximately \$40,000 to New Life Ministries as well as \$10,000 grants to Moosehorn Baptist and Wellman Lake Bible Camp.
- Year to date 2007 – behind in income due to a number of churches submitting funds near the end of the year.
- Support to New Life Ministries and Whiteshell Baptist Church will cease at the end of 2007.

## 2008 Budget Presentation

Garry Harland reviewed the proposed MBA budget for 2008.

- Compared to 2007 budget, 2008 budget spending is slightly less.
- A new category under Church Growth titled "General Assistance" established to help meet needs of churches that arise from time to time during the course of the year.
- Because of the difference in US and CDN dollars, funds needed for the Regional Minister are less than in 2007, even with a cost of living increase of 3% on the total package and an additional merit increase of 5% on the salary portion of the package.

Question: Abundant Life Baptist church delegate stated they would not be able to meet the 2.75% of total giving. What should they do about that?

Answer: Some churches are able to give above the 2.75% and some cannot meet that amount. This is what it means to be part of a body of churches – standing with each other.

Question: What about purchasing US dollars while the CDN dollar is higher?

Answer: Have not done, but could. The only US dollar expenses are for the Regional Minister.

## Reports – continued

### Camp Nutimik Report

Report submitted separate from the Annual Report booklet distributed in advance of the AGM.

Dave Robinson, Camp Board President thanked the delegates for their encouragement and support, especially during these past few years of struggles. The Camp is undergoing evaluation both internally and externally. The MBA Executive has recruited an evaluation panel to report back to the Camp Society meeting in February 2008.

Highlighted various aspects of the summer program. 31 staff put together the summer program.

**Financial concern:** Camp Nutimik is in need of funds due in part to lower attendance at camp. This is a phenomena being experienced by all camps in Manitoba. The other reason for the concern is a decrease in donations.

There is a concern for 2008. Right now there are funds to ensure the camp can operate through the end of 2007. Special fund raising is being undertaken to address the need.

Sunday, October 21 has been designated a Day of Prayer for the camp in our MBA Churches.

Several questions were asked regarding funding, and staffing for the future.

- Mark Woods commented on a letter received from Mission Baptist Church regarding negative comments about their pastor, Sig Sidel, while employed on staff at Camp Nutimik. Delegates were asked to exercise good Christian communication and put a stop to the negative comments.

### Meadowood Chaplaincy Report

David Holland thanked the delegates for their vision to start Meadowood 30 years ago to meet the needs of seniors. Several highlights of ministry were shared.

**Chaplaincy Support Concert:** Saturday, October 20, 2007.

### Nominating Committee Report

Barry Thiessen highlighted the names

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presented in the report booklet.

Harry Pohl's name was presented as the nominee for General Council Representative.

## Wellman Lake Bible Camp

Allan Unger indicated he had nothing to add to the report. Thanks were expressed to the delegates for the support given the camp.

## Secretary's Report

Dave Henkelman highlighted the three statistical graphs in the MBA Association Annual Report.

## Regional Minister Report

Phyl Putz thanked the delegates for the continued support of the Regional Minister position.

- Walked the delegates through some statistics indicating to the state health of the MBA.
- Pointed out the characteristics of churches that are winning the lost.
- 8 churches currently in a Church Enrichment process. (4 in each Assoc.)
- Explained the role and goal of coaching.
- Herb Radke is being trained to be a coach in the MBA. Herb briefly shared from his experience.
- Jeff Kilmartin, Chair of Church Planting in the MBA explained the new role and methodology of church planting.
- Phyl briefly explained the nature of Organic Ministry Development being used in the new church planting model.
- Introduced the new Executive Director for the NABC, Dr. Rob McClelland.

## General Council

MBA representative to the General Council, Harry Pohl, reinforced Phyl Putz's assessment of the new Executive Director for the NABC.

## CEIF Report

Les Collins, Church Extension Investors Fund Director, reported on the ministry. The fund is in excellent health. No churches are in arrears on their payments. CEIF's track record is outstanding with only a 1% failure on loans to churches over their 34-year history. CEIF would like to see the 2% of NAB investors in the fund increased. Delegates were encouraged to "invest" in the ministry of helping churches.

Les addressed the importance of speaking to the issue of money in our churches. How our people view money effects every other area of their lives and is key in influencing their view of ministry.

Delegates were also challenged to go out to find the lost. This is where the heart of God is located. The first step is to put our treasure there!

## Constitution and Beliefs & Practices Manual Discussion

Mark Woods walked the delegates through the changes being proposed to the MBA Constitution. In addition, Mark highlighted for the delegates the items to be added to the Beliefs and Practices Manual.

### Amendments were:

1. Constitution: Article 8(10), add to the phrase Member Church in all of its occurrences in point 10 the following phrase: "or Affiliated Organization."

MSC to accept the amendment to the Constitution (Proposed 1.3).

2. Constitution: Article 7, Resolutions, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, add to the phrase Member Church "or Affiliated Organization."

MSC to accept the amendment to the Constitution (Proposed 1.3).

3. Constitution: Article 5: Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, and Manitoba Baptist Youth Ministries: Add the word Ministry in all its occurrences in each section the word "Leadership."

MSC to accept the amendment to the Constitution (Proposed 1.3).

## Reports – continued

### Sioux Falls Seminary

Randy Tschetter highlighted the name change as well as the coming relocation of the Seminary in 2009. A brief profile of several students, programs, and new faculty was highlighted.

### Association Offerings

- Friday Evening: Harry Lehotsky

Legacy Appeal – \$742.00.

- Men's Luncheon: Taylor University College Endowment Fund – \$980.00.
- Ladies' Luncheon: Women's Ministries budget – \$1,294.00.

## Nominations — votes

- Moderator – Mark Woods (2007/8)
- Vice Moderator – Barry Thiessen (2008/9)
- Treasurer – Garry Harland (2007/8)
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman (2008/9)
- Church Planting Chair – Jeff Kilmartin (2008/9)
- General Council Rep – Harry Pohl (2008/10)
- General Council Rep – Mark Woods (2006/8)
- Men's Ministries – Herb Adam (2008/9)
- MBYA Representative – Mike Jakiwchuk (Appointed by MBYA)
- Women's Coordinator – Daphne Keck (Elected by WMF)

MSC to affirm the nominees as listed.

## Constitution Vote

MSC to accept the Constitution (Proposed 1.3) as submitted, together with amendments made during discussion.

## Beliefs & Practices Manual Vote

MSC to accept the Constitution (Proposed 1.3) as submitted.

## Reports – continued

### Women's Ministries

Daphne Keck highlighted the different aspects of Women's Ministries via a verbal report and slide presentation.

### New Life Ministries Report

Pastor Larry Gregan noted that next year will be the 24<sup>th</sup> year of ministry for New Life and will be the year they no longer need the direct financial support of the MBA. The delegates were thanked for their support.

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• Moderator Mark Woods noted that a plaque of gratitude would be presented in the near future to New Life Ministries in appreciation for Harry Lehotsky's ministry and the ongoing ministry of the church.

**MSC to accept the 2007 reports of all organizations & ministries.**

## **2008 Budget Approval**

Garry Harland asked whether there were any questions regarding the budget.

**MSC to approve the 2008 budget as presented.**

## **Other Business**

Mark Woods reminded the delegates that the next NAB Triennial Conference would be held in Winnipeg, July 10-14, 2009. Committee areas and the need for volunteers were highlighted. Oz Pedde from Rowandale Baptist Church is overseeing the advance planning for the Conference.

## **Resolution of thanks**

Sonja Kilmartin & Tamara Friesen presented their motion of thanks.

## **Scrutineers Committee**

Norm Piel & Howard Bredin affirmed the minutes accurately reflect the proceedings at this Annual General Session of the Association.

## **Next meeting**

We have an invitation from Oakbank Baptist Church for the 2008 Association meetings (October 17-19, 2008).

## **Closing prayer**

Submitted by:  
Dave Henkelman,  
MBA Recording Secretary