

HRUBA Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 7pm (Chat at 6:45 pm)

Meeting ID: 950 8204 8902

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order (Frank Guinta—Moderator)

Short comments on using Zoom and voting (Dave Gibson—Host/Constitution Chair)

- Ask people to “mute” themselves when they are not speaking to reduce use of bandwidth and reduce freeze times and to reduce background noise.
- Tell people that they can make the speaker larger on the screen by “speaker” view at the top right side of their screen.
- Remind people of the “raise/lower hand” icons at the bottom of the screen. Can be used to get attention when want to speak, or to register votes.
- When voting, please keep your hand in the air or the raised hand icon visible until the count is finished and you are told that you can lower it.

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement (Lee Nicholas-Pattillo—Council Member at Large), 1st Baptist, Halifax
We acknowledge that we are meeting in Mi’kma’ki (meek ma gee), the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People. As we perform our work today, we commit to the work it takes to create a culturally safe, inclusive and anti-racist culture within our HRUBA meetings and events. We acknowledge the equality of all communities and, we encourage respect and kindness toward these communities, in this meeting and in our daily lives.

3. Devotion and Opening Prayer (Frank Guinta – Moderator): He read from Matthew 3 and talked about John as a preacher of repentance. In this chapter, John has a clear message (clear and to the point); he knew his purpose and had a strong conviction. His mission was deliberate, decisive, direct. We are to be loving and embracing of our neighbors, communities, diversities, and cultures.

4. Rules of Order: (Ann Taylor—Clerk) were distinctly read.

Timekeeper appointed (Dave Gibson—Council Member), 1st Baptist, Halifax

Quorum count: (delegates from 15 member churches plus 5 members of Council) List at end of report.

9 Council members present; 17 churches represented; 44 delegates present, on screen

5. Approval of Agenda: (Frank Guinta)

Motion: That we accept the agenda as printed.

Moved by Sarah Merrick – Regal Heights Baptist Church; Seconded by Rev Ida Armstrong – Hospital Chaplain – Bedford Baptist Church; Motion passed

6. Introduction of New Pastors:

- Lic. Raphael Ibryomade, New Beginnings Ministry, introduces by Dr Frank Guinta, Moderator; Rev Dave Watt, Interim pastor at Bedford Baptist Church prayed for Raphael.
- Introduction of New Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplain - Alan Barkhouse, Chair of Hospital Chaplaincy Committee – Bayers Rd Baptist: Rev Joseph Green, of Chester, member of Hospital Committee was presented; Rev Leslie McCurdy, Interim pastor at South End Baptist prayed for Joe. Much applause for this appointment. Very welcome news!

7. Approval of AGM Minutes of Tuesday, April 20, 2021, as printed (page 6), in the Annual Report Book.
(Frank Guinta)
No errors or omissions mentioned.
Motion: That the Minutes of the AGM Tuesday, April 20, 2021, be adopted as printed (or as amended).
Moved by Rev Nelson Metcalfe – Bedford Baptist Church; Seconded by Lee Nicolas-Pattillo – 1st Baptist, Halifax; Motion passed.
8. Vote to receive all other printed reports as printed in the Annual Report Book excluding Finance/Budget, Licensing and Nominating. (Frank Guinta)
Motion: That the Annual Reports of the Moderator and Committees of Council be adopted as printed.
Moved by Wanda Matthews -Bethel Baptist; Seconded by Eileen Matthews – Bethel Baptist Church
No comments or questions were entertained. Motion passed
9. Finance/Budget report and vote: (Linda Crilley); Ann Taylor stepped in as Linda was ill.
Presentation of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021.
Motion: That the Financial Report for 2021 be adopted as printed on page 12 of the Annual Report Book.
Moved by Ann Taylor, Past Moderator/Clerk- Bayers Rd Baptist; Seconded by Pastor Jason Cole – Regal Heights Baptist Church
Ask for comments or questions (Frank Guinta): Question was asked about members and adherents pertaining to the dues for membership in HRUBA. Look at those who attend regularly and give faithfully – those are the numbers you should use for your dues (\$16 per member) each year.
Motion passed

Presentation of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (Linda Crilley-Treasurer); Ann stepped in again
Motion: That the Budget for 2022 be adopted as printed on page 13 of the Annual Report Book.
Moved by Ann Taylor – Bayers Rd Baptist; Seconded by Sarah Merrick – Regal Heights Baptist church
No comments or questions (Frank Guinta). Rev Dr Elias Mutale – Timberlea Baptist Church prayed for Linda Crilley – Interim Treasurer/Financial advisor – Timberlea Baptist Church and Ann Taylor
Motion passed
10. Licensing Report (Darren Millett)
Presentation of the report from the Licensing Committee found on pages 21 of the Annual Report Book. (Motion on screen.)
Motion: On behalf of the Association Licensing Committee, I move the adoption of the recommendations found on page 21 of the Annual Report regarding the approval of renewal of Licenses to minister for Kevin Jolly (Aurora North End Parish) and Allan Myra (South End Baptist) and approval of Licenses to Minister for Terry Henderson (First Hammonds Plains) and Erica Corbin (Faith Baptist).
Moved by Rev Darren Millett – Lead Pastor at New Life Community Church, Prospect Rd; Seconded by Rev Linda DeMone, Uniacke Baptist Church
Comments or questions (Frank Guinta): it was asked if there were interviews this Spring? Yes. Should they be included in this report? No, process not completed yet. BMSE made changes to license policies. Rev Darren Millet was asked to give explanation of changes: they are 2-year licenses now; church more involved in process. Motion passed
11. Nominating Committee Report: (Ann Taylor)
Presentation of the report found on page 22 of the Annual Report Book; put up on screen

Motion: That the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as printed on page 22 of the Annual Report Book and that the HRUBA Council be authorized to fill any vacancies for Officers, Members of Council and Members of Committees, subject only to a ratification vote at the next AGM.)

Moved by Ann Taylor; Seconded by Wanda Matthews -

No further nominations were entertained at this time. Ann mentioned the need for a Vice Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk now, as we move forward, (so they have time to get to know the workings of Council), since these positions are filled on an "acting" basis at present. It was asked who fills the executive; the report was a bit confusing.

Dr Frank Guinta mentioned that he was expecting those present to reach out and have coffee with him to chat about the positions open; if no one does, he would be reaching out over the next few months; looking for volunteers to fill these positions. Motion passed

12. Other business: (Frank Guinta)

- a) Alan Barkhouse – Bayers Rd Baptist, asked Rev Dave Watt, West End Baptist/Intentional Interim at Bedford Baptist, to talk about the Ukraine effort through West End Baptist Church. They have a partnership with Poland through the EBF – European Baptist Federation. Of interest – Ukraine has over 2000 Baptist churches. West End has sent \$9,000.00 to date and ready to send \$6,000.00 more.

13. Announcements: Frank Guinta

- a) Leadership Conference: "Effective Churches in a Season of Decline"
June 18, 2022 (all day) 9:30am to 3pm
Hosted by Life Branch Baptist Church, Dartmouth
Registration is Limited because of COVID-19 precautions. Hoping to get Pastors and a senior lay leader from each HRUBA Church. Registration will be out soon
Included in invitation: AUBA. Rock Church, Cumberland and Colchester County Association
Moderators and key leaders
- b) Bayside Camp – Joshua Throop. Executive Director presented a letter from ABF (Atlantic Baptist Foundation) that stated they would match donations, \$1 for \$1 till 2026; they also suggested that corporate sponsors/churches could adopt a portion of Camp mortgage and work to pay it off till 2031. Asking churches to consider donating to help reduce the capital debt. The BOD is working on corporate sponsors. Rev Ida Armstrong prayed for Josh, the Camp, and the upcoming camping season.
- c) We thanked Rev Adele Crowell for her long service as hospital chaplain for HRUBA, wishing her the best as she settles into retirement. Rev Pauline Coffin prayed for Adele.
- d) Rev Dave Watt reported that he attended God's Army Community Fellowship's 3rd Anniversary service. Awesome how God is blessing this congregation from the Philippines. There were 130+ participants. They are meeting at Regal Heights on Sunday afternoons till they can find a venue in Eastern Passage.

14. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Moved by Wanda Matthews

15. Closing Prayer: Pastor Emma Batumbya – Regal Heights Baptist Church

BAYSIDE CAMP AND RETREAT Capital Campaign Letter

To our ministry friends and partners, Bayside Camp and Retreat Center was birthed by the HRUBA community in 1953 with a dream for christian camp ministry in our region. The first years campers slept in tents on the first property in Bayside NS and over the years Bayside has continued this dream by offering quality, faith based summer

programs for almost 70 years. Bayside outgrew it's old property and through a donation of 500 acres in Sambro, Bayside found a new home filled with redemptive potential. Now over 12 years old, this new home has opened new avenues of sharing God's story, raising up leaders and providing opportunities to reconnect with the meaningful things in life. However as most of us know, this new site has been plagued by the issue of significant debt as a result of its construction. While this debt is a result of many factors, it must be addressed if Bayside is to survive for future generations. Thank you for your continued support through both the exciting and difficult seasons of Bayside's history, and we are excited to share about an incredible opportunity to solve this issue once and for all! Our loan holders, the Atlantic Baptist Foundation, have generously pledged to match all campaign donations dollar for dollar until December 31, 2026! In addition, they have placed our loan on a 0% interest term until December 2031. There is also a specific opportunity available to our Baptist Churches: The Atlantic Baptist Foundation has allowed the option for Baptist churches to "adopt" a piece of the loan. This adoption would be matched 1:1 and will be interest free until 2031! As we begin to launch a capital campaign to eliminate this debt, we need our supporting churches to set the tone. This ministry began as a HRUBA venture almost 70 years ago and we want to inspire our community and show that we believe in its future as we do its legacy. Please prayerfully consider our place as Baptist Churches in the legacy and future of this incredible ministry. Bayside has always been a place for campers and guests to discover more about the story of God's love, to reconnect with the meaningful parts of life and to spend time in the great outdoors. We are excited about the future, as the past several years have shown we are able to create a sustainable financial model without compromising the integrity of our mission to share Gods love through camps and retreats. We are now at a critical point and this unique opportunity allows us to act now to launch the campaign while providing ten interest free years to pay back our adopted loans. We would be grateful and excited for the opportunity to meet with yourselves and the leadership team of your church to share more about this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely, Joshua Throop | Executive Director
Gavin McCombie | Board Chair

Attendance

Aurora North End Parish Church

Pastor Kevin Jolly

Bayers Rd Baptist Church

Rev Greg Drummond

Ann Taylor

Alan Barkhouse

Bedford Baptist Church

Lic Kathy Cochrane

Rev David Watt, Interim

Rev Nelson Metcalfe

Rev Brenda Zwicker

Rev Marlene Knowles

Rev Dr Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse

Bethel Baptist Church

Mary Smith

Eileen Matthews

Wanda Matthews

Elaine Arbeau

Birch Cove Baptist Church

Susan Levy

Birchy Head Baptist Church

Rev John Purdy

Faith Baptist Church

Rev Borden Scott

Erica Corbin
First Baptist Church, Halifax
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo
David Gibson
Rev Adele Crowell
God's Army Community Fellowship
Pastor Joselito Alba
Mennie Alba
Life Branch Church, Dartmouth
Rev Dr Frank Guinta Jr
New Beginnings Ministries
Lic Dr Raphael Ibryomade
Linda Clayton
New Life Community Church
Rev Darren Millett
Regal Heights Baptist Church
Pastor Jason Cole
Pastor Emma Batumbya
Melissa Cole
Sarah Merrick
St Margaret's Bay Baptist Church
Rev John Purdy
Shiloh Community Church
Rev Ogueri Ohanaka
Doressa Norton
South End Baptist Church
Rev Leslie McCurdy
Nancy Cameron
Lynda Scott Lunn
Spryfield Christian Community Church
Rev Pauline Coffin
Timberlea Baptist Church
Rev Dr Elias Mutale
Uniacke Baptist Church
Rev Linda DeMone
Karen Peck
Bayside Camp & Retreat Ctr
Joshua Throop – ED
Hospital Chaplaincy Committee Members
Rev Joseph Green
Names of attendees that couldn't be identified with a particular church:
Arlyn McDonald
Jean ???
Ellecebc? Screen name