



*SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING*

*August 29, 2022*

*Via Zoom*

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 P.M.

Chairperson: Karen Swantje

Recorded by: Lynn Wallden

Present: Myrna Thompson

Joan Chess-Woolacott

Lynn Wallden

Terre O'Brennan

Catherine Davidson

Rose Schroeder

Kersten Taylor

Sharon Pickthorne

Erin Rooney

Rachel Vowles

Bonnie Hull

Wendy Sewell

Liz Saunders

Kelly Coughlin

Debra Oakman

Arlene Ridge

Jacqueline Kennedy

Gordon Frazer

Roechelle Hrehorka

Hilary Brown

Sandy Underwood

Gethin Mayo

Gerald Person

Lynne McPherson

Bettina Bobsien

Karen Swantje

Jocelyn Adams

Craig Cherrett

Isabel Reinertson

Carolyn Farris

Claire Vessey

Phil Wright

Nancy Olson

Susan Thompson

Christine Jewell

Yvonne Darcel

Lynda Atkinson

Lisa Mander

Sandra Kollberg

Susan Harrison

Late: Barbara Tolevski

Sharolyn Wandzura

Guests: Kathy McLaughlin

Leanne Sexton

**1. Call meeting to order**

a. Welcome-Karen Swantje

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guests.

b. Roll call/Announcement of quorum

Needed for quorum: 20 members. In attendance 42. Quorum met.

- c. Note of guests in attendance – Kathy McLaughlin and Lea Anne Sexton of McLaughlin and Associates
- d. Acceptance of agenda
2. President's Remarks – Karen Swantje  
Karen noted that this is a special general meeting with a set agenda. As per the Societies Act, that means that there will be no motions accepted from the floor.
3. Governance Chair's Remarks – Joan Chess-Woollacott  
Joan thanked everyone who contributed to the process, especially the committee, Craig Cherrett, and Karen Swantje
  - a. Kathy gave her compliments to the committee for the diligent and thoughtful scrutiny of the work they did and how well they handled it ensuring that there was lots of input opportunities.
  - b. Proposed changes to the HCBC Constitution Purposes and Bylaws  
**Motion #1** Motion: Move that the Membership of HCBC approve the proposed Constitution Purposes as presented.  
Moved: Joan Chess-Woollacott    Seconded: Isabelle Reinertson  
Carried 100%

**Comments:** Concern was expressed that the paperwork is vague with regards to region definitions. It was noted that all members would vote for all directors and that the nominations committee would ensure that there was appropriate representation with no more than 50% being from the lower mainland. It was reiterated that there will no longer be regions.

More clarification about Region Directors was requested. There will be no more specific region directors.

What happens if this motion fails? This motion is not about the board structure. It is about the society purposes.

How will members know who to go to? Will it cause confusion? This question doesn't apply to the constitution. The board will represent all members throughout the province. Information will flow from the office, where programs are developed. The initial point of contact will be the staff.

**Motion #2** Move that the Membership of HCBC approve the proposed Bylaws as presented.

Moved: Myrna Thompson    Seconded: Yvonne Darcel

Carried

**Comments:** Please note that the work on the bylaws will continue after the meeting and once the new structure is in place there will be more definition.

Craig Cherrett advised that staff will be expanding their individual specialty committees to include a broader range of membership perspective. One board member will be on each staff committee. Additionally, there HCBC will be creating a new position for next year that will focus on membership support. It will be directly

tasked with outreach to the different regions, disciplines and membership, as well as hosting town hall meetings and forums to ensure regular feedback.

Plans are underway to revise the nomination process. The package has been approved by the board and will go to the members before elections.

- c. Extension of current Treasurer's term to support transition efforts

**Motion #3** Move that the Membership of HCBC reappoint Sharon Pickthorne as a Board Director for a one-year term to enable her to continue to serve as Treasurer for 2023 during the governance transition

Moved: Yvonne Darcel Seconded: Claire Vessey

Carried 95% in favour 5% opposed

**Comments:** None

4. **Date and time of Annual General Meeting**

Tentative - November 05, 2022 (to be confirmed)

5. **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn**

Moved by: Carolyn Farris

Meeting adjourned 7:30 P.M.