

**NAHA Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC
Sunday, June 18, 2006**

Opening: 3:30 pm Opening prayer (Charlie Hill)

Quorum was established with 17 paid member organizations and 23 voting delegates in attendance.

Agenda:

Motion #1: That the agenda reflect that a quorum existed.

Motion: Kevin Albers
Seconded: Mel Buffalo

Motion # 2: Addition of Resolutions to the Agenda

Motion: Kevin Albers
Seconded: Mel Buffalo

Minutes: 2005 AGM were reviewed.

Motion #3: Minutes from 2005 AGM should be corrected to reflect that quorum was established.

Motion: Cicillia Jones
Seconded: Mel Buffalo

Motion # 4: Item under Section 2, Article J of the Constitution should be amended to state that membership dues “must be paid within fourteen days (14)” of the date of the AGM

Motion: Sandra Brown
Seconded: Kevin Albers

Motion # 5: Minutes approved as amended.

Motion: Ray Hamilton
Seconded: Val Chiba

Financial Statements:

Jim Lanigan presented the unaudited financial statement for FY 2005-06, pointing out that we are operating at a close to zero balance, with revenues of \$96 415 and expenditures of \$96 525.

Motion # 6: Adopt the unaudited financial statement to March 31, 2006.

Motion: Kevin Albers
Seconded: Dave Eddy

Motion # 7: Appoint the auditor “Raymond, Chabot, Grant, Thorton, L.L.P.” for a fee of \$2500.

Motion: Kevin Albers
Seconded: Mel Buffalo

Election Process:

It was explained that because of the constitutional amendments, all previously elected positions were void. The new election process is outlined on page 9 of the new constitution.

Each region decides through consensus who will represent them. Each region was given a short period of time to meet to decide upon their delegates.

The following directors were put forward:

BC	David Seymour and Marcel Swain
AB	Mel Buffalo and Cicillia Jones
SK	Byron Sayers and Sandra Brown
MB	Ed Tanner and Maeengan Linklater
ON	Jim Lanigan and Angela Slaughter
QC	Vacant
NB	Gary Gould
NS	Vacant
NL	Bernie Bolger
YK	Vacant
NW	Vacant
NU:	JeannieArreak-Kullualik

It was determined that all delegates named as directors were of age. It was determined that all delegates named as directors were of aboriginal descent with the exception of Cicillia Jones. After some discussion, it was decided an exception be made to clause #47 (a) of the constitution that states that “Any person may qualify for a position as a Director if she or he is of aboriginal ancestry”, and let Cicillia Jones stand as a director. This exception will be made on a case by case basis.

The following nominations were made to elect directors at large.

Patrick Stewart (BC) - accepted
Danielle Lavigne (BC) - accepted
Edward Mesher (NL) – accepted

The nominees were acclaimed as directors to the board.

Elections by Ballot:

President: The following directors were nominated for the position of president:

- (1) David Seymour
- (2) Jim Lanigan
- (3) Mel Buffalo

David Seymour and Mel Buffalo accepted the nominations. Jim Lanigan declined.

Motion # 8: Nominations for President cease.

Moved: Ray Hamilton

Ballots were counted and David Seymour was declared President.

Motion # 9: Motion to destroy the ballots.

Moved: Dave Eddy

Seconded: Ray Hamilton

Vice-President: The following directors were nominated for the position of vice-president.

(1) Marcel Swain

(2) Mel Buffalo

Both Marcel Swain (by proxy) and Mel Buffalo accepted the nominations.

Motion # 10: Nominations for Vice-President cease

Moved: Jim Lanigan

Ballots were counted and Mel Buffalo was declared Vice-President.

Motion # 11: Motion to destroy the ballots.

Moved: Ray Hamilton

Seconded: Sandra Brown

Secretary: The following directors were nominated for the position of secretary.

(1) Marcel Swain

(2) Ed Tanner

(3) Sandra Brown

(4) Gary Gould

(5) Angela Slaughter

Motion # 12: Nominations for Secretary cease.

Moved: Bernie Bolger

Marcel Swain accepted the nomination (by proxy). All other nominees declined. Marcel Swain declared Secretary by proclamation.

Treasurer: The following directors were nominated for the position of treasurer.

(1) Jim Lanigan

Motion # 13: Nominations for Treasurer cease.

Moved: Bernie Bolger

Jim Lanigan accepted the nomination and was declared Treasurer by acclamation.

Executive-At-Large: The following directors were nominated for the position of Director-At-Large:

- (1) Byron Sayers
- (2) Sandra Brown
- (3) Gary Gould

Motion # 14: Nominations for Executive-At-Large cease.

Moved: Val Chiba

Byron Sayers and Sandra Brown declined the nominations. Gary Gould accepted and was appointed as Executive-At-Large.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 1

Whereas the programs of SCPI and RRHAP have been important programs in addressing Aboriginal homelessness and housing initiatives; and

Whereas Aboriginal homelessness and transition housing continues to be required in most cities and towns across Canada; and

Whereas Aboriginal people continue to be over represented in the ranks of the homeless;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA make representation to the federal government and CMHC to extend these programs in order to enable it to continue to combat Aboriginal homelessness and, to work towards sustainable funding for these programs.

Moved: Jim Lanigan
Second: Cicillia Jones
Abstentions: Mel Buffalo

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2

Whereas Habitat for Humanity has expressed an interest in building a stronger linkage to Aboriginal peoples; and

Whereas Habitat for Humanity has expressed a commitment to identifying opportunities to work together on initiatives that might impact on affordable housing for Aboriginal families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA Directors continue to communicate with Habitat for Humanity and engage a task force to explore opportunities of mutual concern and identifying opportunities or areas for meaningful partnerships.

Moved: Mel Buffalo
Second: Sandra Brown

CARRIED

Resolution No. 3

Whereas CMHC/NAHA have committed to the co-management of the development of a comprehensive research plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA now seek the financial support from CMHC to complete the research plan and to under take the research; and further,

That NAHA develop an international Aboriginal research committee made up of respected members of the research community who support the development of future research projects and plans which support Aboriginal housing.

Moved: Jim Lanigan
Second: Mel Buffalo
Abstention: Jeannie Arreak-Kullualik

CARRIED

Resolution No. 4

Whereas the need for affordable housing for Aboriginal families is in crisis proportion across Canada's urban centers and in the rural communities; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has introduced a one time funding of \$300 Million dollars for urban and rural Aboriginal housing and an additional \$300 Million for territorial Aboriginal housing; and

Whereas these funds are only a small portion of the funds required to meet the need of the Aboriginal community, as defined by the National Aboriginal Housing Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA develop and advance a national framework for the delivery for the Aboriginal designated funds; and further,

That NAHA pursue funding to prepare a major study to reflect the capacity and state of preparedness for Aboriginal housing corporations to act on this major housing initiative in order to build federal/provincial/territory confidence in our ability to deliver housing starts, and further

That NAHA pursue funding to host an Aboriginal housing summit in September or October 2006, inviting Aboriginal housing stakeholders and all NGOs to finalize the delivery framework and institutions.

Move: Bernie Bolger
Second: Val Chiba

CARRIED

Resolution No. 5

Whereas single women families make up a significant proportion of the tenant population in Aboriginal housing corporations across Canada; and

Whereas the NWAC has mounted a major campaign, referred to as Sisters In Spirit (SIS), to draw attention to the violence and murder of Aboriginal women;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA commit to meeting NWAC to determine how best Aboriginal housing corporations can play a role in providing public education among its tenant population of the dangers of violence on the street and in the home and introduce appropriate housing and community safety measures; and further,

That NAHA write to the Prime Minister supporting the SIS campaign, committing to a role in advancing the campaign and requesting government to offer greater support to curb the atrocities of violence and murder of Aboriginal women.

Move: Sandra Brown
Second: Ed Tanner

CARRIED

Resolution No. 6

Whereas this assembly, which includes international housing specialists, has been convened by the National Aboriginal Housing Association (NAHA) in Canada; and

Whereas the indigenous delegates from Guatemala request a suitable expression of support from this assembly for transmission to those in a position to call for the World Urban Forum to recommend intervention by the UN as a matter of urgency; and

Whereas the Guatemalan delegates express grave concern over the inability and indifference of the Guatemalan government to provide housing for indigenous people in their communities, especially those who still suffer from the disaster caused by the storm known as “Stan” last year (2005) and who are still waiting for help, which the indigenous delegates from Guatemala describe as a severe concern;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA take immediate steps to ensure that an appropriate expression of concern be made through and by those attending the World Urban Forum III about the concerns of the Guatemalan people and to recommend intervention by the UN as requested.

Move: Gary Gould
Second: Byron Sayers

CARRIED

Resolution No. 7

Whereas this assembly of international Aboriginal housing specialists has been convened by the National Aboriginal Housing Association (NAHA) Canada; and

Whereas NAHA has been asked by the Aboriginal Housing providers of Redfern, in the State of New South Wales, Australia, attending this assembly, to support the Aboriginal housing companies to provide 62 family homes for Aboriginal key workers on land known as the “Block” at Redfern in the State of New South Wales, Australia; and

Whereas this assembly expresses deep concern over the New South Wales State Government's actions to discriminate against the Aboriginal Housing Company in favour of benefits for private developers, and wishes to censure the New South Wales Planning Minister for his comments about Aboriginal families' inability to manage home ownership and their inevitable descent into welfare dependency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NAHA take all appropriate action to support the concerns expressed by the delegates from NSW, Australia and bring this matter to the attention of the Canadian government the World Urban Forum and others as may be appropriate.

Move: Ed Tanner
Second: Doug Moran

CARRIED

Resolution No. 8

Whereas the National Aboriginal Housing Association supports Aboriginal housing corporations from across Canada; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario will be allocated \$80 million in funding for urban Aboriginal housing in Ontario from the Government of Canada; and

Whereas the Native Home Providers in Ontario (NHPO) has approached the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) with respect to the establishment of an Aboriginal Housing Management Agency in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The National Aboriginal Housing Association endorse the establishment of an Aboriginal Housing Management Agency in Ontario and provide a letter indicating their support.

Move: Sandra Brown
Second: Bernie Bolger

CARRIED

Motion # 15: That the 2006 AGM be closed at 5:40pm

Moved: Jeannie Arreak-Kullualik