

Eastern School Board
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 7, 2007

1. **OPENING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at Macdonald Drive Elementary School, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chair, Milton Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn
Mr. Ken Best
Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Ms. Rosalind Robere

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education (Acting)
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director, Rural Education
Mr. Ed Walsh, Assistant Director, Programs (Acting)
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, offering a special welcome to the public in attendance.

Mr Peach thanked all Trustees and staff for their cooperation and support during the past year as he served as Chair.

Mr. Peach noted that correspondence from the Minister approving amendments to the Constitution was circulated for information purposes. The Chair also reminded Trustees to complete their committee preference sheet and return to the Corporate Assistant before the end of the meeting.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

2. **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07 AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

The Chair noted that the draft report to be presented would require ministerial approval before it becomes the official Annual Report for 2006-07. Clarification was provided for issues raised.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board approve, for submission to the Minister, the draft Annual Report for 2006-07. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jack Murphy, that the Board accept the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements June 30, 2007. Carried.

It was noted that the NISEP audited report is presented to its own Board, since it is a separate corporation. As it is linked strongly to ESD, more details on its audit will be provided to the ESD Board for information purposes at a later date.

The Chair noted that administration may need to make minor changes on recommendation from the Minister's office. Approval was given for this. It was agreed that any additional questions or clarification would be directed to the CEO.

The Chair advised that an information session with all Trustees on the recruitment process for a new CEO would be held following the Annual Meeting.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Pike was asked to conduct the election and Mr. Peach vacated the chair.

The Director presented the *Procedure for Election of Officers of Eastern School Board* for Board consideration.

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Ken Best, that the *Procedure for Election of Officers of Eastern School Board* be adopted for use at this Annual General Meeting. Carried.

The Director asked Assistant Directors Trask and Snow to act as scrutineers.

i. **Chairperson**

Nominations:

Milton Peach, nominated by Ken Best, seconded by Eric A. Snow, accepted.

After 3 calls, nominations ceased.

Milton Peach declared Chair for Eastern School Board for 2007-08.

ii. **Vice Chairperson**

Nominations:

Dr. Jim Hearn, nominated by Jack Murphy, seconded by Melvin Lambe, accept
Ken Best, nominated by Eric A Snow, seconded by Rick Martin, accept

After 3 calls, nominations ceased. Election held.

Dr. Jim Hearn elected Vice Chairperson for Eastern School Board for 2007-08.

iii. **Four (4) Executive Members**

Nominations:

Jerry Rice, nominated by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Chris Hammond, accepted
Dave Dibbon, nominated by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jim Hearn, accepted.

Eric A Snow, nominated by Jerry Rice, seconded by Rick Martin, accepted.

Derek Winsor, nominated by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Eric A Snow, accepted

Ken Best, nominated by George Sheppard, seconded by Dave Dibbon, accepted

Jack Murphy, nominated by Eric A Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, accepted

Chris Hammond, nominated by Rick Martin, seconded by Dave Dibbon,

accepted.

George Sheppard, nominated by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, accepted

Melvin Lambe, nominated by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, declined

Rick Martin, nominated by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, declined

After three calls, nominations ceased. Election was held.

The following were elected on first vote by majority as Executive Members for Eastern School Board for 2007-08: Dave Dibbon and Jerry Rice.

Election was held for the remaining two executive positions. It was noted that the

regulations adopted provided that the one with the lowest number of votes would be dropped off. As three were tied for lowest, the following resulted:

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Ken Best, that the three nominations with the tied lowest number would be dropped. Carried.

Therefore a re-vote was held and three names were dropped. Those left on the ballot were Eric A. Snow, Chris Hammond, Ken Best.

An election was held with Eric A Snow and Chris Hammond being elected.

Executive members for 2007-08 were: Dave Dibbon, Chris Hammond, Jerry Rice, and Eric A. Snow.

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Mr. Peach assumed the Chair and thanked members for giving him the privilege to serve as Chair for another year. He also thanked all who served on the outgoing executive and to those who offered their services. He welcomed those new Executive members, Jerry Rice and Chris Hammond. Mr. Peach congratulated them on being successfully elected. He noted that the committee appointments would be recommended at the December meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.