



Canadian Wood Preservation Association

30th Annual General Meeting

Hotel Delta Centreville - Montreal
October 06, 2009

1. President's Welcome & Report

CWPA President, Craig Wilson, called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. In his opening remarks, he welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for their support of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the CWPA 29th AGM

Copies of the 29th AGM minutes were made available to the CWPA members. Craig Wilson opened a discussion of minutes and invited the membership to identify any concerns or omissions. There were no comments or questions raised, so President Wilson called for a motion to accept the minutes as recorded.

Moved by: **Dave Alexander** Seconded by: **Danny Goodine** Motion carried

3. Treasurer's Report

Craig Wilson invited the Association's Treasurer, Paul Dandy to deliver his financial report. Copies of the external auditor's report and the Association's financial statement were made available to the membership for review. The following key points were highlighted by Paul;

- Paul briefly reviewed the auditor's report prepared by chartered account, Gary S. Burnstein. In his letter to the Membership, Mr. Burnstein noted that Association's financial records were in good order.
- Paul reviewed the financial report prepared by Harper & Associates, which listed the assets and the liabilities of the Association. On a positive note, he explained that the 2009 balances were very similar to the ones presented in the 2008 statement. Despite the economic crisis impacting the world's economy, the Association's financial health was still very good. Paul identified one minor issue pertaining to VISA payments that had to be corrected. This was the only anomaly that required attention.

P. Dandy invited questions from the membership regarding any part of the financial statement. There were no comments or questions raised, so he asked for a motion to accept the financial statement in its present form.

Moved by: **Cliff Baker** Seconded by: **Paul Cooper** Motion carried.

4. Internal Auditor's Report

The President called Avtar Sidhu to deliver his Internal Auditor's report. Avtar reassured the membership that the bank account records were in good order.

5. Membership Report

The President called on the Membership Chair, Raymond Hotte to deliver his report. According to Raymond, there were currently 76 paid members at the time of the AGM meeting. This was the same total reported during last year's conference in Vancouver. He suggested that this figure might change before the close of the present conference.

Raymond explained that there had been a significant drop in membership renewals over the past couple of years. In 2006, there were 100 paid members. He expressed the Board's belief that the current economic crisis was responsible for the recent decline in membership. As a point of interest, he noted that there was currently 300 names on the CWPA contact list. This figure served to emphasize that a concerted effort was needed to encourage ones on this list to renew their membership.

Ron Bobker tabled a proposal to change the membership category of Associate Member to Corresponding member. During the pre-conference Board meeting, it was concluded that the current designation of Associate member was confusing. The new category of Corresponding Member would apply to an individual who was unable to attend the yearly conferences but wanted to receive a copy of the conference proceedings. A Corresponding member would not have voting privileges.

Motioned by: **Ron Bobker**, Seconded by: **Paul Morris**, Motion carried.

6. Board of Director Membership

Craig Wilson announced that Paul Cooper, after many years of loyal service had decided to retire from serving on the Board of Directors. On behalf of the membership, he thanked him for his contribution towards the success of the CWPA.

Craig identified the Even Year Board members, who were up for re-election. These individuals were:

Craig Wilson – President;
Andrew Hobbs – Publicity Chair;

Lissi Jeppesen – Vice President
Ron Bobker – Student Award Chair

Moved by: **Paul dandy**, Seconded by: **Danny Goodine**, Motion passed.

7. 30th Annual Meeting Announcement

The President announced that the 2010 – 31st Annual General Meeting and conference of the CWPA would be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Vancouver on October 19th and 20th. Leon Joseph confirmed that all the arrangements for the conference facility had been completed. Craig encouraged all present to attend.

8. Other Business.

The President announced that Mojgan Nejad was retiring from serving as the CWPA Secretariat. He thanked her for the diligence that she showed in handling her various duties. Craig then informed the membership that a presentation would be made to her during the Wednesday session, as an expression of appreciation. Craig then welcomed her replacement, Catherine Seadon. He encouraged the membership to get to know her and make her feel welcome.

There was no other business introduced at this point.

9. Adjourn

President Craig Wilson thanked all in attendance for their support of the Annual General Meeting. He then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by; **Paul Dandy**, Seconded by: **Andrew Hobbs**,

The membership signaled all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

