



**Executive Meeting including Area Representatives**  
Lay Readers' Association of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour, NS

**Minutes of the August 28, 2018 Meeting**

**1. Call to Order, Welcome and Association Prayer:**

The Lay Readers' Executive Meeting was called to order at 1 pm with David Harrison, President in the Chair. David welcomed everyone and then the Lay Readers' Prayer was said in unison.

**2. Attendance:**

The Rev'd Tom Henderson, Warden;; David Harrison, Association President; Shirley Williams, Immediate Past President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Victoria Henrikson, Secretary and Diakonia Editor; Anne Williams, Area Representative - Chignecto; Ted MacDonald, Area Representative – Valley, Billie Myers, Area Representative – Dartmouth; Matthew Miller, Area Representative – Chebucto; Judy Beaver, Area Representative - Eastern Shore and Jerry Cavanaugh, Area Representative – Fort Sackville.

**Regrets:** The Rev. Darlene Jewers, Member of the Board of Standards; Marilyn Massie-Clarke, Vice President; Georgie Granchelli, Area Representative - Cape Breton; Deborah Beck, Area Representative – Northumbria; Don Himelman, Area Representative – Prince Edward Island.

**3. Minutes of the April 13, 2018 Executive Meeting:**

It was moved by Matthew Miller and seconded by Dennis that the Minutes of the January 19, 2018 Executive meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**a) Fall Conference September 14-16, 2018:**

**Speaker** - The Rev. Tom Henderson stated that Jennifer Powers, Director of L'Arche – Atlantic, has been confirmed as the speaker for the Conference taking place at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, Stanley Bridge, PEI. A suite has been provided for her at the Centre as she will be bringing an additional core member with her. He indicated that she would need the use of a laptop and a projector.

**Wine and Cheese** – Anne Williams agreed to take responsibility for purchasing these items.

**Ice Breaker** – The Rev. Tom took on this task.

**Sunday Morning Eucharist** – The Rev. Tom said he planned to contact The Rev. Margie Fagan whose Parish is close to the Centre to see if the Lay Readers could worship there on Sunday Morning. If this does not work out, The Rev. Darlene Jewers will be the Celebrant for a Eucharistic at the Centre.

**Registration to date** – Wayne Hamlin reported that as of this date, thirty-three (33) people have registered.

**Additional Accommodations** – In the event that more Lay Readers register than accommodation can be provided for at the Centre, Wayne was asked to inquire about what might be available in the area. He was also asked to check to make sure the restaurant close to the Centre will be open during that time so that everyone would be able to have dinner there.

**Photographs** – Dennis Eisan will take photographs, especially a group photo.

**Music** – Billie Myers said she would bring her ukulele and hope that others may bring along their musical instruments as well.

**b) Fall Conference 2019 -Date and Speaker**

The dates – September 13-15, 2019 have been booked at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. No speaker has been confirmed as of this date.

**Fall Conference 2020** – The second weekend in October has been established and The Rev. Tom has been in discussion with Jonathan Pageau from the USA about being the speaker.

**c) Lay Reader title change – Next Steps**

The Rev. Tom as the Warden of Lay Readers will provide the Chancellor of Synod with documentation regarding the name change. It will then be brought forward to the Canons and Constitution Committee. This begins the process of having the item placed on the Agenda for Synod 2019.

**d) 2018 AGM – June 2, 2018**

Everyone agreed that it was a miracle that the Guild at St. James was able to feed about thirty additional people during lunch as it was not anticipated that about 30 additional Lay Readers would show up in addition to those who had pre-registered.

It was felt that the numbers reflected the interest in the possibility of the name change for Lay Readers. The Bishop's speech at the Eucharist was extremely helpful to the discussion. All questions raised during the meeting were answered and the vote on the motion to change the name to Licensed Lay Minister was carried.

The afternoon session on Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer is being edited but is taking a long time. It was a useful exercise as it showed how many ways there are of doing the service. It was suggested that people need parameters so the videos are useful in that respect.

It was suggested that for the 2019 AGM the afternoon session be on Morning Prayer from the Book of Alternative Services.

It was also suggested that we might look at the differences in what Lay Readers are doing across the Diocese.

**5. New Business**

**a) Board of Standards Report** – The Rev. Tom indicated that the Board of Standards has been working on the name change item, along with reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws which is taking sometime.

**b) Diakonia Report –**

**Fall 2018 Issue** – 329 were sent by email; 102 were sent through Canada Post for a total of 431 copies distributed.

**Spring 2019 Diakonia deadline** – The **deadline for the Spring 2019** issue of the Diakonia was set for **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. This is the issue in which the Archdeaconry Representatives provide updates on what is taking place in their Region.

**c) Annual Meeting 2019 –**

Confirmed Date: May 31-June 1

Location: Camp Bretondean, Cape Breton

Afternoon Session: Morning Prayer using the Book of Alternative Services (BAS).

**6. Financial Report:**

Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer, circulated a copy of the Financial Statement from April 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018 which indicated a Book and Bank Balance of \$11,811.65.

It was moved by Wayne Hamlin, seconded by Jerry Cavanagh that the Financial Statement as circulated be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

The question was asked about what the Registration Fee was for the 2018 Fall Conference and Wayne confirmed that it was set at \$50.

It was suggested and agreed that the Registration fee for those Lay Readers from Prince Edward Island who wished to attend the sessions during the day would be \$25 with no accommodations included. Victoria was asked to email all PEI Lay Readers to let them know.

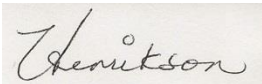
**7. Regions** – It was noted that within all Regions it is difficult to hear from Parishes about what is happening. Victoria agreed to provide all Area Representatives with lists from the Database.

**8. Next Meeting:**

Full Executive Meeting, November 6, 2018 – 1 pm  
Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour

**9. Adjournment:** Moved by Anne to adjourn at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Henrikson  
Secretary/Diakonia Editor