

American Baptist Churches of Maine
BOARD MEETING
Minutes of ZOOM Meeting – September 24, 2022

Present: Jay Noll, Chair; Josh Burden, Rob Clapp, Angel Davila, Marlene Everett, Al Fletcher, Chip Hilton, Russ LaFlamme, Russ Thayer, Sharon Workman, Gary York, Sylvia Brown, Melissa Dennett

BOARD TRAINING Al spoke about the responsibilities of being a Board member and “How Are We Doing?”

PREVIOUS MINUTES The minutes of the April 30, 2022, Board Meeting were accepted as written. Moved, Seconded and Voted. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 10, 2022 were approved by vote.

TREASURER’S WRITTEN REPORT Sharon reported if the unrealized loss is ignored, we are pretty much on budget as of the end of July. \$16,000 extra was spent on moving. Without those moving costs, we would be very close to budget expectations. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept Sharon’s financial report.

INTERNAL REVIEW The Internal Review is planned for November 10. Because of the move etc., the review was delayed this year.

ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION 2023 Scarborough Free Baptist Church will be hosting the 2023 Annual Meeting. Pastor Michael Dalton is excited about hosting the event. Cumberland Association has not hosted an Annual Meeting for a while.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT Russ LaFlamme reviewed his written report. The Committee is seeking articles for the “End of the Month” newsletter relaying the story of one’s calling to pastoral ministry. Thanks was expressed to Russ. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept his report.

ABCOM BOARD REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING Al is seeing a movement toward growing churches. He presented a written report which will be presented and voted on during the Annual Meeting Business Session. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the report.

2023 ABCOM BUDGET Sharon Workman presented the 2023 ABCOM Budget. She reported that it was prepared being conservative on the income side. Since the ABCOM Office has moved, the utility expenses are unknown, however, we have eliminated some of the expenses of being in Augusta. The salaries were recommended by the Finance Committee and voted by the Executive Committee. Overall, salaries increased but benefit expenses decreased due to staffing changes. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to accept the 2023 ABCOM budget.

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GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN RECOGNITION AT COLBY Al reported that Colby was slow in responding to our request and not as excited about it as we are. Al suggested that we celebrate George Dana Boardman's ordination anniversary in 2025 at the historic Meeting House in Yarmouth. It was moved to move forward with the planning of this new event. Seconded and voted.

GREEN SHOOTS STORIES Al reported that he is still looking for stories to highlight legacies relating to name trusts for local churches. He is asking for stories which are behind the gifting of these legacies. These stories are presented in the "Green Shoots" newsletter which is emailed in the middle of the month.

2023 BOARD MEETING DATES The Board meetings for 2023 are March 11, May 6, and September 30.

GOING OFF THE BOARD Al recognized those members who were finishing their terms of service on the ABCOM Board. They are John Coombs, Russ LaFlamme, Ron Libby, and Dave Rodrigue.

MISCELLANEOUS Sylvia and Josh encouraged attendance to the Annual Meeting. Al reported that the Small Church Committee will be reinvigorated and repopulated after the Annual Meeting. Appreciation was expressed to Sylvia for service, this being her last Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Jay Noll closed with prayer. The meeting was adjourned by vote.

Al Fletcher/Sylvia Brown