
C&E Association Annual General Meeting (AGM)

14 November 2018

Call to order

The Communications and Electronics (C&E) Association held its AGM in Ottawa at the Holland Armoury, 2100 Walkley Rd, Ottawa, ON on Wednesday 14 November at 1830 hours. There were 58 members in attendance, by proxy or on the phone thereby constituting a quorum.

The following member of the Board Of Directors (BODs) were present:

Kevin O’Keefe, President;
Ron Holdway, Vice President;
Gord Metcalfe, Treasurer;
Michel Boislard, Secretary
Paul Rutherford;
Shawn Sullivan;
Jeff Holt;
Charlie Cox;
Brian McDonnell

The meeting was called to order at 18:33 hours.

Opening Remarks

The President of the C&E Association mentioned that the renewed C&E Association has been going for a few years now. He did a quick recap of the “Grey Beards” work to reinvigorate the Association as it is now including developing bylaws, creating a new website in cooperation with the C&E Branch which contains a lot of information on heritage and other items of interest to the C&E community. The Association has a management system to send out relevant information to the 1575 or so members including many serving personnel at the Jr Ranks level and below.

The Association has provided financial support to a number of members this year including assisting with the living costs for a retired WO who needed specialized medical treatment in the US with support from the CF Moral & Welfare fund, \$500.00 for temporary living assistance to the family of serving person who passed away suddenly, \$500.00 for a Cpl in Edmonton who had a young infant hospitalized and, assistance to a Cpl in Petawawa with travelling costs due to the hospitalization of a family member.

The Association is a member of the Conference of Defence Associations and as such attended their AGM. We participated in the Veterans Affairs Stakeholder summit to talk about a number of issues for our Veterans including discussions about the new Veterans charter, pension for life. The Association also participated in the Legion Consulting Committee and part of the National Council of Veterans.

The Association had partnered with TD Meloche Insurance to offer insurance discounts to its member.

During C&E Week in Kingston in October, the Association presented several Heritage Awards including:

- Collective Award – Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment (CFJSR); and
- CF Crypto Maintenance Unit (CFCMU)
- Lifetime Achievement – Lloyd Tiens for his service as Treasurer of the C&E Museum;

The Association successfully ran two well attended Cyber Professional Development symposium in Kingston.

All of these initiatives have brought the Association to carry out needed services for our community and established a good foundation with a solid Business Plan (BP) to move forward in the future.

Approval of the previous AGM minutes

There were no amendments to last year AGM minutes. Gord Metcalfe motioned that minutes be approved. This was seconded by Jeff Holt. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements

The Secretary provided copies of the latest audited financial statements. The President asked for a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Brian McDonnell motioned that the financial statement be approved. Ron Holdway seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor Report

E.M. MacLeod outlined his general observations of the Association financial statements for the year ending 31 Mar 2018. In his opinion, the financial statements are a true reflection of the Association financial picture. The President asked that the auditor report as presented be approved. Jeff Holt motioned and Charlie Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

The President asked that the current Board members be reinstated into their current positions has no new nominations were received. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

John Leech thanked Kevin O’Keefe for his tenure as President of the Association these past few years and for his hard work and dedication with the other “Grey Beards to reinvigorate the Association.

A question was asked about the relationship of the Association and the C&E Museum. A month ago, MGen François Chagnon, C&E Branch Leader, asked that we looked at revising the overall governance of the various entities of the C&E Community including the Foundation, the Museum, the CO of the Museum the Branch, the Association, and other groups of interests. This will assist in clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each of these entities. The plan will then to establish some sort of Senate co-

chaired by the Br Ldr and Col-Cmdt with serving and retired personnel, HCol and LCol and key stakeholders including Director RCCS, Comd CFIOG, and RCAF reps which will guide the work of these entities and establish priorities for the community.

There will also be the establishment of a Museum Committee which will provide better directions to the Museum from the Cmdt CFSCCE who is the CO of the Museum down to the Museum Director and to the Museum staff.

There is still much work to be done to look at the various organizations that touch or impact how the Museum functions including Non-Public Fund (NPF), Personnel Support Programs (PSP), Director History and Heritage (DHH), CFB Kingston, the rules and regulations, policies etc. All of this will probably take a year of work. Once we have a greater understanding of all these players, we will be able to establish a better framework to move forward on many needed initiatives to better support the members of our community.

All of this generate a lot of discussions amongst the people that were present at the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other new business or questions, the President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gord Metcalfe motioned and Brian McDonnell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 hours.

These minutes have been prepared by
Michel Boislard, Secretary,

Reviewed and approved by
Kevin O'Keefe, President

Date of approval