

## **2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**JUNE 9 - 10, 2001**

**VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

### **MINUTES**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The total registered attendance of 737 included 299 delegates and 109 alternates. Others present included observers, housing co-op staff, members of CHF Canada committees, organizational associates, workshop leaders, volunteers, guests, youth program participants, sponsors, directors, members of the Ontario Council, and staff.

#### **SPONSORS**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Canadian Travel Co-op, Canon Canada, The Co-operators, HB Group Insurance Management Ltd., Prentice Yates & Clark, Primus Canada, Print Action, Sprint Canada.

#### **GUESTS**

Acting Mayor David McLean (Victoria); Deborah Taylor, (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation); Lorraine Verokosky (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, British Columbia); Jovito Torrero, Danny Consuegra, Zimel Magallano, and Sarah Redoblado (Rooftops Canada); Dennis Deters, Suzanne Longpré and Dennis Van Der Haegan (Co-operators); Pearl Graham (Canadian Co-operative Association); Gerry Kennedy (Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation); Paul Moran and Beth Ferrone (HB Group Insurance Management Ltd.); Barry Hutchins (Morneau Sobeco); J.J. Pauze, Charlie Petralito, David Robertson, and John Tory (Prentice Yates & Clark); Bryan Orr (Sprint Canada Inc.); Henry Camp (Capital Region Housing Corporation, British Columbia); Brian Zelle, Chartered Accountant; and Danielle Cécile, Executive Director, Federal Co-operative Housing Stabilization Fund.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Danielle Cécile was named an Honorary Life Associate of CHF Canada. Wes Hosler and Alexandra Wilson presented the certificate.

David Lach (Vancouver) was presented with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Award for Outstanding Contribution to Co-operative Housing by Deborah Taylor, Director, Assisted Housing Programs, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Asgard Green Co-operative Homes (Kitchener, Ontario) received the Jim MacDonald Award for Social Change. Mark Paul, Manager, Central Ontario Co-operative Housing Federation, accepted the award along with a cheque for \$500 from CHF Canada, on behalf of Asgard Green.

Attached is a list of the housing co-ops that received 20-year member recognition awards.

## **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

### **1. Call to Order**

Wes Hosler, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on June 9, 2001 and welcomed participants to CHF Canada's 33rd Annual General Meeting.

### **2. Introductions**

The President introduced invited guests, members of the Board of Directors of CHF Canada, the Ontario Council, the Finance Committee, the Resolutions Committee, and the Nominating Committee, as well as the President of the Manitoba Advisory Forum.

The President reported that this year, delegates would be asked to appoint a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson to conduct the business meeting.

### **3. Appointment of Chairpersons**

- **M/S** Comeault (Village Canadien) / Shephard (David B. Archer)

**THAT** Bruce Woodrow be appointed Chairperson and Noreen Dunphy be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the 2001 Annual General Meeting.

## **CARRIED**

On behalf of the members of CHF Canada, Bruce Woodrow was presented with a carved Native Canadian mask in appreciation for his continued support of the co-op housing movement.

**4. Proof of Calling of Meeting**

The Chairperson drew the attention of delegates to the “Official Notice to CHF Canada Members” contained in the annual meeting information book. The Notice had been properly sent in the manner prescribed in the charter by-laws to all CHF Canada members in advance of the annual meeting.

**5. Chairperson’s Remarks**

The Chairperson reviewed the Rules of Order at CHF Canada annual meetings and explained the proper use of the voting cards distributed to delegates. He explained the role of the Resolutions Committee and noted that as amendments to resolutions are received and processed by the Committee, they will be posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting room.

The Chairperson drew attention to the fact that each year at the annual meeting, CHF Canada participants are invited to make donations to groups that work with homeless people. This year’s donations will go to two British Columbia groups: the Mustard Seed Food Bank and the Look Out Emergency Aid Society.

The Chairperson also informed the meeting that a rally in support of affordable housing would be held on the grounds of the British Columbia Legislature, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 9, 2001.

**6. Establishment of Quorum**

Nick Sidor, Corporate Secretary, advised the meeting that the presence of 15 percent of CHF Canada’s eligible members was required in order to establish quorum. On the date the official notice of meeting was mailed, CHF Canada had 805 members. Two hundred and ninety-nine delegates had registered for the 2001 annual meeting. Quorum was therefore established.

**7. Consideration of Agenda**

The Chairperson advised the meeting of the proposed amendments to the published agenda. At 11:30 a.m., the meeting would adjourn debate on resolutions and hear a report on government relations before the lunchtime affordable housing rally. At 4:20 p.m., presentation of the CMHC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Co-operative Housing would be made, followed by the bookstore draw, the Central Ontario Co-operative Housing Federation Award and a report from the Nominating Committee. The afternoon session would conclude with elections for regional directors and the Finance Committee. Voting for at-large directors and further discussion on the resolutions would take place on June 10.

- **M/S**      Winkler (CHF BC) / Mann (Priory Square)

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**8. Minutes of 2000 Annual Meeting**

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that, in keeping with the members' preference for less paper, the minutes of the 2000 annual meeting were not included in the information book but were posted on CHF Canada's Web site for members to download. The 2000 minutes were available on-site at the meeting for those who wanted a copy.

- M/S Yetman (Frank McLoughlin) / Reardon (Metta)

**THAT** the minutes of the 2000 annual meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION II. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Annual Report of Directors**

Wes Hosler, President, reviewed CHF Canada's 2000 annual report, which had been distributed to members. He highlighted the major areas of work for CHF Canada over the past year: building a stronger co-op housing movement; protecting the long-term security of housing co-ops; and providing good service to members.

The President noted that the November 2000 federal election had afforded CHF Canada the opportunity to reach all federal political parties and to address the growing need for new affordable housing in Canada. This work has continued and will be reinforced with the affordable housing rally.

Mr. Hosler drew participants' attention to discussions with the federal government on the sector's proposal to create a non-profit agency to administer co-operative housing programs. He announced that a temporary full-time staff person has been hired to assist member co-ops in British Columbia with water penetration problems, and noted that participants would receive a report on this matter later in the meeting.

CHF Canada's Web site now provides discussion groups for co-op members across the country. Members were invited to provide comments on the site. The President thanked those who have joined the members' network and participated in "Co-op Talk." He reported that the commercial property and household insurance programs continue to give excellent coverage at good rates.

The President acknowledged Thom Armstrong who recently left the staff of CHF Canada to become Executive Director, CHF BC. The President thanked Mr. Armstrong for his contribution to the co-op sector during his ten years on staff at CHF Canada.

**2. Mediation Committee Report**

Wendy Huggan CHF Canada Aboriginal Director, introduced Mediation Committee members Emil van der Poorten (Edmonton), Beverley Halls (Toronto), and Sue Moorhead (Vancouver). Ms. Huggan then referred the meeting to the statement in the annual meeting information book on Harassment and Discrimination at CHF Canada annual meetings, and highlighted the activities of the Committee at the 1999 and 2000 annual meetings. She reported that eight complaints were received in 1999, of which seven were resolved on-site to the satisfaction of all involved. No complaints were received in 2000.

**3. Diversity Committee Report**

Wendy Huggan and Charles Ng, Chairperson of the Diversity Committee, introduced committee members Naguib Buendia (Vancouver), Emil van der Poorten (Edmonton), Beverley Halls (Toronto) and Wendy Huggan (CHF Canada board representative on the Committee); and Nicholas Gazzard and Penelope Winter, CHF Canada staff to the committee.

Mr. Ng drew participants' attention to a vacancy on the Committee. He informed the meeting that a notice of vacancy will be sent to member co-ops. Those interested in joining the Committee should contact Penelope Winter in CHF Canada's Ontario Region office.

Mr. Ng also informed the meeting of the opportunity to take part in discussions on diversity issues through the "Co-op Talk" section of the members' network on the CHF Canada Web site.

**4. Report on Action Taken at 2000 Annual Meeting**

Debbie Saidman, Vice-President, presented the Board's report on action taken on resolutions considered at the 2000 annual meeting.

Wayne Callaghan, co-chair, CHF BC Leaky Co-op Committee and Donna Charbonneau, Regional Director, Ontario, reported on the water penetration damage to co-ops in British Columbia. Many of the affected co-ops have been approved for assistance from the provincial Homeowner Protection Office, which will pay the interest on second mortgages taken out to pay for repairs. But only Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation can help with additional financing if the co-ops still cannot afford the second mortgage payments. CMHC approvals have been slow in forthcoming. Only four co-ops have received help so far; none since the 2000 federal election.

Mr. Callaghan reported that the CHF BC Leaky Co-op Committee meets regularly to share information and develop strategy. He noted that CHF Canada members have helped bring the issue of leaky co-ops to national level attention.

Roland Nogue, CHF Canada staff, is working with CHF BC staff and volunteers to help affected co-ops assess their repair needs and develop workable solutions. Mr. Nogue reported that the B.C. CMHC office has agreed to become part of a joint committee made up of representatives from CMHC, CHF BC and CHF Canada. The committee will provide a forum for all three organizations to work together on the leaky co-op problem.

The Committee's first meeting was held earlier in the week. Mr. Callaghan noted that several million dollars would be required to fix the building envelope problems. Mr. Callaghan closed by calling for continued support from the sector to maintain pressure on the federal government.

## **5. Political Action Committee**

David Howard, co-chair of the Political Action Review Committee (PARCOM), reported on the committee's activities, noting that at last year's annual meeting, members adopted an emergency resolution to create an ad-hoc member-driven political action committee. The Committee was struck in the fall of 2000 to review the national and Ontario Region political action programs.

Mr. Howard introduced members of the Committee: co-chair Jim Emms (British Columbia); Michelle Arscott (Toronto); Dennis Bradshaw (Brantford); Janine MacDonald, Chairperson, Ontario Sub-Committee (Peterborough); Rob Hutchison (Kingston); Lynn Drinovz (Nova Scotia); Mike Alsop (British Columbia, Lower Mainland); Ruth Reynolds (Vancouver Island); Keith Harding (Edmonton); Betty Jensen (Calgary); Sandy Francis (Winnipeg); Mark Klein, Vice-President, Ontario Council; Debbie Saidman, and Tony Legare, CHF Canada Board of Directors. He thanked CHF Canada staff for their support to the committee.

Mr. Howard reported that the Committee meets in a private discussion area of CHF Canada's Web site. An open discussion area will be set up so that co-op members across Canada can discuss CHF Canada's political activities. Mr. Howard invited members to share their thoughts on political action.

The committee has framed its review on five questions:

- are CHF Canada's priorities and related political activities consistent with CHF Canada's mission statement and mandate?
- was CHF Canada's political plan for 2000 in keeping with the mission statement and mandate of CHF Canada?
- has CHF Canada been an effective organization in pursuing members' political

- priorities and if so, how?
- could CHF Canada have been more effective in pursuing members' political priorities, and if so, how?
  - what other advice did the Committee bring to CHF Canada's political priorities and/or operational plan?

Mr. Howard noted that although the Committee feels it is not yet ready to offer final recommendations, three areas for further discussion have been identified:

- communication within CHF Canada;
- allocation of resources to achieve government relations priorities; and
- involvement of all levels of the co-op sector in political action.

The Committee plans to present its final report to the Board of Directors and Ontario Council at their planning meeting in September and to the membership next year at the 2002 annual meeting.

In response to a request from the floor, Debbie Saidman explained that the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia and CHF Canada had agreed that Thom Armstrong of CHF BC and Merrilee Robson of CHF Canada would advise the Board on any political opportunities that might arise during this annual meeting.

## **6. Nominating Committee Report**

Bruce Little, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, introduced the other members of the Committee, Mel Willis and Wendy Huggan, (Board of Directors), and Marg Uhelak (Ontario Council). He announced that nominations were open for the following positions:

### **Board of Directors**

Alberta/Northwest Territories  
Saskatchewan  
Quebec  
Prince Edward Island  
Four at-large positions

### **Finance Committee**

One position

Mr. Little informed the meeting of nominations received to date, and advised that nominations for all positions would remain open up to the time of the elections.

**7. Government Relations Report**

Wes Hosler presented the Government Relations report and highlighted the key areas of CHF Canada's political work in the past year: the national agency campaign; the leaky co-op crisis in British Columbia; and social housing reform/downloading in Ontario. He then focused on CHF Canada's work on the struggle for affordable housing in Canada.

Since 1992, only British Columbia and Quebec have continued to finance new housing co-ops. The sector has called on all levels of government to respond to the critical and growing need for more affordable housing. In the past year, CHF Canada has been involved in housing and homelessness issues on two fronts: CHF Canada acts as secretariat to the National Coalition on Housing and Homelessness; and CHF Canada has called on the federal government to commit new spending on affordable housing.

While it appears there will be new federal money for housing, CHF Canada members must continue to press the federal government to ensure that any new housing is affordable for those of low and moderate income. CHF Canada is urging the government to commit at least the \$680 million over four years that it promised in the last election.

Mr. Hosler closed by encouraging delegates to join in the Affordable Housing Rally on the grounds of the British Columbia Legislature. He urged CHF Canada's members to make sure the co-op voice is heard, in any new housing spending, and he affirmed that CHF Canada's commitment is to affordable housing for all Canadians.

**8. Rooftops Canada Foundation**

Olga Tasci, President, Rooftops Canada Foundation, reported on Rooftops' activities. She then introduced Sarah Redoblado, Executive Director, Alterplan, who brought greetings and reported on the work of Alterplan in the Phillipines.

**9. Youth Forum**

Participants from the Youth Forum offered the meeting a well-received presentation that focused on homelessness in Canada, understanding youth, and community building. They thanked the sponsors of the Canadian Co-operative Association's "Co-op Young Leaders" program.

**10. Mountain View Housing Co-operative**

John Fair, Mountain View Housing Co-operative, delivered a report on the loss, from fire, of the homes of 47 families on February 16, 2001. Mr. Fair thanked participants for their donations and expressions of support.

**11. Mr. and Ms. CHF**

Craig Hunter and Jason Moore showcased the successful fundraising and outreach work by Mr. and Ms. CHF during the past year, and introduced Mr. and Ms. CHF for 2001-2002.

**12. Risk Management**

Linda Stephenson, CHF Canada's Commercial Services Officer, presented a Risk Management Kit for co-ops that participate in the CHF Canada Commercial Insurance Program. She thanked the Co-operators for their support in developing the kit.

**13. Other Presentations**

Pearl Graham, Vice-President of the Canadian Co-operative Association conveyed the Association's greetings to participants. She noted that Canadian co-operatives provide more than 160,000 jobs and that over 70,000 individuals volunteer their time to serve on co-op boards and committees in Canada. CHF Canada's membership in the broader Canadian co-op movement helps to strengthen and diversify the co-op sector.

Ms. Graham concluded by inviting members to attend the Canadian Co-operative Association's National Congress in Saint John, New Brunswick, June 21 to 23, 2001.

**14. Retiring Directors**

Retiring directors Gary Panagiotidis and Debbie Saidman were acknowledged by the members and presented with certificates by Donna Charbonneau, Patricia Matthews and Wes Hosler.

**SECTION III. CONSIDERATION OF 2001 ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

**Submitted Resolutions**

**1. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Board Position**

- M/S Reardon (Meadowgreen) / Comeault (Village Canadien)

**THAT** debate on resolution #1 be closed.

**CARRIED**

- M/S Blake (CHFT) / Ramirez (Garry Point)

**THAT** CHF Canada approve in principle the setting aside of an "at-large" board position

for a self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered (LGBT) position;

**AND THAT** CHF Canada ask the Board of Directors to come to CHF Canada's annual meeting in 2002 with a by-law designating this position.

## **DEFEATED**

### **2. Affordable Housing Now**

- **M/S** Mann (Priory Square) / Zimmering (Community Housing Land Trust)

**THAT** CHF Canada and its members call on the federal government to fund a new affordable housing program for Canadians, acting with other levels of government or alone, as need be.

The program should:

- allow for both co-operative and non-profit housing;
- offer enough help to bring monthly housing charges or rents down to the level of affordable rents in housing markets across the country;
- include rent supplements or another way for new co-ops and other non-profit housing to lower the monthly charges for low-income households;
- provide mortgage insurance at affordable rates and a means to even out mortgage interest costs over time;

**THAT** we call on the federal government to commit at least the \$680 million in help promised in the last election for affordable housing, as a first step;

**AND THAT** we call on the federal government to renew and strengthen its commitment to helping the thousands of Canadians who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless, to find secure homes.

## **CARRIED**

### **3. Securing Our Future**

The Board of Directors presented Resolution #3. At the 1998 annual meeting, members asked the board to propose options for keeping co-ops affordable and non-profit in the future.

The following amendments to Resolution #3 were considered:

- **M/S** Browne (Peggy & Andrew Brewin) / Budd (Windfield)

**THAT** paragraph 9 becomes paragraph 10 and that a new paragraph 9 be inserted as follows:

**THAT** CHF Canada give priority to helping its members to ensure an internally-funded assistance pool.

**CARRIED**

- **M/S** Zimmering (Community Housing Land Trust) / Kitchen (Lore Krill)

**THAT** the words “existing and future” be added before the words “housing co-ops” at the beginning of clause 4 so that it reads:

**THAT** existing and future housing co-ops be encouraged...;

**THAT** the words “existing and future” be added after the words “to the extent possible” of the clause 6 so that it reads:

**THAT** to the extent possible, existing and future housing co-ops make a commitment...”

**CARRIED**

- **M/S** Dos Santos (Sundance) / Knight (Riverdale)

**THAT** paragraph 10 becomes paragraph 11 and that a new paragraph 10 be inserted as follows:

**THAT** CHF Canada explore mechanisms that would assist co-ops that are currently on leased land to purchase the land.

**CARRIED**

The delegates then considered the resolution as amended.

- **M/S** Yetman (Frank McLoughlin) / Fair (Mountain View)

**THAT** the Board of Directors’ report in response to Resolution #7 (Planning for the Future) from the 1998 annual meeting be received;

**THAT** housing co-ops be encouraged to change their incorporation documents, as necessary, to help make sure that their not-for-profit purposes are binding and unalterable;

**THAT** housing co-ops, with the assistance of CHF Canada and other sector organizations, be encouraged to seek changes to provincial co-op acts, as needed, to make sure that housing co-ops use their assets for non-profit purposes, forever;

**THAT** existing and future housing co-ops be encouraged to enter into a non-profit co-op housing agreement with an appropriate external body that restricts the use of their lands to non-profit housing purposes, and that CHF Canada help its members with the tools required to do that;

**THAT** in regions where co-op housing land trusts exist, co-ops be encouraged to consider either placing title to their lands in the trust, or entering into a covenant with the trust, with the effect in either case of restricting the use of their lands to non-profit housing purposes forever;

**THAT** to the extent possible, existing and future housing co-ops make a commitment to provide an internally funded assistance pool to help low-income households with their housing charges after their government operating agreements and subsidies come to an end;

**THAT** as co-op operating agreements come to an end, CHF Canada and its member federations and housing co-ops lobby governments to make rent supplements available to housing co-ops;

**THAT** the housing co-ops be encouraged to plan for the long-term future of their property by:

- attending well to the routine and preventive maintenance of their grounds and buildings;
- putting replacement reserve plans in place and increasing replacement reserve contributions as necessary and possible;
- planning to re-mortgage their property, if needed, after their current mortgages are paid off to raise funds to improve their property;

**THAT** CHF Canada give priority to helping its members to assure an internally funded assistance pool.

**THAT** CHF Canada explore mechanisms that would assist co-ops that are currently on leased land to purchase the land.

**AND THAT** CHF Canada continue to provide advice and assistance to its members as they work to put in place the measures set out in this resolution.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

4. **AGM Registration Fees**

The sponsor agreed to refer the resolution to the CHF Canada Board of Directors.

- M/S Brouwer (Beaver Creek) / Armstrong (Pine Ridge)

**THAT** Resolution #4, AGM Registration Fees, be referred to the Board of Directors of CHF Canada to report back to members at the 2002 annual meeting.

**REFERRED**

5. **Group Benefits for Retired Employees**

- M/S Comeault (Village Canadien) / Yetman (Frank McLoughlin)

**THAT** CHF Canada negotiate with The Co-operators Insurance Group to determine whether “retired employees” can be included in the group benefit package presently available to CHF Canada members, and, if so at what cost.

**CARRIED**

6. **Accessibility by the Hearing Impaired (Annual General Meeting)**

The sponsor accepted the following as a friendly amendment to Resolution #6:

That the second line in paragraph one be amended to read “our inclusive....”

- M/S Yewchuk (Innstead) / Winkler (CHF BC)

**THAT** CHF Canada act to ensure that all annual meetings be accessible to people with disabilities since our inclusive community welcomes everyone and does not exclude people on the basis of disability;

**THAT** CHF Canada, in consultation with groups representing people with various disabilities, train at least one staff person in accessibility issues and make that person the key contact person responsible for ascertaining meeting access requirements;

**THAT** CHF Canada should set an adequate and sufficient budget for accessibility;

**THAT** CHF Canada direct its staff person responsible for accessibility issues to do a full accessibility audit of both the meeting site and the meeting organization before each annual general meeting, in the awareness that “disability” includes more than just “physical” or “motor” disability;

**THAT** the board and staff of CHF Canada be sensitive to and aware of disability and access issues;

**AND THAT** if, for whatever reason, accessibility is not available, CHF Canada inform delegates beforehand so that they can make a decision about whether or not they want to attend the conference and that, in case the delegate cannot participate or attend because of lack of access, CHF Canada refund registration money.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**7. Accessibility by the Hearing Impaired (Video)**

- M/S Yewchuk (Innstead) / Yetman (Frank McLoughlin)

**THAT** CHF Canada maintain two closed-captioned copies of all existing videos;

**AND THAT** any videos produced in the future by CHF Canada be automatically closed-captioned.

**CARRIED**

A suggestion was made that the board look at the possibility of including the use of digital video discs.

**8. Correspondence Standards**

- M/S Kirkey (Byrne Creek) / Yetman (Frank McLoughlin)

**THAT** members of the Board of Directors and/or the staff of CHF Canada shall acknowledge, in writing, all written inquiries, questions and/or complaints from CHF Canada member co-ops within fifteen (15) business days.

**CARRIED**

**9. Independent National Agency**

Heather Ramsay, Regional Director (Prince Edward Island), provided a progress report on the national campaign to secure the future of co-op housing. CHF Canada has proposed a new national agency to administer co-op housing programs. The agency, although linked to the co-op housing movement, would operate at a remove from both the sector and government. The new agency would take on the co-op portfolio management tasks currently carried out by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, working in partnership with a parallel agency in Quebec.

In September 2000, CHF Canada and interested provinces were invited by the federal government to join a working group to review the proposal. A regionally-based team of volunteers and staff has been appointed to represent the sector at the working group. CHF Canada has also met separately with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation staff to discuss the agency. A meeting with the federal Minister Alphonso Gagliano has been requested to seek his commitment in principle for the proposed agency.

- **M/S** Gordon (CHASEO) / Armstrong (Pine Ridge)

**THAT** we strongly support the co-op sector's proposal for an independent national agency to administer federal and provincial co-operative housing programs.

**CARRIED**

### **Late Resolutions**

Three late resolutions were presented to the meeting. One was given emergency status by delegates and considered at the meeting. Two resolutions were referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

#### **L1. Reporting Templates**

**REFERRED** to the Board of Directors for consideration.

#### **L2. Electronic Voting at the CHF Canada AGM**

- **M/S** McKay (NORCHA) / Nelson (SWOCHF)

**THAT** Late Resolution #2 be given emergency status.

The sponsor reported that this resolution is being brought before the membership in light of a resolution passed at the Ontario Region members' meeting allowing electronic voting for the election of the Northern Ontario member of the Ontario Council.

**CARRIED**

- **M/S** Comeault (Village Canadien) / Westerlund (Heritage)

**THAT** debate on Resolution #2 be closed.

**CARRIED**

- **M/S** McKay (NORCHA) / Nelson (SWOCHF)

**THAT** the CHF Canada Board prepare a By-law in conformity with the Federal Co-operative Act which provides that where co-ops cannot send delegates to attend the CHF Canada AGM those co-ops are permitted to vote on elections by electronic means with the only exception being that the co-ops in the host city must be present to vote.

**DEFEATED**

**L3. PARCOM**

**REFERRED** to the Board of Directors for consideration.

**SECTION IV. FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**1. 2000 Audited Financial Statements**

Donna Charbonneau, Treasurer, reviewed the auditor's report and audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2000.

- **M/S** Burch (Don Area) / Fergus-Moore (Castlegreen)

**THAT** the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2000 be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Appointment of Auditors**

- **M/S** Morales (Terrace) / Myjer (Village Green)

**THAT** the firm Marcil, Lavallée, Loyer and Partners be appointed external auditors of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. 2001 Budgets**

- **M/S** Burch (Don Area) / Taylor (Glen Oaks)

**THAT** the 2001 budgets for National Operations and the National Endowment Fund, as finalized by the Board of Directors, be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. 2002 Budgets**

- M/S Burch (Don Area) / Halladay (Forty Third)

**THAT** the budgets for National Operations and the National Endowment Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002 be adopted as presented and that the attached schedule of member and associate dues rates for 2002 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. Three-Year Financial Forecast**

- M/S Browne (Peggy & Andrew Brewin) / Yetman (Frank McLoughlin)

**THAT** the financial forecast for the period 2002 through 2004 be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. First Quarter Financial Statements**

- M/S Troubridge (Westboine Park) / Sedor (Sarcee Meadow)

**THAT** the financial statements for the first quarter of 2001 be received.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION V. ELECTIONS**

**1. Nominations**

The meeting heard two further reports from the Nominating Committee.

At the close of nominations, the following had declared their candidacies for elected office.

**Board of Directors**

Regional Directors:

Alberta/Northwest Territories

Emil van der Poorten  
Debbie Saidman

Saskatchewan  
Quebec/Nunavut  
Prince Edward Island

Laine Braden  
René Daoust  
Heather Ramsay

At Large Directors:

Nadia Baraghi  
Isabel Evans  
Vince Hall  
David Howard  
Craig Hunter  
Patricia Matthews  
Mychol Scully

**Finance Committee**

Patricia Sibley

Nick Sidor, Elections Officer, informed the participants that at a meeting of CHF Canada's members held in Nova Scotia on April 21, Susan Wells had been elected to the Board as regional director.

The following were declared elected by acclamation:

**Board of Directors**

Saskatchewan  
Quebec/Nunavut  
Prince Edward Island

Laine Braden  
René Daoust  
Heather Ramsay

**Finance Committee**

Patricia Sibley

After counting the ballots, the Nominating Committee declared Emil van der Poorten elected Regional Director for Alberta/Northwest Territories.

Following the election for at-large directors, the meeting heard the final report of the Nominating Committee.

Nick Sidor declared the following candidates elected:

Isabel Evans  
Vince Hall

David Howard  
Patricia Matthews

Patricia Matthews was elected for a one-year term.

- **M/S** Morales (Terrace) / Biallecki (Quebec Manor)

**THAT** the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**1. 2002 Annual Meeting**

The rainbow flag was passed to the 2002 AGM Planning Committee, with best wishes for a successful annual meeting to be held in Hamilton, Ontario, June 21 to 23, 2002.

**2. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:22 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2001.

**CERTIFIED** to be the minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada.

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President

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Recording Secretary