

**Annual General Meeting  
Summary Notes  
Na' Kwa Ta Ku Potlatch House  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
Tuesday, September 16, 2003**

**Board Attendance:**

Geri Collins, Co-President & Director, Southern BC  
Ray Wanuch, Co-President & Director, AB  
Don Parenteau, Secretary-Treasurer, Director, SK  
Vaughn Sunday, Director, ON  
Terry Ma, Director, NU  
Elaine Chambers, Director, YT  
Junior Denny, Director, NB & PEI  
Tracy Menge, Director, NS, NF & LB  
Alfred Loon, Director, QC

**Regrets:**

Cynthia James, Director, NWT  
Victor Tom, Director, Northern BC  
Ross Mayer, Executive Director, CANDO

**Staff Attendance:**

Veronica Vinge, Education & HR Manager  
Mike Tokunaga, Information Technology Coordinator  
Lisa Boychuk, Executive Assistant (Recorder)  
Svitlana Konoval, Executive Assistant (Recorder)  
Violet Simand, Finance Officer  
Jeri Melting Tallow – Healy, Community Relations Manager  
Kelly Many Guns, Communications Assistant

**General Attendance:**

Debra Alivisatos	Alice Corbiere
Harry Alookie	Vanessa DeBono
Stephen Ameyaw	Corain Driscoll
Deborah Baker	Kyra Fisher
Marie Baptiste	Shirlee Frost
Armand Barbeau	Florence Gehue
Chris Best	Jordan George
Kris Billy	Louise Gordon
Verna Billy-Minnabarriet	Don Horutko
George Bohlender	Elder Paddy Jim
Leanne Brassard	Lloyd Johnson
Elizabeth Buha	William Kadachuk
Rob Campbell	Fred Koe
Gloria Catherall	Robin Koistinen
Larry Cochrane	Margaret Kormendy



Sally Ledger  
 Marcus Louie Sr.  
 Philip Manik  
 Collette Manuel  
 Robin McGinley  
 Carol Merrick  
 Dudley Morgan  
 Lee Morrison  
 Jacqueline Pelletier  
 Patti K. Phillips  
 Sheena Qaunaq  
 Ian Robinson  
 Julia von Hahn  
 Holly Underschultz  
 Fred Wien

Don Ross  
 Geoff Ryan  
 Ian Robinson  
 Heather Saggars  
 John Sam  
 Mee San Lee  
 Helen Schierer  
 Yvonne Scotchman  
 Lorna M. Shuter  
 Sarah Steinberg  
 Chelsea Stirling  
 Judy Syrette  
 Ken Tourand  
 James Tucker  
 Lorraine Whitman

Item	Details	Action
<p><b>1.0 Opening Prayer &amp; Remarks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elder Paddy Jim opened the meeting with a prayer.</li> <li>▪ The following introductions of CANDO Board members were made:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Terry Ma, Economic Development Director for the City of Iqaluit, CANDO Nunavut Director</li> <li>□ Don Parenteau, Clarence Campeau Development Fund – CANDO Secretary Treasurer &amp; Director, Saskatchewan</li> <li>□ Geri Collins, Manager, Aboriginal Community Futures Corporation, CANDO Co-President &amp; Director, Southern BC</li> <li>□ Ray Wanuch, Self-employment Facilitator and Manager of the Métis Business Development Corporation, CANDO Co-President &amp; Director, Alberta</li> <li>□ Elaine Chambers, General Manager of dāna Näye Ventures, CANDO Director, Yukon</li> <li>□ Junior Denny, Economic Development Officer with Eel Ground First Nation, Aboriginal Co-chair of Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI), New Brunswick Co-chair of Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Network, CANDO</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



	<p>Director, New Brunswick / Prince Edward Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Tracy Menge, Manager of Eskasoni Economic Development Corporation, CANDO Director, Nova Scotia / Newfoundland / Labrador</li> <li>□ Vaughn Sunday, Director of Economic Development for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, CANDO Director, Ontario</li> <li>□ Alfred Loon, Grande Council of Cree Regional Authority, CANDO Director, Quebec</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting convened at 1:28 pm.</li> <li>▪ The cooks (Elaine Chambers' mother and sister) were thanked for a beautiful meal. Elaine Chambers provided the moose meat for the stew.</li> <li>▪ Kwanlin Dun was thanked for donating the facility for the meeting.</li> <li>▪ CANDO Board members were overwhelmed with the attendance at the meeting.</li> <li>▪ Roundtable introductions were made with the use of a talking stick (donated to CANDO by Ray Wanuch – made by one of his students).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.0 Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delegates were asked if there were any additions to the agenda – no response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 01.09.16.03</b> Ken Tourand / Florence Gehue THAT the agenda be approved as presented. Carried</p>	
<p><b>3.0 2002 AGM Minutes</b></p>	<p><u>October 16, 2002 AGM Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delegates were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the 2002 AGM.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 02.09.16.03</b> Verna Billy-Minnabarriet / Yvonne Scotchman THAT the October 16, 2002 CANDO Annual General Meeting minutes be approved. Carried</p>	



<p><b>4.0 2002-2003 Annual Report</b></p>	<p><u>The Art of Building Capacity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The essence of CANDO.</li></ul> <p><u>Co-Presidents' Message</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Message from Geri Collins and Ray Wanuch.</li></ul> <p><u>The Art of Strengthening Relations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Especially community relations and membership services.</li><li>▪ This area includes some information on the 2002 AGM.</li></ul> <p><u>The Art of Learning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Education &amp; Certification</li><li>▪ Many Certified Technician Level EDO graduates are in the audience today. Hopefully there will be more on the way soon.</li></ul> <p><u>The Art of Sharing &amp; Supporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Advocacy Research and Policy</li><li>▪ Programs are researched and applied for, and we often land the money. This is due to the excellent staff working on these projects.</li></ul> <p><u>The Art of Demonstrating Accountability</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ CANDO is transparent and very accountable.</li></ul> <p><u>Board, Committees &amp; Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ CANDO has many dedicated people on various committees including representatives from universities, colleges, Aboriginal community based training organizations, corporate Canada and government.</li></ul> <p><u>The Art of Planning for the Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ CANDO's mission is: Building capacity to strengthen Aboriginal economies</li><li>➤ CANDO's vision is: <b>for EDOs...</b> That all Economic Development Officers who work for Aboriginal communities and organization have access to:</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The information they need;</li> <li>▪ The training they desire; and</li> <li>▪ The opportunities to network and serve their constituents in the area of economic development.</li> </ul> <p><b>For communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An aboriginal economy that is strong, vibrant, competitive and self-sustaining.</li> </ul> <p><b>For CANDO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To be the leading authority on Aboriginal community and economic development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 03.09.16.03</b> Don Ross / Carol Merrick THAT the 2002-2003 CANDO Annual Report (excluding financial statements) be approved. Carried</p>	
<b>5.0 Bylaw Registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tab 2 in the AGM books contained information from CANDO'S lawyer and Industry Canada regarding the Bylaw registration.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.0 Bylaws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tab 3 in the AGM books contained the updated version of the Bylaws.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.0 CANDO Financial Statements</b>	<p><u>March 31, 2003</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Don Parenteau thanked George Bohlender for his work as last year's Secretary Treasurer.</li> <li>▪ The March 31, 2003 financial statements were audited by EPR Gordon C. Ferguson &amp; Co.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Ferguson and Ross Mayer, CANDO Executive Director were not able to attend this meeting. If delegates have technical questions regarding the financial statements Don Parenteau will do his best to answer, however, this is Mr. Ferguson and Ross Mayer's area.</li> <li>▪ CANDO maintained full and transparent reporting internally and externally to all funding sources and to our membership.</li> <li>▪ The March 31, 2003 CANDO audited financial statements include a management's responsibility for financial reporting and auditors' report letters.</li> <li>▪ Based on the auditors' report CANDO</li> </ul>	



	<p>would not be able to carry on and sustain their programs without various funding agencies contributions. Western Economic Diversification (WD), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) have provided significant core and program support funding, and on behalf of the CANDO Board a big thank you to these organizations!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amortizing of computer equipment rate increased from 20% to 33.3% for depreciation purposes.</li> <li>▪ This year the CANDO and NIEEF financial statements are not consolidated as there is no apparent relationship between CANDO and NIEEF.</li> <li>▪ NIEEF statements are included for information only.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion 04.09.16.03</b> Don Parenteau / Verna Billy-Minnabarriet THAT the March 31, 2003 CANDO audited financial statements be approved as presented. Carried</p>	
<p><b>8.0 NIEEF Financial Statements</b></p>	<p>March 31, 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The National Indigenous Economic Education Fund (NIEEF) March 31, 2003 financial statements are included in the AGM books for information only.</li> <li>▪ This year the CANDO and NIEEF financial statements are not consolidated, as there is no apparent relationship between CANDO and NIEEF.</li> <li>▪ Any money earned in 2002, spent in 2003 is the reason for the loss in the NIEEF statements.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9.0 Membership</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Membership Form was included in the AGM books for information.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10.0 Policies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The CANDO Policies were included in the AGM books for information only.</li> </ul> <p><u>Update: 2002 Board Elections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Don Parenteau, new to the Board from Saskatchewan.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anne Howard was the Northern BC Board member representative. Anne resigned her position in the summer of 2003. As per the Election Procedures Policy, the runner up is to be offered the position. Victor Tom (the runner-up) was offered and accepted the Board seat for Northern BC.</li> <li>▪ Terry Ma, Nunavut, new to the Board.</li> <li>▪ Tracy Menge, Nova Scotia / Newfoundland / Labrador, new to the Board.</li> <li>▪ James Denny (Junior), New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, new to the Board.</li> <li>▪ Ray Wanuch, re-elected from Alberta.</li> <li>▪ Elaine Chambers, re-elected from the Yukon.</li> <li>▪ Cynthia James, re-elected from the Northwest Territories.</li> <li>▪ Vaughn Sunday, re-elected from Ontario.</li> <li>▪ Alfred Loon, re-elected from Quebec.</li> <li>▪ Geri Collins, re-elected from Southern BC.</li> </ul> <p><u>Elections required next year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saskatchewan</li> <li>▪ Manitoba (this seat is currently vacant, we would appreciate someone putting a nomination forward)</li> <li>▪ Northwest Territories</li> <li>▪ Northern BC</li> <li>▪ Alberta</li> <li>▪ Nova Scotia / Newfoundland / Labrador</li> <li>▪ Quebec</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In order to have offset Board membership terms, future terms will run for 3 years.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11.0 Other Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The staff introduced themselves, but mention should be made that CANDO has been very fortunate. The staff is hardworking, they have put a lot of time and effort into this conference.</li> <li>▪ A number of years ago, Geri Collins believed that CANDO was only about education and the Certification program. That is an extensive part of what CANDO does, but with the membership's help we have had significant growth. CANDO is meeting its mandate, and is truly accountable.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Thank you to our partners and sponsors and friends.</li><li>▪ Darrell Balkwill served as a Saskatchewan Board member for a long time, thank you to him.</li><li>▪ Rob Campbell was thanked for his support and contribution to CANDO.</li><li>▪ The Board made note of the contribution the staff have made throughout the year and mentioned that without them they just couldn't function.</li><li>▪ A significant accomplishment throughout the year was the first ever use of a "call for committee members". Through this process it broadened our membership participation.</li><li>▪ Appreciation was expressed for the outstanding contributions made by: Bob Anderson, Simon Brascoupé, Scott MacAulay, Warren Weir, Christine Wihak, and Fred Wien. The Standing Committee on Education &amp; Research members made the Certification Aboriginal Economic Development process become what it is today, setting standards and professionalism.</li></ul> <p><u>Questions from the floor:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Armand Barbeau works for the province of Manitoba practicing community and economic development, and is classified as a CANDO Associate member. Armand feels that according to the bylaws he should qualify as a Full member, as he works with Aboriginal communities (mostly Métis).<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Since Armand works for and is paid by the province, he qualifies for Associate membership, not Full membership. Manitoba does not have an Aboriginal population of over 50%. An offer was made to reconvene the Constitution and Bylaw committee at the direction of the membership.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Motion 05.09.16.03</b> Fred Koe / Stephen Ameyaw THAT the Constitution &amp; Bylaw Committee reconvenes for the purpose of clarifying</p>	
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	<p>membership qualifications and define region (as stated in section 3.2 of the Bylaws). Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rob Campbell pointed out that according to item 3.2 of the Bylaws, those working for public government are classified per region not province. Although Manitoba's Aboriginal population is only 16.2%, the Northern Manitoba Aboriginal population is over 50%. Rob recommended Armand Barbeau for Full membership and possibly a seat on the CANDO Board.</li><li>▪ Verna Billy-Minnabarriet commented that education institution representatives and student memberships also need to be clarified.</li></ul> <p><b>Motion 06.09.16.03</b> Verna Billy / Chelsea Stirling THAT the Constitution and Bylaw committee also take a look at how education institutions and their employees and/or students (working in the field) can qualify for Full membership. Carried Opposed: Alfred Loon, John Parkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ken Tourand inquired as to who makes up the Constitution &amp; Bylaw Committee.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The past committee members were: Verna Billy-Minnabarriet, Fred Koe, Thomas Droege, Geri Collins, Ross Mayer, and Darrell Balkwill. (Catherine Johnson and Bonnie Watts never participated).</li></ul></li><li>▪ Jeff Ryan asked if the Constitution &amp; Bylaw Committee could also define student membership.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Yes.</li></ul></li><li>▪ John Sam is from the Northeast Aboriginal Business Center in Fort St. John, which is in the heart of oil &amp; gas country. John Sam stated they have a hard time accessing funding as the Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) programs are only for youth. John</li></ul>	
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	<p>asked for direction for funding mechanisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A recommendation was made for John Sam to speak with Jeff Moore, National Director of Aboriginal Business Canada who will be presenting on Thursday, September 18, 2003.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Marie Baptiste commented that she would like to see environmental issues covered in a CANDO publication.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CANDO publishes a Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development. This topic could be taken under consideration for a future issue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Marcus Louie Sr. of the British Columbia Osoyoos Indian Band commented that the Yukon animals are far healthier than those in British Columbia. He invited delegates to come to BC and see for themselves.</li> <li>▪ The host community was once again thanked for their work on this conference / AGM.</li> <li>▪ Appreciation for the facility was expressed.</li> <li>▪ The 2003 Conference Committee was introduced: Ray Wanuch, Vaughn Sunday, Junior Denny, Tracy Menge, Stephen Ameyaw, Debra Alivisatos, Leanne Brassard, Robert Campbell, Ross Mayer, Jeri Melting Tallow – Healy, Veronica Vinge, Svitlana Konoval and Lisa Boychuk. The staff of däna Näye Ventures was thanked for their tremendous contribution.</li> <li>▪ The following staff members have left CANDO in the past year: Jessie Letendre, Anna Classen, Lona MacKay, and Verna McNab.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12.0 Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Motion 07.09.16.03</b> Ken Tourand THAT CANDO's 2003 Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Carried</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.</p>	

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Motions  
Na kwa ta ku Potlach House  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
Tuesday, September 16, 2003**

**Motion 01.09.16.03**

Ken Tourand / Florence Gehue  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried

**Motion 02.09.16.03**

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet / Yvonne Scotchman  
THAT the October 16, 2002 CANDO Annual General Meeting minutes be approved.  
Carried

**Motion 03.09.16.03**

Don Ross / Carol Merrick  
THAT the 2002-2003 CANDO Annual Report (excluding financial statements) be approved.  
Carried

**Motion 04.09.16.03**

Don Parenteau / Verna Billy-Minnabarriet  
THAT the March 31, 2003 CANDO audited financial statements be approved as presented.  
Carried

**Motion 05.09.16.03**

Fred Koe / Stephen Ameyaw  
THAT the Constitution & Bylaw Committee reconvenes for the purpose of clarifying membership qualifications and define region (as stated in section 3.2 of the Bylaws).  
Carried.

**Motion 06.09.16.03**

Verna Billy / Chelsea Stirling  
THAT the Constitution and Bylaw committee also take a look at how education institutions and their employees and/or students (working in the field) can qualify for Full membership.  
Carried  
Opposed: Alfred Loon, Bill Kadachuk

**Motion 07.09.16.03**

Ken Tourand  
THAT CANDO's 2003 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.  
Carried