

## **Minutes Board of General Purposes**

**Date: November 26th 2016**

**In attendance:** Gary Patterson, George O'Leary, John Cody, George Grant, Daniel Campbell, Graham Shauffenburg, Holger Mueller-Sparenberg, Russell Mayne, Donald MacLeod, Leslie Graham, Ian Ferguson, Rick Crawford, Sandy Buchan, George Broome, Terry Read, Dale Slack, Peter Ponsford, Gerald Riley, Owen Walton, Leigh MacConnell, Darrell Grant, David White, Richard Pentland, John Cameron, Frank Gammell, Gary Smith, David MacDonald, Jack Boyd, John Dillon, Scott MacAskill

**Regrets:** James Luddington, Harold Crosby, David Richardson, Norman Rushton, Andrew Beeler, Lawrin Armstrong, Reo Matthews, Shane MacFarlane, Robert Turner

**Observers:** Jonathan Welton, Bob Cowley, John Dollimount, Robert Evans, Gary Galley

**Opening Remarks:** Chairman Bro. Gary Patterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested that all Brethren ensure that they sign the sign in sheet before they leave to-day. He also requested that when speaking, each Brother identify themselves. He then asked Bro. Leigh MacConnell to lead the assembly in prayer. Following the prayer, a moment of silence was extended for our departed Brethren! The Chairman then invited all of the Brethren present to introduce themselves for the benefit of all of the other Brethren present. Following the introductions regret from absent Brethren were given.

The Chairman then called on the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to grace the assembly with a few words. M. W. Bro. O'Leary thanked the Brethren for coming and extended his thanks to all of the Chairmen of the committees for sending in their reports and making the job of the Board and Grand Secretary easier. As it was only five weeks to Christmas he extended his best wishes to everyone for a great holiday season.

It was then duly moved by Bro. David White and seconded by Bro. Rick Crawford that the Chairman be able to adjust the agenda as necessary.

**Motion Carried**

Chairman Patterson then indicated that he would entertain any additions to the agenda.

Bro. Leigh MacConnell noted that he would like to ask a question about the e-mails to the Secretaries of the Lodges and about the Bios of those Brethren being nominated for future Grand Lodge offices.

A question arose as to whether we should be making adjustment to the published agenda. The Chairman addressed the issue relating that it has been a tradition within the Fraternity to make adjustments to the agenda if the Brethren so wished. He related that there were times when something unexpected arose which was not on the published agenda and was considered important by the Board members and should be discussed and handled appropriately. Bro. Patterson indicated that unless the Board desired the practice be discontinued, he would continue with the practice.

The Chairman then called upon the Secretary of the Board to present the Minutes of the previous meeting of September 14, 2016. The Secretary noted that there were some typographic errors and a date that required changing and thanked the Brethren who brought the changes to his attention. It was then duly moved by Bro. Campbell and seconded by Bro. Gerald Riley that the Minutes be approved as distributed and amended.

**Motion Carried**

Bro. Owen Walton brought expressions of appreciation from Bro. Bob Danson for whom the Brethren of the Board signed a card which was delivered by Bro. Walton.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

The Chairman called upon Bro. George Grant to follow-up with the Committee on the Condition of the Order from our previous meeting. Bro. Grant then turned the floor over to Bro. Frank Gammell who, as directed at the September meeting of the Board, brought back to the meeting moved the following motion:

That the current Regulation V subsection 8 be deleted and replaced with:

8.(a) The Warrant of the Lodge and Seal shall be presented to the Grand Master (or his designate) at the conclusion of the meeting at which Discontinuation of the Lodge takes place.

(b) The minute Books and all records kept by the Secretary and Historian as well as all of the Treasurers books and records (including those of bank accounts and any securities held), pass books etc. shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia no more than 30 days after such meeting of Discontinuation. The Motion was then seconded by Bro. Leigh MacConnell.

Following some discussion, it was questioned as to why subsection 8 should be deleted and replaced with 8(a) and (b) noting that it appears that Committee on the Condition of the Order were working from an incorrect edition of the Regulations. It was then amended by Bro. Gammell that Regulation V be amended by adding sections 9(a) and (b) with the wording staying the same as in the original motion. The amendment was then seconded by Leigh MacConnell.

The question was called on the amendment!

**Motion Carried**

Bro. Chairman then called for any discussion on the motion as amended.

A question arose as to what happens to the Lodge funds after a Lodge closes. Are the funds turned over to Grand Lodge? It was noted that Lodge funds are Lodge funds and it is the Lodge that determines how the funds should be distributed on closing.

Bro. Graham Shauffenburg then made the following amendment to item (b):

The Treasurer's books and financial records (including those of bank accounts and any securities held), pass books etc. shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as soon as the financial responsibilities of the Lodge are completed with an interim report to be handed into Grand Lodge within 45 days of the Discontinuation of the Lodge. The amendment was duly seconded by Bro. Rick Crawford.

**Motion Carried**

The Chairman then called for the question on the original motion as amended!

### **Motion Carried**

Bro. Chair then asked if there were any other questions for the Committee on the Condition of the order. Bro. MacConnell raised the question re Recommendation 8 to enquire if anything has for clarification is pending. Following some discussion it was noted that clarification on Recommendation will be brought forth at the February meeting of the Board.

Bro. Patterson then requested that the Grand Lecturer address the meeting re the Mentor Program revisions. It was noted that the Mentor Program was there as a guide and that the new Mentor Program Guidelines were there to encourage the Lodges to utilize the program. It was noted that the Mentor Program was not the ritual.

Bro. Dan Campbell then reported that the PR Committee would have a more detailed report at our February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board. It was recommended by a member of the Board that a summary of committee expenditures be submitted, not only by the PR Committee but all Committees of the Board with a budget, in their report to the Board. Following some discussion it was recommended that if the member wants committee reports have a summary of expenses in their reports that he bring a motion before the Board to change the Policies and Procedures of the Board to reflect this issue. It was noted that in the minutes of the September meeting that the PR Committee would provide a detailed report of expenditures at the next meeting of the Board. It was noted that the only funds spent by the PR committee was for the Float and nothing has been spent from this budget to-date!

The Chairman of the Board then called on Bro. Owen Walton as chair of the Committee reviewing the Handbook of Ceremonies Part III, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers to address the Board. Bro. Walton related that the committee has met and made some changes to the Handbook of which copies have been distributed to the Board members.

It was moved by Bro. Owen Walton and seconded by Bro. Dave White that the amendments to the Handbook of Ceremonies Part III, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers be accepted as distributed. Following discussion a question arose as to whether the Handbook should be sent out to all of the Brethren of the Jurisdiction for their consideration and input. Bro. Patterson noted that the scope of this particular Handbook is quite limited as it only deals with the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers but it will be the Board that decides what should be done.

It was noted that the document is not in question but that consistency in dealing with any Handbooks or documents coming before the Board is important. In the past such documents were distributed to the members for their consideration and opportunity for input. It was felt that the same procedure should be followed in this instance.

**It was then moved by Bro. David White and seconded by Bro. Leigh MacConnell that the Motion be Tabled until such time it has been distributed and the Motion to accept as amended and distributed be presented at the next Board meeting.**

## Motion Carried

Bro. Campbell indicated that he would ensure that the document would be distributed to the Brethren along with the information that a motion would be presented at the February Board of the General Purposes to accept the Handbook of Ceremonies Part III, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers as amended and distributed.

As we were still under unfinished business, Bro. Chairman called upon Bro. Leigh MacConnell to see if he was ready to present his motion. Bro. MacConnell then moved, the following revisions (in bold) to Regulation VI, Regalia, section 4, General (a):

### 4 General

- (a) No brother shall be admitted to Grand Lodge, or to any Lodge, unless in proper Masonic Clothing. The Masonic Apron shall be **frontally** worn, fully visible, on the outside of the jacket (business suit, sports jacket or tuxedo suit). **The following exceptions to this practice shall be:**
  - (i) The apron may be worn inside the jacket of a **Morning Suit** or formal black coat with tails or Highland **Dress** jacket.
  - (ii) **After affiliation with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, a brother may choose to wear the apron of the recognized jurisdiction from which he originated in accordance with the design, markings, shape and mode of wearing that is the accepted practice of that jurisdiction.**

The motion was seconded by Bro. Graham Shauffenburg.

An amendment was made by Bro. Owen Walton and seconded by Bro. Dan Campbell that the wording "mode of wearing" be struck from the motion.

Following discussion on the amendment, the amendment was **Defeated.**

The Chairman then called for the question and vote on the original motion as presented and the

## Motion was Carried

A question arose as to procedure as to whether all members should be voting as not all members voted on the last motion. It was noted that there is nothing in the Constitution or Regulations that state all Brethren must vote on a motion brought before the Board meetings and do have a right to abstain.

The Chair then asked Bro. Campbell to present his motion to the Board.

Bro. Campbell then presented the following motion.

That the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova purchase the rights to the Data Base program from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon at the one time cost of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars).

The motion was seconded by Bro. Gary Smith.

During the discussion following the motion, it was noted that the Grand Treasurer indicated that although not budgeted for, we could amortize the cost over a five year period at a cost of \$1000.00 per year.

Following a great deal of discussion the motion was amended by Bro. Frank Gammell to add that the expenditure be approved from the previously approved \$20,000.0 approved by the Board. Seconded by Graham Shauffenburg.

It was noted that the \$20,000 approved by last year was no longer in effect as it was approved in last year's budget. Following discussion the amendment to the motion was withdrawn and a vote was taken on the original motion.

**Motion Carried**

The Chairman then called upon Bro. Campbell to give a brief report on the Web Site.

Bro. Campbell provided an update indicating that the members of the Committee have met and that we will be updating the Web Site at no cost to Grand Lodge.

In absence of the Grand Treasurer it was moved by Bro. David White and seconded by Bro. Rick Crawford that the financial report be adopted as distributed.

**Motion Carried**

The Chairman then called on the Grand Lecturer to give a brief report on the status of the District Education Officer. He then moved acceptance and approval of the guidelines for the District Education Officer. The motion was seconded by Bro. Dave White.

**Motion Carried**

Brother Chairman then called upon Bro. Peter Ponsford, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Review Committee of the Board of General Purposes to give a brief update on the submitted report. Bro. Ponsford noted that the draft schedule of the Committees that was distributed was actually a part of the written report even though it was sent separately. He requested that members of the Board look at the draft committee structure and point out any discrepancies or errors. He thanked the committee and the committee chairs for their co-operation. He related that the committee would be looking at the structure of the Board of General Purposes, the membership, who should vote and who should not vote, No. of past Grand Masters appropriate to be on the Board, and that another report will be brought to the next meeting of the Board of General Purposes. It was then duly moved by Bro. Ponsford and seconded by Bro. Gerald Riley that the Report of the Review Committee be accepted as distributed.

One question arose on the question and it was noted that the Elected District Representatives are not well represented on the draft Committee Structure of the Board. It was suggested that at the very least, a District Representative, at least one, should be on every committee and put to work for the Board.

It was recommended that a note be sent to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Board of General Purposes be sent into the Committee for their consideration.

Bro. John Cameron explained why the DDGM's were selected to be on the Long Range Planning Committee and not the Elected District Representatives.

Board Chairman, Bro. Gary Patterson indicated that while he agrees that the Elected District Representatives should be on more committees, there are many factors to be considered when selection the various committees.

The question being called for the Chairman called for the vote.

#### **Motion Carried**

The Chairman then called on Bro. Paul Frank, Chair of the Annual Review Committee to give a report. In the absence of Bro. Frank, Bro. Patterson related that the idea of the Committee is to review the operation of the Board of General Purposes over the past year to make sure that we are dealing with the issues that come before the Board. If we are satisfying the mandate of the Board. In the absence of Bro. Frank the Chairman indicated that he would contact Bro. Frank to obtain clarification on the report sent into the Board. It was noted by one DDGM that he took exception to the wording in regard to the fact that the DDGM's are representative of the Grand Master stating that 'DDGM's are not only the Grand Master's representative to the Brethren but also the Brethren's representative to the Grand Master and as such should be full members of the Board'.

and should be ex-officio members of the Board and another member of the Board related that he thinks the comments of the DDGM should be seriously considered.

All of the reports being covered at this point in the meeting, Brother Chairman called upon Brother Campbell to present his notices of motion.

It was noted by Bro. John Cameron that the Long Range Planning Committee report was overlooked. Bro. Cameron then moved and it was duly seconded by Bro. Leigh MacConnell that the Long Range Planning Committee Report be approved as distributed.

#### **Motion Carried**

Bro. Dan Campbell then presented his notices of motion as follows:

#### **1.**

I Daniel G. Campbell, Grand Secretary, will move or cause to be moved at the February 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of General Purposes the following amendment to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia under Regulation II Membership, Section 13, Withdrawal of Member, Page 14. Sub-section (b) and adding sub-section (c). **(Changes in Bold)**

- (a) Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, shall signify such desire to the Secretary, in writing, which shall be read in open Lodge, whereupon , provided he is in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge for dues, he shall be entitled to his demit, which shall be granted after it lies on the table twenty-eight days.

- (b) If the necessity of the case calls for immediate action, **and at the request of the Brother requesting the demit**, if the Lodge is satisfied that the brother is in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge for dues, the application may be dealt with forthwith and demit granted, as of the date of such application.
- (c) **Other than as stated in (b) above, the effective date of the requested demit shall be December 31 of the calendar year in which said demit has been requested. At any time between the date of the request for the demit and the effective date of the demit, at the request of the Brother, the demit will be withdrawn, and he will remain a member in good standing in the Lodge.**

Following the approval of the proposed amendments to Regulation II Membership, Section 13 Withdrawal of Member,

**2**

I Daniel G. Campbell, Grand Secretary will move or caused to be moved at the February 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of General Purposes **that the Demit Form be revised to include the effective date of the demit as well as information directing a Brother to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which inform him of how he can petition for re-affiliation with his former Lodge and / or petition for affiliation with another Lodge within this Jurisdiction, as presented in Appendix A**

Rationale: The motion will clarify when a granted demit comes into effect; and the process he must follow if he wishes to be re-instated after the year following the demit. This would also require a change in the Demit form as attached.

# MEMBERS



# DEMIT

## Appendix A

**This is to certify** that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is a  
Worthy Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_ On the Register of the Grand Lodge of Nova  
Scotia, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at \_\_\_\_\_  
Nova Scotia and that he, having expressed a desire to withdraw  
from that Lodge, has paid up all dues to this date and otherwise  
complied with the requirements of the Constitution and  
Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the By Laws  
of this Lodge.

This Demit becomes effective as of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Given** under our Hand and the Seal of this Lodge on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20 \_\_\_\_, and of  
Light A. L. 60 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Worshipful Master  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senior Warden  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Junior Warden

**Important Note: After the effective date of the demit, for re-affiliation with former Lodge refer to Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Regulation II, Membership, Section 11, page 13; for affiliation with a new Lodge refer to Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Regulation II, Membership, Section 10, page 12.**

3.

I Daniel G. Campbell, Grand Secretary will move or cause to be moved at the February 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of General Purposes the following Changes to Regulation IV Consolidation of Lodges, section 2, page 20 which states:

“The members of each Lodge shall be entitled to at least two months’ notice, in writing before the meeting of the Lodges at which such proposition is to be submitted and considered.”,

to:

**“The members of each Lodge shall be entitled to receive, in writing, a notice of the proposed consolidation, two months prior to the meeting of the Lodges at which such proposition is to be submitted and considered.”**

Explanation: This will clarify any confusion as to whether a notice is only given once, two months prior to the meeting and not given twice, one at each meeting before the actual meeting at which the proposition is to be submitted and considered.

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I Daniel G. Campbell, Grand Secretary will move or cause to be moved at the February 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of General Purposes the following Changes to Regulation V Discontinuance of Lodges, section 2 page 21 which states:

“Members of the Lodge shall be entitled to a minimum of two months’ notice in writing, before the meeting at which a motion to close and discontinue operating is to be considered.

To:

**“The members of the Lodge shall be entitled to receive in writing, a notice of the proposal to close the Lodge and discontinue operation, along with the wording of Sections 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) of Regulation V Discontinuance of Lodges, two months prior to the meeting at which a motion to close and discontinue operating is to be considered.”**

Explanation: This will clarify any confusion as to whether a notice is only given once, two months prior to the meeting and not given twice, one each meeting before the actual meeting at which the proposition is to be submitted and considered.

And Further to Changes to Regulation V Discontinuance of Lodges, section 3, page 22 which states:

“A motion to close a Lodge and discontinue operating must be approved by no less than seventy-five (75) percent of the members, voting either in person or by proxy.”

To amend the wording as follows (with amendment in Bold Print, and renumber original section 3 as 3(a) and add sections 3(b) and 3(c), (In Bold Print)

**3 (a)** A motion to close a lodge and discontinue operating must be approved by no less than seventy-five (75) percent of the **total membership of the Lodge, who must vote**, either in person or by proxy vote.

**3 (b) Proxy votes may be sent into the Secretary by Canada Post in an envelope marked 'Proxy Vote', via e-mail, (also marked proxy vote) or personally via telephone. The envelopes marked 'proxy vote' will not be opened until they are given to the scrutineers at the meeting at which the vote will be taken. The results sent in by e-mail and telephone will be recorded by the Secretary, kept confidential, and given to the scrutineers on the evening on which the vote is taken, to be tabulated with the votes of the members present at the meeting. Following the vote conducted by secret ballot, after the ballot is declared closed, the results tabulated and the motion declared carried or defeated by the Worshipful Master, all proxy votes, e-mail proxy votes and telephone tabulations will be gathered together and sealed in an envelope and retained until after the Grand Master has given his approval to close the Lodge. Once the Grand Master approves the Lodge closure, all ballots are to be immediately destroyed.**

**3 (c) Members absent from the meeting at which the vote is taken and do not send in their proxy vote either via Canada Post, e-mail or telephone, will be deemed to be voting in favour of the motion to close the Lodge. A statement to this effect is to be prominently displayed with the Notice of Motion in the Lodge notice for the meeting at which the motion will be dealt with.**

Rationale: As presently stated, there appears to be some confusion as to whether only those present at the meeting and those who send in their proxy votes are to be counted during the balloting process. The manner in which the amendment is written should clarify the voting process to determine whether a Lodge should close and discontinue operating. The process deeming the failure to send in a proxy to be in favour of the motion has been used for the past number of years by many Lodges voting to close and discontinue operating. This motion will sanction that process which has been given approval by a number of Grand Masters and provides clarity to the voting process.

New Business:

1. The Chairman of the Board appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Bro. Norm Beattie, Bro. Scott MacAskill and Bro. Dan Campbell to review the Secretary's Handbook which is an extremely important document for our Constituent Lodge Secretaries. Brother Chairman then requested a motion giving the Board's approval of the formation of this Ad Hoc Committee. It was duly moved by Bro. Gerald Riley and seconded by Bro. George O'Leary that the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Secretary's Handbook be approved. **Motion Carried**
2. The Chairman then proposed the formation of a new Committee on the Condition of the Order for the year 2016 consisting of Brothers: A. W. Bill Stevens (3), Don MacLean (2), Frank Gammell (1), Robert Turner (2) and Robin Lawrie(1) and called for a motion of approval of the Board. It was duly moved by Bro. Rick Crawford and seconded by Bro. Dave White that the Committee on the Condition of the Order as presented by approved. **Motion Carried**

**Points of Clarification raised by Bro. Leigh MacConnell:**

1. Is any consideration being given to Lodges in which their Secretaries do not have a computer, to send the information via Canada Post. It was noted that all of the Lodges do have access to a computer either through the Lodge Secretary or another computer literate member of the Lodge who can deal with the information sent to the Lodges via e-mail. However if any Lodge is having difficulty and does not have access to a computer, we will definitely send the information via Canada Post.
2. In the past a biography of those Brethren nominated for the Grand Lodge Line Offices was forwarded to the Brethren so that all Brethren will have an opportunity to review the Biographies

and have a better idea for whom they will be voting. Bro. Campbell noted the practice of requesting Biographies when applying for a nomination for Grand Lodge Offices will be commenced again this year and will be continued in the future.

**General Remarks:**

1. It was noted that the Dec. issue of the NS Freemason had some excellent articles in it and that all Brethren should take the time to read this issue
2. A question was raised as to when the Budget should be brought before the Board with the recommendation that it may be better to have the proposed budget prepared by the end of June and sent out to all of the Lodges over the summer for input and brought to a meeting in the first week of October rather than at the September meeting. It was noted that in order to have a proposed budget ready for June, the actual work would have to be done in May and that may be too early to prepare a credible budget for the following year. Sending the proposed budget to the Lodges over the summer, would give all of the Lodges time to review and discuss the Budget by the end of September and pass along any comments to their Elected District Representatives and / or DDGM's to bring to the meeting in October. The decision made was to have the Secretary check to see if the meeting room was available for the first week in October and report back to the Board in February. Further decision about the date by which the budget should be prepared, and whether it should be made available to the entire membership will be discussed at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.
3. It was noted that a couple of Lodges in Cape Breton were having difficulties meeting on a monthly basis and they would like to meet on alternate months. The question was asked if it was possible and how they would go about arranging the change. Bro. Campbell indicated that there are a couple of situations similar to what the two Cape Breton Lodges are asking for but in order to obtain permission to change from what is stated in their by-laws, they should seek a temporary dispensation from the Grand Master, until a final decision is made to change their By-laws and the By-laws are approved by the Grand Master.

There being nothing further to bring before the Meeting, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then called for a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until our next meeting to be held at Tru-Fel Lodge on February 25, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted:



Daniel G. Campbell, PGM  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

## Submitted Written Reports

### Appendix A Attachments via pdf files

1. Public Relations Report
2. Web Site / Data Base Report
3. Ad Hoc Committee Report on Handbook of Ceremonies Part III Installation GL Officers
4. Finance Committee Report
5. Masonic Renewal Committee Report
6. Grand Lecturer Report
7. Review Committee Report
8. Long Range Planning Committee Report
9. Annual Review Committee Report
10. Motions / Notices of Motions

### Motions made by the Board of General Purposes on November 26, 2016 requiring action:

1. It was duly moved by Brother Frank Gammell and seconded by Brother Leigh MacConnell that current Regulation V Discontinuance of Lodges be amended by adding no. 9(a) and 9(b) as stated below:

9(a). The Warrant of the Lodge and Seal shall be presented to the Grand Master (or his designate) at the conclusion of the meeting at which Discontinuation of the Lodge takes place.

9(b). The minute Books and all records kept by the Secretary and Historian shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia no more than 30 days after such meeting of Discontinuation. The Treasurer's books and financial records (including those of bank accounts and any securities held), pass books etc. shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as soon as the financial responsibilities of the Lodge are completed with an interim report to be handed into Grand Lodge within 45 days of the Discontinuation of the Lodge. **Motion Carried**

2. It was duly moved by Brother Leigh MacConnell and seconded by Brother David White that the following revisions be made to Regulation VI, Regalia, section 4 General
  - (a) No Brother shall be admitted to Grand Lodge, or to any Lodge, unless in proper Masonic clothing. The Masonic Apron shall be frontally worn, fully visible, on the outside of the jacket (business

suit, sports jacket or tuxedo suit) with the following exceptions to this practice:

(i). the apron may be worn inside the jacket of a Morning Suit or formal black coat with tails or Highland Dress jacket.

(ii). After affiliation with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, a brother may choose to wear the apron of the recognized jurisdiction from which he originated in accordance with the design, markings, shape and mode of wearing that is the accepted practice of that jurisdiction .

**Motion Carried**

3. It was moved by Bro. Dan Campbell and seconded by Brother Gary Smith that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia purchase the rights to the Data Base program from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon at the one time cost of \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars).

**Motion Carried**

**Actions Required following November 26, 2016 Board Meeting**

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Clarification of Recommendation 8, Com. on Cond. Of the Order, Review DDGM Handbook and what is acceptable to the DDGM as representation of Degree Work during his official visit, report back To Board with recommendations.	Committee on Masonic Renewal	February 25, 2017

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Distribute Handbook of Ceremonies Part III to Membership for discussion And input along with notice of motion To be presented to Board at Feb. meeting	Dan Campbell	ASAP

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Changes to Regulations as determined By the Board of General Purposes at This meeting be distributed to the Brethren as soon as possible	Grand Secretary	ASAP

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Regulation V Discontinuance of Lodges, be up dated as amended At this meeting	Grand Secretary	ASAP

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
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Regulation VI Regalia Section 4  
General be up dated as amended  
At this meeting

Grand Secretary

ASAP

**Action**

Ad Hoc Committee to Review  
Secretary's Handbook and return  
With a revised document

**Responsible**

Bro. Norman Beattie  
Bro.Scott MacAskill  
Bro. Dan Campbell

**Due Date**

once completed

**Action**

Availability of Tru-Fel Lodge  
For 1<sup>st</sup> week in October

**Responsible**

Grand Secretary

**Due Date**

February 25, 2017