



**THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA**  
Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, British Columbia

**53<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**May 7-10, 2018**

**MINUTES**

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**FIRST BUSINESS SESSION**  
**TUESDAY MAY 7, 2018**

The Chair, Rev. D. Wells, called the first business session to order at 1:35 PM. Appreciation was expressed to the BC/Yukon District, including Rev. K. Russell, District Superintendent.

The Chair invited K. Russell to bring greetings from the BC/Yukon District. K. Russell opened the conference in prayer.

**GUESTS**

Rev. D. Hazzard recognized and honoured the former Executive Officers and invited those in attendance to stand: Rev. D. Ball, Rev. Wm. Griffin, Rev. S. Hunter, Rev. L. Markham, Rev. K. Parks, Rev. R. Schmunk, Rev. R. Taitinger and Rev. G. Upton. Mrs. S. Birch-Bonikowsky and Mrs. L. Cornelius-Warkentin, spouses of former officers, were also recognized and honoured. Rev. Wm. Morrow was unable to attend. The delegates welcomed the former Executive Officers.

Rev. M. Cornelius recognized our international guests: D. and A. Salbashian, Jordan Assemblies of God; P. Adhikary and S. Adhikary, Pentecostal Assemblies of Bangladesh; M. and A. Zowa, Pentecostal Assemblies of Zimbabwe; M. Kamolmatyaku, Full Gospel Assemblies of Thailand; P. Frimpong-Mano and P. Dsane, Ghana Assemblies of God. He welcomed Global Workers and Mission Canada workers in attendance.

The Chair welcomed Rev. T. Snow and Rev. C. Buckle, guests from The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. Rev. T. Snow was invited to bring greetings. The conference expressed gratitude to Rev. C. Buckle for his many years of service with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the PAOC International Missions Committee.

The Chair invited Rev. G. Mundis, Executive Director of the Assemblies of God World Missions, to bring greetings from the Assemblies of God.

The Chair welcomed Rev. D. DiStaulo, General Superintendent of the Canadian Assemblies of God, Rev. W. Mills, Apostolic Church of Pentecost, Bishop G. McDonald, Pentecostal Holiness Church of Canada, Rev. B. Slauenwhite, CEO of Compassion Canada, and Rev. D. Freeman, Vice President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The Chair noted that this conference is ruled by the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the parliamentary procedures will be ruled by *Robert's Rules of Order*, and introduced the parliamentarians, P. Doroshuk, R. Davis and D. Demchuk.

GC 18-01 **VOTING BAR:** It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the delegates wearing blue lanyards denote voting privileges, establishing the voting bar. **CARRIED**

GC 18-02 **MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved as printed and distributed. **CARRIED**

GC 18-03 **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the conference committees be approved as printed and distributed in the conference manual. CARRIED

GC 18-04 **AGENDA OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> CONFERENCE:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Agenda be approved as presented to the conference. CARRIED

GC 18-05 **ROSTER REPORT #1:**  
The Chair called for a reading of the roster report.

The Chair of the Roster Committee, T. Couch, read Roster Report #1.

**VOTING**

Credential – Voting / Department Heads	536
Lay Delegate	43
<b>Sub-Total Voting</b>	<b>579</b>

**NON-VOTING**

Credential – Non-Voting	134
Visitor	441
<b>Sub-Total Non-Voting</b>	<b>575</b>

**GRAND TOTAL ATTENDANCE 1,154**

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #1 be accepted as read. CARRIED

GC 18-06 **RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER:** The following pre-nomination ballots resulted in a ratification ballot for D. Hazzard for the position of General Secretary Treasurer.

Ballots Cast	333
Ballots Required to Elect	219
Votes Received	275 (82.5%)

The ratification ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

D. Wells vacated the chair to give the General Superintendent's Report. D. Hazzard assumed the chair.

GC 18-07 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:** D. Wells expressed appreciation for the privilege of being able to lead the PAOC into our centenary year, which will culminate in fruition as we host the Pentecostal World Conference in Calgary August 27-30, 2019.

P. Khosla, SERVE Campus Coordinator for Mission Canada and Communications Coordinator for the Office of the General Superintendent, was invited to share information about "The Loop", a new initiative in digital communications within the fellowship. The Loop is moving toward a full launch in the fall of 2018.

V. Johnson was invited to share on the progress of the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths (SOFET) refresh project. The final statement will be presented at the 2020 General Conference.

P. Miller was invited to provide an update on the PAOC Statement of Affirmation Regarding Gender Equality in Leadership. Once finalized the Statement will be posted on the PAOC website as a readily accessible resource regarding our stance on the role of women in ministry. D. Wells reiterated the PAOC's affirmation of women in ministry, which was followed by an expression of appreciation by the conference.

B. Egert was invited to share highlights of the work of Mission Canada.

G. Taitinger was invited to provide information on the Church Revitalization Network, an initiative to provide assistance to PAOC churches in the area of revitalization.

B. Clemenger of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) was invited to the platform, along with J. Pellowe of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC). Prayer was offered for an outpouring of the Spirit on our country and our churches.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the General Superintendent. CARRIED

The conference expressed appreciation for D. Wells for his excellent leadership.

D. Hazzard vacated the chair. D. Wells resumed the chair.

**GC 18-08 RESULTS OF THE RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER:**

Ballots Cast	424
Votes Received	411 (96.9%)

D. Hazzard was re-elected as the General Secretary Treasurer and expressed appreciation to the conference for the vote of confidence.

P. Doroshuk led the conference in prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Hazzard.

**GC 18-09 RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:**

The following pre-nomination ballots resulted in a ratification ballot for M. Cornelius for the position of Executive Director for International Missions.

Ballots Cast	328
Ballots Required to Elect	216
Votes Received	293 (89.3%)

The ratification ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

**GC 18-10 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TREASURER:** D. Hazzard presented a video report highlighting the various areas of ministry within Fellowship Services.

Total revenues of \$22,734,989 in 2016 and \$22,873,414 in 2017 respectively represented a 4.4% increase over the last biennium. Total revenue has increased 4.5% over the past five years. A total of 26 new churches were either planted or welcomed into the PAOC since the 2016 General Conference.

D. Hazzard reported on the PAOC Foundation, providing opportunity for individuals in our congregations to make donations to the Foundation, which are then directed to missional work in alignment with EFC and other partners.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the December 31, 2017 Audited Financial Report. CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED to receive the report of the General Secretary Treasurer. CARRIED

**GC 18-11 RESULTS OF THE RATIFICATION BALLOT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:**

Ballots Cast	413
Votes Received	404 (97.8%)

M. Cornelius was re-elected as the Executive Director for International Missions and expressed appreciation to the conference for the vote of confidence.

B. Cantelon led the conference in prayer for Rev. & Mrs. Cornelius.

GC 18-12

**FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

**Nominees:**

Rev. D. Smith	British Columbia & Yukon
Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
Rev. K. Raymer	Western Ontario
Rev. J. Hutchison	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
Rev. R. Rust	Quebec
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, H. Armoogan, was asked to begin presenting the Resolutions.

GC 18-13

**RESOLUTION #1** By-Law 8.1.1.1 National Credentials Committee  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the National Credentials Committee issues credentials once they have received recommendations regarding credentials from the district executive or the International Missions Operations Committee;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 8.1.1.1 be amended by addition as follows:*

**8.1.1 NATIONAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**8.1.1.1 PURPOSE**

This committee shall receive recommendations regarding credentials from the district executive or International Missions Operations Committee, issue all credentials of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and process exceptional credential matters recommended by the districts.

CARRIED

GC 18-14

**RESOLUTION #2** By-Law 8.4.3.2.1 Education Standards Committee  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the Education Standards Committee discusses matters that affect ministerial credentials;*

*AND WHEREAS the General Superintendent and the General Secretary Treasurer form the National Credentials Committee and are responsible for issuing credentials;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 8.4.3.2.1 be amended for the inclusion as follows:*

**8.4.3.2 ORGANIZATION**

**8.4.3.2.1** The Education Standards Committee shall include the General Superintendent, the General Secretary Treasurer, the presidents and academic deans of the post-secondary institutions of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the deans of the seminaries, and one member of the Superintendents Committee, as appointed by the Superintendents Committee.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #3** By-Law 3.3.1.1 Nominations: Executive Officers Committee  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the International Office may wish to use electronic nomination or electronic voting options for General Conferences;*

*AND WHEREAS the option to send information electronically is widely used;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 3.3.1.1 be amended as follows:*

### **3.3 NOMINATIONS**

#### **3.3.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE**

- 3.3.1.1** A pre-conference nomination ballot for each executive officer position shall be mailed sent 90 days prior to General Conference to all members eligible to vote at General Conference, as described in Article 7, and to lay delegates who have been duly appointed and recorded with the office of the General Secretary Treasurer at least 90 days prior to General Conference, to be returned ~~postmarked~~ date-stamped no later than 60 days prior to Conference. The pre-conference nomination ballot shall be mailed sent together with a description of the qualifications, responsibilities and duties of the elected Executive Officers Committee.

*AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 14 be amended as follows:*

#### **ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any regularly called session of the General Conference, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted 90 days prior thereto, in writing, through the General Secretary Treasurer, to the General Executive. Notice of the public posting of proposed amendments on The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada web site shall be mailed sent to each member of the General Conference (Article 7) not later than 60 days prior to the General Conference. A ~~printed~~ copy will be mailed sent to any member of the General Conference upon request. Amendments to the constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting.

*AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 12.8.1.4 (Meetings: District Conference) be amended as follows:*

- 12.8.1.4** Notice of meeting shall contain the time and place of meeting and, in the case of special meetings, shall also contain a concise statement of the business to be dealt with at the meeting. Notices shall be ~~forwarded by ordinary post~~ sent to each member ~~at the member's last known address~~, and to the secretary of each assembly as recorded, for the time being, in the annual assembly questionnaire, not later than two months prior to the annual meeting, and not later than 10 days prior to the time of any special meeting.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #4** By-Law 9.3.2.2 and 9.3.3.3 Bible Colleges and Seminaries  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS Bible Colleges and Seminaries are supported by one or more districts;*

*AND WHEREAS Boards of Governors are required to obtain prior approval from supporting district conferences before implementing major building projects and significant new programs;*

*AND WHEREAS it may be more practical for Bible Colleges and Seminaries, when implementing major building projects and significant new programs, to be directed by the decision of the supporting district executives or other appropriate body rather than one or more district conferences;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 9.3.2.2 (Bible Colleges) and By-Law 9.3.3.3 (Seminaries) be amended as follows:

**9.3.2.2** The board of governors shall obtain prior approval from supporting districts, as outlined in district policy, conferences before implementing major building projects and significant new programs.

**9.3.3.3** The board of governors shall obtain prior approval from supporting districts, as outlined in district policy, conferences before implementing major building projects and significant new programs.

CARRIED

GC 18-17

**RESOLUTION #5** By-Law 10.3.1. – 10.3.4 Issuing of Credentials

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the National Credentials Committee shall issue credentials to approved candidates after receiving recommendations from the district executive or International Missions Operations Committee;*

*AND WHEREAS approved candidates for credentials are subject to the requirements of the General Constitution and By-Laws;*

*AND WHEREAS approved candidates for credentials may be subject to the approval of the district conference;*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Laws 10.3.1 – 10.3.2 be amended by addition as follows:

### **10.3 ISSUING OF CREDENTIALS**

**10.3.1** The National Credentials Committee shall issue the approved credentials to those who meet the requirements of the General Constitution and By-Laws and who have been recommended by the district executive or International Missions Operations Committee, subject to the appropriate approval of the district conference.

**10.3.2** All initial applications for credentials, except those which relate to divorce and remarriage issues, must be made on a completed application form to be submitted to the district conference credentials committee for appropriate approval of the district conference. district conference approval.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 10.3.4 be amended by deletion:

~~**10.3.4** The National Credentials Committee shall issue credentials to those who meet the requirements of the General Constitution and By-Laws and who have been recommended and approved by the district executive that may act on behalf of the district conference.~~

CARRIED

GC 18-18

**RESOLUTION #6** By-Law 12.1.8 District Boundaries – Maritime District

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the boundaries of the Maritime District Conference currently include the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda;*

*AND WHEREAS there are no PAOC-affiliated assemblies in Bermuda;*

*AND WHEREAS the legal system of Bermuda does not recognize the PAOC local church constitution;*

*AND WHEREAS previously affiliated congregations have established affiliations and/or relationships with other organizations;*

*AND WHEREAS there are no plans by the Maritime District to plant churches in Bermuda;*

*AND WHEREAS any future ministry in Bermuda would be better served under the oversight of the PAOC International Missions Department;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 12.1.8 be amended by deletion as follows:*

12.1.2 The Maritime District shall comprise the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, ~~and the Island of Bermuda.~~

CARRIED

GC 18-19 **RESOLUTION #7** By-Law 12.17 Camp Meetings

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the General Constitution and By-Laws outlines how district camp meetings are governed;*

*AND WHEREAS district camp meetings are governed by district constitutions and by-laws rather than at the District Conference;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 12.17 be amended as follows:*

**12.17 CAMP MEETINGS**

The management of all district camp meetings shall be determined by regulations established in by the District Constitution and By-Laws ~~district conference.~~

CARRIED

GC 18-20 **RESOLUTION #8** LCC Article 4 Tenets of Faith: Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths may be amended by the General Conference from time to time;*

*AND WHEREAS the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths is approved at a biennial General Conference as a stand-alone document;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT LCC Article 4 be clarified as follows:*

**ARTICLE 4 TENETS OF FAITH:** We believe most assuredly that the Holy Scriptures are God's final revelation and constitute our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This local church, by virtue of its affiliation with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, shall accept the current version of the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths*, as approved by the General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, ~~and which is appended to this constitution.~~

CARRIED

GC 18-21 **RESOLUTION #9** LCC Article 7 Pastor and Pastoral Staff

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS it is important that pastoral staff members agree with the beliefs and practices of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada;*

*AND WHEREAS this can best be facilitated by pastoral staff holding credentials;*

AND WHEREAS receiving an entry level credential is based on ministerial usefulness rather than academic qualifications;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7 be amended by addition as follows:

**ARTICLE 7 PASTOR, PASTORAL STAFF AND [LEADERSHIP]**

**7.1 PASTOR**

7.1.1 Nominations for pastor shall be submitted to the local church congregation by the [leadership], after consultation with the District Superintendent.

7.1.2 The pastor must ~~be one who~~ holds an active credential **and be** in good standing with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada or one whom the district executive officers of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada approve.

**7.2 PASTORAL STAFF**

**7.2.1 A member of the pastoral staff must hold an active credential and be in good standing with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.**

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the subsequent numberings be amended for the inclusion.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2 of the Local Church Constitution be amended by addition of reference to a ministry agreement and credential holder discipline as follows:

**BY-LAW 2 PASTOR, PASTORAL STAFF AND [LEADERSHIP]**

**2.2 PASTORAL STAFF**

2.2.1 **APPOINTMENT: An appointment is established upon the individual's signing of the ministry agreement.**

2.2.2 **DUTIES: The pastoral staff shall fulfill their duties as outlined in their ministry agreement.**

2.2.3 **CHARGES INVOLVING CREDENTIALS: Allegations leading to charges in matters involving the right of a credentialed staff member to hold credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law 10.6.2 of the General Constitution and By-Laws must be made to the district in writing, and properly signed by one who is willing to appear in person and give testimony concerning the charges. Charges brought against a credential holder shall be dealt with according to provisions made in the General Constitution and By-Laws of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.**

2.2.4 **CHARGES INVOLVING THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA: In the event that ministry is restricted by the District Superintendent as a result of a credential holder being charged under the Criminal Code of Canada, the credential holder shall continue to receive remuneration for a maximum of three (3) months.**

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the subsequent numberings be amended for the inclusion.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2.1.7 and 2.1.8 (Pastor) be amended as follows:

2.1.7 **CHARGES INVOLVING CREDENTIALS:** Allegations leading to charges in matters involving the right of a the credentialed **pastor** ~~staff member~~ to hold credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as defined in By-Law



10.6.2 of the *General Constitution and By-Laws* must be made to the district in writing, and properly signed by one who is willing to appear in person and give testimony concerning the charges. Charges brought against a **the credentialed pastor** holder shall be dealt with according to provisions made in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

**2.1.8 CHARGES INVOLVING THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA:** In the event that ministry is restricted by the District Superintendent as a result of a **the credentialed pastor** holder being charged under the *Criminal Code* of Canada, the credentialed **pastor** holder shall continue to receive remuneration for a maximum of three (3) months.

D. Wells invited C. Burton, Superintendent of the Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District, the sponsor of the resolution, to present the conference with the background related to Resolution #9.

Discussion pertaining to Resolution #9 was tabled to the next business session.

GC 18-22

**FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	353	
Spoiled Ballots	1	
Ballots necessary for election	176	
Rev. D. Smith	184	(52.3%) ELECTED
Rev. M. Wojda	150	(42.6%)
Rev. B. Martin	143	(40.6%)
Rev. M. Coughlan	118	(33.5%)
Rev. K. Raymer	118	(33.5%)
Rev. J. Molloy	110	(31.3%)
Rev. R. Rust	108	(30.7%)
Rev. J. Hutchison	89	(25.3%)

Rev. D. Smith was declared elected.

GC 18-23

**SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the second ballot.

**Nominees:**

Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
Rev. K. Raymer	Western Ontario
Rev. R. Rust	Quebec
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed. Ballots were sealed until the next business session.

The meeting was recessed at 5:08 PM.

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**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION  
WEDNESDAY May 9, 2018**

Business Session 2 was called to order on Wednesday, May 9 at 2:08 PM

GC 18-24 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	302	
Spoiled Ballots	3	
Ballots necessary for election	149	
Rev. M. Wojda	132	(44.0%)
Rev. M. Coughlan	109	(36.5%)
Rev. B. Martin	108	(36.0%)
Rev. K. Raymer	96	(32.2%)
Rev. J. Molloy	91	(30.4%)
Rev. R. Rust	77	(25.8%)

No election was declared.

GC 18-25 **ROSTER REPORT #2:**  
The Chair called for a reading of the roster report.

The Chair of the Roster Committee, T. Couch, read Roster Report #2.

**VOTING**

Credential – Voting / Department Heads	543
Lay Delegate	43
<b>Sub-Total Voting</b>	<b>586</b>

**NON-VOTING**

Credential – Non-Voting	136
Visitor	447
<b>Sub-Total Non-Voting</b>	<b>583</b>

**GRAND TOTAL ATTENDANCE 1,169**

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Roster Report #2 be accepted as read. CARRIED

GC 18-26 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot.

**Nominees:**

Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. M. Wojda	Saskatchewan
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
Rev. K. Raymer	Western Ontario
Rev. J. Molloy	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 18-27 **FIRST ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names as nominated by the respective district conferences.

**Nominees:**

C. Hornby Allen	British Columbia & Yukon
B. Seib	Alberta & Northwest Territories
N. Cressman	Saskatchewan
V. Gonzales	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
A. Root	Western Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
M. Doucet	Quebec
R. Moore	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Resolution 9 be brought back to the house. CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Resolution 9 be referred back to the General Executive for further discussion and study. CARRIED

GC 18-28 **RESOLUTION #10** LCC Article 7.4 Pastor and [Leadership]  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS a local church may extend membership privileges and invite an individual to serve on the church board or pastor's council;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 7.4 be amended as follows:*

**7.4** The local church may extend membership privileges to a district leader, or another Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada credential holder, and **may** invite **the individual** them to serve on the [leadership].

CARRIED

GC 18-29 **RESOLUTION #11** LCC By-Law 2.2.3 Duties - Treasurer  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the treasurer to ensure that the deposit and disbursement of funds is undertaken appropriately;*

*AND WHEREAS the treasurer may delegate such responsibilities to another authorized individual;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT LCC By-Law 2.2.3 be amended as follows:*

**2.2.3 DUTIES – TREASURER:** The treasurer shall be the custodian of the general funds of the local church and shall **ensure the** deposit **of** the same in a chartered bank or credit union in the name of the local church, and shall **ensure the** disperse **disbursement of** such funds as authorized by the [leadership]. The treasurer shall ensure that an accurate record of accounts is kept, and shall present a financial statement at the annual congregational meeting and at any other time when requested to do so by the [leadership] or the local church congregation. The books shall be reviewed before the annual congregational meeting by financially qualified individuals appointed by the [leadership].

CARRIED

GC 18-30 **RESOLUTION #12** LCC By-Law 6.3.5 and 6.3.7 Causes for Dismissal of Membership  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS allegations against a church member, as referenced in LCC By-Law 6.2, may be investigated;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 6.3.5 be amended as follows:*

**6.3.5 INVESTIGATION OF REPORTS OR COMPLAINTS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:** Written and signed allegations of violations under By-Law 6.2 by involving a local church member as referenced in By-Law 6.2, shall be investigated. The pastor shall appoint two (2) members of the [leadership] to investigate the allegation, having in mind that it is their responsibility to safeguard the member, the local church and the fellowship. This shall be done to determine the credibility of the allegation.

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 6.3.7 be amended as follows:*

**6.3.7 PREPARATION AND FILING OF CHARGES:** Allegations shall only be investigated when they have been made in writing, dated and signed by the complainant.

If, after due investigation, it is determined by the investigators that a disciplinary hearing should occur, charges should be filed with the [leadership].

The person against whom charges have been filed shall be informed in writing of the charges made according to By-Law 6.2, including a signed copy of the charges; either by registered mail or hand delivered to the individual on behalf of the investigating committee of the charges at least 15 days before being called to appear before the [leadership] for a disciplinary hearing. The hearing shall take place within 40 days of formal charges being delivered to the local church member, or the entire proceeding shall be rescinded. A copy of the charges shall be sent to the District Superintendent.

The local church member must confirm attendance at the disciplinary hearing no later than seven (7) days prior to the date established for the disciplinary hearing. Failure to confirm or appear at the disciplinary hearing may constitute voluntary withdrawal from membership. A hearing may proceed as outlined in By-Law 6.3.9.

The said local church member may be relieved immediately from local church involvement upon being notified of the charges.

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY-LAW 6.3.9 be amended as follows:*

**6.3.9 DISCIPLINARY HEARING:** In the event the investigators find the charges merit a hearing they shall request the pastor to arrange for a disciplinary hearing by the [leadership] for the accused local church member. The local church member shall be requested to appear at the hearing.

To ensure the ability of the hearing committee to render an impartial judgment, no member of the [leadership] of the local church may sit on the hearing committee when they have been party to the details of the investigation or any event or incident related to the alleged offence.

The pastor may attend the hearing as an observer but shall not participate nor be present when a vote is taken in the decision as to guilt or innocence. The role of the pastor is to be redemptive to all parties involved.

If the accused local church member refuses to appear at the hearing to offer a defence, the hearing may will proceed and the accused member may be disciplined if found guilty of the charges preferred.

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT GENERAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, BY-LAW 10.6.9, paragraph two be amended for consistency as follows:*

**10.6.9 PREPARATION AND FILING OF CHARGES:**  
...(paragraph 2)

The person against whom charges have been filed shall be informed in writing of the charges made according to By-Law 10.6.2, including a signed copy of the charges; either by registered mail or hand delivered to the individual on behalf of ~~personally by~~ the investigating committee at least 15 days before being called to appear before the hearing committee. The disciplinary hearing should take place, if possible, in the locality of the alleged offense or offenses to facilitate access to as many witnesses as possible.

CARRIED

GC 18-31

**THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the third election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	340		
Spoiled Ballots	2		
Ballots necessary for election	169		
Rev. M. Wojda	183	(54.1%)	ELECTED
Rev. M. Coughlan	146	(43.2%)	
Rev. B. Martin	119	(35.2%)	
Rev. K. Raymer	109	(32.2%)	
Rev. J. Molloy	101	(29.9%)	

Rev. M. Wojda was declared elected.

GC 18-32

**FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the fourth ballot.

**Nominees:**

Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. B. Martin	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
Rev. K. Raymer	Western Ontario

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 18-33

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** A video was presented featuring several of our global workers. Current and former global workers were invited to stand and the conference expressed their appreciation. M. Cornelius expressed appreciation for those who serve at a leadership level on the home team.

We have 334 global workers active in 77 countries around the world. Donations to missions in 2017 designated towards global workers, projects and partnerships totaled \$20.8 million. In addition, ERDO, Villages of Hope and Asian Outreach received \$12.7 million for a total of \$32.5 million in missions donations to our PAOC work. Designated income increased by 7% in 2017, with overall revenue seeing a slight increase of 1%.

The following individuals were invited to the platform to share with the conference: P. Kuchio, Missions Director from Nairobi Pentecostal Church, P. Adhikary and his son S. Adhikary from Bangladesh, and M. Zowa from Zimbabwe.

A video was presented highlighting the story of longevity and the mission sending capacity that has been built within the church in Brazil. A video highlighting the ministry of Emergency Relief and Development Overseas (ERDO) was presented.

M. Cornelius expressed appreciation to J. Guskjolen for his years of service as the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. He welcomed M. Hazzard who has taken on this role.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the report of the Executive Director for International Missions be received.

CARRIED

Appreciation was expressed to M. Cornelius for his work. B. Gibson led the conference in prayer for our international team.

GC 18-34

**FOURTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the fourth election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	380
Spoiled Ballots	2
Ballots necessary for election	189

Rev. M. Coughlan	179	(47.4%)
Rev. K. Raymer	116	(30.7%)
Rev. B. Martin	85	(22.5%)

No election was declared.

GC 18-35

**FIFTH ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the fifth ballot.

**Nominees:**

Rev. M. Coughlan	Alberta & Northwest Territories
Rev. K. Raymer	Western Ontario

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 18-36

**FIFTH ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE CREDENTIALLED MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the fifth election ballot for the Credentialed Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	350
Spoiled Ballots	1
Ballots necessary for election	174

Rev. M. Coughlan	209	(59.9%)	ELECTED
Rev. K. Raymer	140	(40.1%)	

Rev. M. Coughlan was declared elected.

D. Smith, M. Wojda and M. Coughlan, newly elected members of the General Executive, expressed appreciation to the conference for the vote of confidence.

D. Wells expressed appreciation to all those who allowed their names to stand for election. Appreciation was expressed to J. Poirier, K. Solbrekken, S. Chaloner, M. Tapley and G. Howse for their previous service on the General Executive Committee.

GC 18-37

**FIRST ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the first election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	368
Ballots necessary for election	184

C. Hornby Allen	262	(71.2%)	ELECTED
S. Shew	135	(36.7%)	
R. Moore	126	(34.2%)	
V. Gonzales	123	(33.4%)	
B. Seib	112	(30.4%)	

A. Root	91	(24.7%)
N. Cressman	76	(20.7%)
M. Doucet	73	(19.8%)

C. Hornby Allen was declared elected.

GC 18-38 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the second ballot.

**Nominees:**

B. Seib	Alberta & Northwest Territories
N. Cressman	Saskatchewan
V. Gonzales	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
A. Root	Western Ontario
S. Shew	Eastern Ontario & Nunavut
R. Moore	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 18-39 **SECOND ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the second election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	374
Spoiled Ballots	1
Ballots necessary for election	186

S. Shew	192	(51.5%)	ELECTED
R. Moore	162	(43.4%)	
V. Gonzales	128	(34.3%)	
B. Seib	100	(26.8%)	
A. Root	87	(23.3%)	
N. Cressman	70	(18.8%)	

S. Shew was declared elected.

GC 18-40 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT FOR LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The Chair presented the names eligible for election on the third ballot.

**Nominees:**

B. Seib	Alberta & Northwest Territories
V. Gonzales	Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario
A. Root	Western Ontario
R. Moore	Maritime

The ballots were distributed and cast. The Chair declared the ballot closed.

GC 18-41 **THIRD ELECTION BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE LAY MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE:** The results of the third election ballot for the Lay Members to the General Executive were shared.

Ballots Cast	330
Spoiled Ballots	1
Votes necessary for election	164

R. Moore	190	(57.8%)	ELECTED
V. Gonzales	81	(24.6%)	
B. Seib	37	(11.2%)	
A. Root	26	( 7.6%)	

R. Moore was declared elected.

C. Hornby Allen and S. Shew thanked the conference for their vote of confidence. R. Moore was unable to attend the conference.

GC 18-42 **RESOLUTION #13** LCC By-Law 2.1.2 Pastor Duties: Special Meetings and Events  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved:

*WHEREAS* pastors arrange for special meetings and events;

*AND WHEREAS* events encompass more than missionary conventions or revival campaigns;

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT* By-Law 2.1.2 be amended as follows:

**2.1.2 DUTIES:** The pastor shall be considered the primary spiritual overseer of the local church and shall, with the [leadership], direct all of its activities. (The pastor shall consult with the [leadership] regarding the ongoing health and wholeness of the congregation and to ensure the appropriate ministries and programs are in place to accomplish the same.) The pastor shall arrange for all special meetings **and events**, ~~missionary conventions or revival campaigns~~. The pastor shall act as chair of all the business meetings of the local church, and of the [leadership]. The pastor shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees and departments. The pastor shall provide for all the services of the local church, and no person shall be invited to speak or preach in the local church without the approval of the pastor (and as provided in *General Constitution and By-Laws* 10.5.5 and 10.5.6). No congregational or [leadership] meeting shall be held in the absence of the pastor without the written authorization of the pastor.

CARRIED

GC 18-43 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – 2018 FISCAL YEAR:** D. Hazzard presented the General Executive's recommendation for the Auditor for the 2018 fiscal year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to appoint *Robertson, Lott and Brohman (RLB) Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors* as The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada's Auditors for the 2018 fiscal year.

CARRIED

GC 18-44 **RESOLUTION #14** Courtesy Resolution  
It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2018 General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada express gratitude and appreciation to the following:

1. The BC/Yukon District Superintendent Rev. Ken Russell, the District Lead Team, the District Executive, staff and conference volunteers, and the pastors and congregations of the BC/Yukon District churches for their warm hospitality, kindness and assistance with the many varied details of the conference, and the City of Victoria.
2. Our General Superintendent, Rev. David Wells, for his ministry and his excellent leadership.
3. Our Executive Officers, Rev. David Hazzard and Rev. Murray Cornelius, for their faithful service and ministry to the Fellowship.
4. The General Executive for their work in preparation for the conference.
5. Our Sponsors, D. L. Deeks Insurance Services Inc., Open Doors Canada, Israel Ministry of Tourism, Kechnie Benefits, Logos Bible Software, Shepherd's Care Foundation, A Rocha Canada, Raptim Humanitarian Travel, Global University Canada, Dalit Freedom Network Canada, McMaster Divinity College, Castle Travel, First Century Foundations, Emanant Inc., Focus on the Family Canada, Watoto Canada, Redeemer University College, 100 Huntley Street/YES TV, Miller Thomson LLP, Tannahill, Lockhart & Clark, and other sponsors who assisted us.
6. Our guest speakers.
7. Our worship leader, Luke Stones and his worship team members.
8. All the conference committees for their contribution in assisting the work of the conference.



9. Mr. Devan Sylvester (Production Coordinator), Mrs. Natalie Rogge (Communications/Production), Ms. Stacey McKenzie (Communications), Mrs. Colleen Stuckless (Conference Office Manager, Exhibitor & Sponsorship Coordinator), Mrs. Ruth Stagg (Recording Secretary), Rev. Tanya Couch, Mrs. Sharon Thomson, Mr. Rob Narain, and other staff personnel of the International Office who have served in official functions to efficiently facilitate this General Conference. The staff of the BC/Yukon District office, Glad Tidings Church and other area churches.
10. All who assisted in administration, clerical, registration and other support ministries.
11. The Victoria Conference Centre and all of their staff who have served us so capably in every way.
12. Victoria area hotels and restaurants offering special service to us.
13. And most of all, to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for His blessing and presence in every session and service.

CARRIED

GC 18-45

**MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. CARRIED

The Chair declared the meeting closed. D. Demchuk closed the session in prayer.

The final session of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Conference was adjourned at 5.00 PM.

  
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David R. Wells  
General Superintendent

  
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David E. Hazzard  
General Secretary Treasurer