

2016 NEC AGM REPORT- Seven Resolutions Under Consideration

Each of the 7 resolutions below are summarized with the title of the resolution and a “Reader’s Digest version” of the gist of it in italics. The link of the AGM website is right here if you want to look at the full resolutions as many of them include background and explanatory information. The resolutions can be found about halfway down the page. <http://rcafassociation.ca/2016meetinglondon> You are encouraged to read them if you have a chance, to gain a better understanding of the reasoning behind each resolution.

Resolutions

1. Proposal for a New RCAF Association Ensign: *Resolves to endorse and support 302 Wing plan to conduct national consultation process to develop an updated design for the RCAF Association Ensign*
2. Change to Minimum # of Wing Members from 25 to 10: *Resolves to reduce minimum membership requirement allowing Wings to keep their Charter until they fall below 10 members*
3. Resolutions Process Amendments: *Resolves that resolutions submitted by Groups should be presented in writing, without alteration, to be voted on by members attending the National AGM*
4. Length of Service: *Resolves that acknowledgement and recognition of the length of Association service be based on total of all periods of membership rather than the most recent consecutive period (e.g. recognize broken service)*
5. Original 410 Wing Resolution Query as to Status: *Resolves that RCAF Association should request Govt of Canada to create medal, badge or clasp to the War Medal to recognize WWII BCATP service of instructors and tradesmen (originally resolved in 2008 but no action taken)*
6. 888 Wing Resolution: *Add wording to the RCAF Trust Fund booklet enabling the RCAF Trust “to support the RCAF Association in the provision of financial assistance to those members and family members of the RCAFA in need, who have served in the RCAF/CAF(Air) and are covered by the mandate of the RCAF Trust Fund”*
7. 429 resolution 2016: *429 (Georgina) Wing resolves that NEC should retain the current Association badge as we feel that the suggested change will lead to unnecessary expense and will not have any effect on encouraging current members of the RCAF to Join the RCAFA.*

Subject: NEC AGM report 2016

Presidents:

Please pass this along to your newsletter editors.

A brief report to Ontario Group members.

The National AGM held on October 28th and 29th 2016 went by quite quickly. With the format having a number of items pre-approved by wings, on the agenda and the wings having voted in advance on the resolutions, it was hoped that time would be reduced and this would reduce costs to all levels. This is what was called the Consent Agenda. In the end discussion took up some extra time and we did not get to about six items in the open session on Saturday afternoon. These will be dealt with by the NEC at an upcoming teleconference.

In a couple of instances the process was quicker and it did allow for some discussion on items brought up from the floor.

It did allow for discussion on resolutions but because the process of discussion and voting and the carrying of a proxy vote from the wings, it did not allow for amendments to be made to a resolution as has been past practise. Changes to resolutions will have to be made through the resolution process. This situation has been created by the Not For Profit legislation.

Throughout the meeting the call for nominations was heard the three prescribed times.

Elected to the NEC at this time was ; Jorma Hamalainen, John Scott, Don Hogan and appointed by the NEC was Terry Chester. Our new Honourary Colonel is Andrea' Dechamp.

The results of the votes on the 7 resolutions were as follows.

The resolution from 429(Georgina) on crests will be returned to 429 to be re-written.

The resolution from Jack Shapka, 888 Wing Komox, was carried.

The resolution from Escadre 302 Wing, consultation on the Association Ensign was carried.

The resolution from Alberta Group on membership length was carried.

The resolution from Alberta Group regarding resolutions voting was returned to the originator, 783 Calgary Wing.

The resolution from Alberta Group on the number of Wing members required to maintain a Wing, was carried.

It was decided that the resolution from John R. Newell, had already been passed in 2008 and that the current NEC would follow through on it and see if they could not get some government action on it as it seemed to have been overlooked by previous executives. This would be staffed after consultation with Mr. Newell.

Attached is also a summary of strength of groups prepared by an Ontario Group RVP.

He presents it as a..."things that makes you go

Hmmm”.

National is also looking at a location for the 2018 NEC AGM and is considering having a permanent location instead of moving around the country.

It is also looking at moving some of the award ceremonies and other functions of an AGM down to the Group level. This is still in the”thinking out loud” stage but could possibly take place.

Workshops and training sessions were something that was asked for at AGMs and the need to increase membership is also being more seriously worked on.

An Action Plan and rebranding to follow suit with the RCAF was discussed. With the approved action plan, the RCAF will allow us to become more involved in programs they prepare for members as they prepare to leave the forces.

A great mess dinner was had Saturday evening and it was a great wind down topping off the events of the weekend.

Please feel free to make your thoughts known to your Wing President and they can be passed along to your RVP who can forward them on to the members of your Group Executive.

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TOTAL STRENGTH OF GROUPS

Group	regular members	Total Strength
Atlantic	543	667
Quebec	197	232
Ontario	1321	1561
Prairie	80	86
Alberta	106	161
Pacific	476	551
MAL-Reg	1929	2217

Our total strength is

Ontario 1561, Mal'S 2217, rest of the groups 1697

Ontario funds approx... 27% of their budget, through Wings membership

Other groups fund approx... 28% of their budget, through Wings memberships

MAL-Reg funds Approx... 38% of their budget.

Ontario Group with 1321 regular members and 197 dual memberships gives

National over \$70,442.00 each year in Membership Dues

\$2300.00 that we got from National this year equates to 1.47 cents per membe

Just something to think about.