

**National Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Ottawa)**  
**Meeting held virtually using Zoom**

1.	<i>Call to Order – National President</i>
	<p>The National President welcomed everyone back to the meeting room and called the Annual Organizational Meeting to order.</p> <p>The following individuals were present:</p> <p>Mrs. Julie HILLSDEN – Vancouver Island Ms. Bev LOVELL – BC Mainland Mr. Sterling MARTIN – Alberta Ms. Terry DABSKI - Saskatchewan Mr. Brian HAWKEYE - Manitoba Ms. Jennifer BENNETT - Ontario Mme Lise CÔTÉ - Quebec Mr. John KELLEY - New Brunswick Mr. Gary REDDY - Nova Scotia Mainland Ms. Sharon MACSWEEN - Cape Breton Mr. Earle CORN – Prince Edward Island Mr. John PINTO - Newfoundland and Labrador</p> <p>The following Directors-at-Large were present:</p> <p>Mrs. Brenda PINTO - National President Mr. Matt WATERMAN - Past National President Mr. Pete BETCHER, National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mr. Bryn WEADON – National Treasurer Mr. John PHILIPS – National Vice President – NL Cadets Mme Louise MERCIER – National Vice President – Maritime Affairs Mr. Michael BARTON – Communications Mr. Ron BUCK – Governance and CAF Liaison Mr. Dominic RICHARD Mr. Richard EDWARDS</p> <p>Regrets:</p> <p>Mr. George FORWARD</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>Ms. Catherine MARCH – National Maritime Affairs and Administration Coordinator Mr. Jamie CLUTE – Recording Secretary</p>
2.	<i>Opening Comments – National President</i>
	Mrs. Pinto confirmed that the Annual Organization Meeting will include only members of the Board of Directors.

	<p>Mrs. Bennett requested that we offer our thanks to Mr. Robert Lacquement for his service to the National Board of Directors.</p> <p><b>Action: Navy League of Canada to acknowledge Mr. Lacquement service to the Board of Directors.</b></p> <p>Completed.</p>
3.	<p><i>Appointment of Secretary – National Past President</i></p> <p>The National President appointed Mr. Clute as the Recording Secretary for the Annual Organization Meeting.</p>
4.	<p><i>Introduce Agenda – National Past President</i></p> <p>The National President asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the 2022 Annual Organization Meeting.</p> <p>Moved by Mr. Pete Betcher, seconded by Mr. Sterling Martin.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
5.	<p><i>Summary of Nomination Process for vacant Officer position – Chair of Nominating Committee</i></p> <p>Mrs. Pinto asked the Chair of the Nominating Committee to review the election process for the (3) three Executive/Officer positions.</p> <p>Mr. Waterman outlined that the following positions would be elected during the AOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Treasurer</li> <li>• Vice President – Sea Cadets</li> <li>• Vice President – Maritime Affairs</li> </ul> <p>In accordance with the Bylaws, all (24) Directors are eligible to nominate from the floor and vote in the election.</p>
6.	<p><i>Nominations Motions – Chair of Nominating Committee</i></p> <p><b>The Nominating Committee Chair called for nominations for the position of National Treasurer.</b></p> <p>Mr. Ron Buck nominated Mr. Bryn Weadon as the National Treasurer. Mr. Weadon accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Mr. Waterman called for a second, third/final time – having only received a single nomination; Mr. Weadon was acclaimed as the National Treasurer.</p> <p><b>The Nominating Committee Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice President – Sea Cadets.</b></p>

	<p>Mr. Pete Betcher nominated Mrs. Julie Hillsden as the Vice President – Sea Cadets; Mrs. Hillsden accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Mr. Waterman called for a second, third/final time – having only received a single nomination; Mrs. Hillsden was acclaimed as the National Vice President – Sea Cadets.</p> <p><b>The Nominating Committee Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice President – Maritime Affairs.</b></p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Bennett nominated Mme Louise Mercier as the Vice President – Maritime Affairs; Mme Mercier accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Mr. Waterman called for a second, third/final time – having only received a single nomination; Mme Mercier was acclaimed as the National Vice President – Maritime Affairs.</p> <p>Mr. Waterman turned the meeting over to the National President.</p> <p>Mrs. Pinto confirmed that the other National Director appointments will be confirmed within the next 7 days.</p> <p>Mrs. Pinto congratulated the Executive/Officers elected.</p> <p>Mrs. Pinto confirmed that Ms. Jennifer Bennett was confirmed as the Vice President – Division Presidents Representative for another term.</p> <p>The National President asked for acceptance of the following individuals to be named as Adjunct Advisors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Brett Anderson, Project Fusion/Manager IT Security</li> <li>• Mr. Gary Payne, Governance Team Member</li> <li>• Mr. Dave Yates, Governance Team Member</li> <li>• Mr. Bob Lacquement, NL Cadet Program</li> </ul> <p>Moved by M. Richard and seconded by Mr. John Philips that the aforementioned individuals be named as Adjunct Advisors.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
7.	<p><i>Finance</i></p> <p>The National President asked National Treasurer to present the 2021 Audited Financial Statements to the National Board of Directors.</p> <p>The National Treasurer reconfirmed that the Division Representatives have approved the 2021 Audited Financial Statements.</p>

	<p>Mr. Weadon moved that the 2021 Audited Financial Statements be approved, seconded by Mr. Pete Betcher.</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Weadon recommended the following individuals be confirmed as Signing Officers for the Navy League of Canada:</p> <p>Mr. Bryn Weadon, Mr. Ron Buck, Mme. Louise Mercier, Ms. Catherine March and Mr. Clute</p> <p>Mr. Weadon moved that the aforementioned individuals be accepted as Signing Officers for the Navy League of Canada, seconded by Mr. John Kelley.</p> <p>Motion was carried.</p>
8.	<p><i>New Business</i></p> <p>The National President asked if there was any new business.</p> <p>Ms. Bennett inquired on behalf of the Division Presidents, the role of an Adjunct Advisor vis-à-vis on the National Board of Directors.</p> <p>Mr. Buck explained the role of Adjunct Advisor, which are voted/approved by the Board. These individuals are advisors of the Board, with no vote, no participation in Board matters and specifically related to a particular role to assist with the Board.</p> <p>Adjunct Advisors can not speak on behalf of the Board of Directors and does not have any authority.</p>
9.	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p> <p>The National President thanked the National Office staff for supporting the AGM and all activities throughout the year.</p> <p>The National President expressed her appreciation for the Board's participation in the Navy League activities.</p> <p>The National President confirmed that the National Office would be closed for Monday and Tuesday following the AGM and AOM.</p> <p>The next series of Board Meetings would be in May/June.</p> <p>Moved by Mme Lise Côte that the AOM be adjourned.</p>