



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Board of Directors Special Teleconference Meeting
December 14, 2006**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Present were: Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JKB), Aura Dean (AD), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sandee Lovett (SL), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PR), Cathy L. Sands (CLS). Absent were Mary W. Price, *ex-officio*, and Meredith Reggie (MR) - recused.

Roger Frey reminded the Board of the procedures for questions and discussion regarding the interviews of candidates for Editor.

At 8:07 p.m. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. At 10:10 p.m. Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to come out of executive session.

While in executive session the Board interviewed two candidates for the position of editor of *Newf Tide*. While in executive session the Board appointed Meredith Reggie as Editor and Layout/Design person for *Newf Tide* for a period of one year.

The *Newf Tide* Policy Committee (NTPC) will supply the necessary information for a letter of intent and a proposed contract to the Board for the December 21, 2006 teleconference. The proposed contract will be sent to the Finance Committee for review. Aura Dean, Chair of NTPC, will notify all of those who placed bids of the Board's decision.

The Board wishes to thank Jan Boggio for all of her work as *Newf Tide* editor. The Board also thanks the NTPC for their efforts to produce a great magazine.

Roger Frey asked for a report on the status of the election ballots.

Cathy Sands reported that the new ballots began to be mailed on December 12 and that the printer hopes to make the December 15, 2006 deadline with the new mailing. Approximately 250-300 of the first packets had not been mailed when the errors were discovered and those have had the corrected ballots inserted. Those packets went in the mail on December 13, 2006.

In order to avoid confusion about which ballot was the correct ballot it was decided to color-code the ballot and privacy envelope. A letter is included in all of the mailings explaining the problems.

There was discussion as to whether the NCA would be in violation of its By-Laws if the re-mailing did not complete on time. The consensus was that the NCA is in compliance because it met the deadline with the first mailing.

There was discussion that the new mailing does not contain the booklet with the biographies of the candidates.. Cathy Sands will send the information to Mary Lou Zimmerman, NCA webmaster, and ask that it be put on the website along with a statement regarding the biographies.

There was discussion about the mass emailing to NCA members. Current rules state that only one member of a household may list an email address. It was suggested that this rule might need to be changed to include emails for other NCA members in a household.

Kevin Gallagher gave an update on the email campaign:

There were 1032 emails on the list. Eighty-six were not sent due to incorrect information. Mary Lou Cuddy said she can help with updating the list before we send out emails since she gets corrections to the membership roster daily.

Nine hundred forty-eight emails were received and 233 have been opened as of 8:15 PST. This means under 25% have opened the email to date.

I do not know if this is the best method, but at least we know that we have tried to send it to (almost) all members and have done so in a timely manner. With the updating of the incorrect emails, we can hit a higher percentage of the members.

The Board was reminded that there will be a vote to select a printer for *Newf Tide* at the December 21, 2006 teleconference.

Mary Lou Roberts moved for adjournment. The Board adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary