

Annual General Meeting  
BIFHSGO – June 11, 2022

Via Zoom

Present: 102

Opened 9 am

Agenda Approved

Motion 2022-01 AGM: Motion to approve the minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting, as distributed. Proposed by Gillian Leitch and seconded by Barbara Tose. Passed.

Directors' Reports – Duncan Monkhouse (Outgoing President)

- The Directors' reports have been distributed electronically and are now available on the BIFHSGO Website.
- We have had another successful year. Our conference was online and a great success. Special thanks to Susan Courage for all her hard work.
- The new website came on time and under budget thank to Sheila Dohoo Faure
- The conference for 2022 will be "England and Wales on the move" with twelve speakers
- 20% of our membership comes from outside the Ottawa Region
- Our education talks have had to be suspended because of the resignation of Lynne Baxter, for health reasons.

Financial – Jennifer Hill (Treasurer)

- Thanks to Marianne Rasmus for her assistance in preparing for this first budget/AGM reports
- The financial reports were distributed electronically to the members, and are available on the BIFHSGO Website.
- Revenue is \$42,533, and the Conference posted a profit

Motion 2022-02 AGM: Motion to appoint the public accounting firm of McCay Duff to conduct a review engagement of the Society's books and records for the 2022 fiscal year. Proposed by Jennifer Hill and seconded by Barbara Tose. Passed.

Presentation of Awards:

Hall of Fame:

- 1) Kathy Wallace:

A member since 2005, Kathy Wallace has served on the Conference Planning Committee both as Registrar and Secretary. She served eight years as Membership Director and was the face of the Society to members at meetings. She has the incredible skill of remembering faces and names and a gift for making people feel welcome. Many of the tasks she performed were done behind the scenes, such as the role of PayPal administrator. She often took on responsibilities vital to the operation of the society but few saw the effort and time involved or the level of proficiency she attained. Kathy is reliable, conscientious and meticulous. She is recognized for her positive, encouraging presence and for her years of service and commitment to BIFHSGO.

2) Sheila Dohoo Faure:

Sheila has been an exemplary volunteer for BIFHSGO for many years. First volunteering as a researcher/writer for the No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station project, she soon became its coordinator. Through this, she became involved with work on the website and assisted in maintaining and updating it. When a new website was required, Sheila stepped forward with a plan and led the process of implementing two websites, one for Conference 2021 and one permanent site. She now serves as our web manager. She also performs vital behind the scenes functions such as directing queries appropriately, creating announcement slides for monthly meetings and technical support to the board. In past years she has worked in multiple capacities and at various levels for the annual conference and is currently serving as the Administrative Co-Chair for Conference 2022. Sheila puts extra effort into her working relationships with all the volunteers she interacts with and approaches all her tasks in an organized and methodical way. She is a stalwart, cheery, tolerant person, a pleasure to work with and an incredible asset to BIFHSGO.

- Best *Anglo-Celtic Roots* Article by a Member 2021-2022: Anne Renwick for her article: "Hunting Gathering" published in the Winter 2021 issue of *Anglo-Celtic Roots*.
- Best Education Talk by a Member 2021-22: David Jeanes for his talk: "Introduction to Welsh Sources," given at the February 2022 Meeting.
- Best Talk by a Member 2021-22: Mags Gaulden for her talk: "*Betty Jean's Story*" *Adoption, Forensic and Genetic DNA*, given at the April 2022 Meeting.

Elections:

1) President

Duncan Monkhouse is leaving the post of President after serving the maximum two terms. Thank you to Barbara Tose for serving as Past-President during this time.

Opening the nominations for the position of President. Dianne Brydon has put her name forward for this position. Are there any other nominations?

None put forward.

Dianne Brydon is elected by acclamation.

## 2) Directors - Board

There are currently four vacancies on the Board. Marianne Rasmus, Anne Coulter, and Patricia Granger have put their names forward for the board. Are there any other nominations?

None put forward.

Marianne Rasmus, Anne Coulter and Patricia Granger have been elected by acclamation. We are currently short one board member.

Thank you, Barbara Tose, for heading the nominating committee.

The floor is open for questions. None provided.

Dianne Brydon, who is absent, has prepared a video for the meeting, accepting the position of President.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:28 am