

**CMG/CBC Branch Executive Council  
Conference Call  
November 9, 2009 – 7:30 PM ET**

**Minutes – Approved by the BEC December 15, 2009**

1. **Call to order/roll call:** Marc-Philippe Laurin (chair), Gaynette Spafford, Mike Santianni, Jonathan Spence, Michael D'Souza, Annick Forest, H  l  ne Dupr  -Espeut, Chantal Payant, Kaveri Bittira, Barbara Saxberg (recording secretary)  
**Regrets:** Harry Mesh, Xavier Bedard, Carrie May  
**Absent:** Elaine Janes, Emily Chung, Fiona Christensen, Russ Knutson

2. **Approval of agenda**

**MOTION:** to approve the single-item agenda to discuss the 2010 Branch budget proposal

**M/S** D'Souza/Payant

**Carried unanimously**

3. **2010 Branch Budget Proposal**

Written report submitted by Spence.

Spence noted that the proposed budget stands at \$427,950 which is almost the same as the branch budget in April 2009. The 2009 amount included \$75K for the Presidents' Council meeting. Saxberg said she can't support this budget submission given the projected loss of \$200K for 2010. She said the increased budget for the CBC Branch would affect every other branch and all discretionary spending. Spence felt the proposed budget is just a starting point to open the dialogue. MPL noted that there are fixed costs and some face to face meetings required under CBC Branch bylaws and that everyone will have to be fiscally responsible & look for opportunities for video-conferencing. Spafford suggested that the next BEC face to face meeting could be combined with the 2010 CMG Convention. MPL suggested that everyone try to coordinate meetings and travel to save where possible.

**MOTION:** to approve the proposed 2010 CBC Branch budget of \$432,950 for submission to the CMG National Finance committee for consideration.

**M/S** Forest/D'Souza

**Carried, Saxberg opposed**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM ET.**