

**CMG/CBC Branch Executive Council  
Conference Call  
October 28, 2008  
8:30 PM EDT**

**MINUTES – Approved November 8, 2008**

- 1. Call to order/roll call:** Elaine Janes (chair), Harry Mesh, Gaynette Spafford, Kaveri Bittira, Annick Forest, Xavier Brassard-Bedard, Helene Dupre-Espeut, Russ Knutson, Michael D'Souza, Barbara Saxberg (recording secretary)  
**Regrets:** Marc-Philippe Laurin, Fiona Christensen, Timothy Neesam, Ralph Legare, Michael Santianni, Carrie May
- 2. Approval of agenda:**  
One item only for discussion: 2009 CBC Branch budget.  
**MOTION:** to approve agenda  
M/S D'Souza/Forest  
Carried unanimously
- 3. Budget proposal:**  
Legare & Laurin submitted via email a proposed budget for discussion & approval.  
**MOTION:** to accept the budget as presented.  
M/S D'Souza/Forest  
**Discussion:**  
The budget is essentially the same as 2008 with the exception of a significant increase in the Equity/Diversity budget. There was a question about the President's salary but since neither the treasurer nor the President were on the call and since both had created the budget, it was agreed that the amount for this line item was acceptable.

Janes said this budget, if approved by the BEC, will be submitted to the National Finance Committee which is meeting November 1-2, 2008 to draft the National CMG Budget for 2009. If the National Finance Committee recommends changes to the Branch budget, they can be discussed at the face-to-face meeting in November. D'Souza called the question.  
**The motion was carried unanimously.**

**4. Motion to adjourn:**

**MOTION:** to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

M/S Forest/several

Carried unanimously.

**5. Next meeting:**

A face-to-face meeting will be held in Toronto November 8-9, 2008 at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. Laurin has requested that any agenda items be sent to Saxberg asap.