Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:20 am, welcoming the 20 members present in person.

Confirmation of Meeting and Proxies
The Secretary also confirmed that notice had been properly served, and sufficient members were present. The Secretary also confirmed receipt of 24 Proxies distributed as follows:

- Jean Arnold 1
- Blake Brundson 3
- Russell Diabo 5
- Jim Drescher 2
- Denise English 6
- Chris McDonell 3
- Bill McKay 1
- Rebecca McKay 1
- John Wiggers 1

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Minutes of meeting held March 10, 2001 were reviewed, with the Secretary noting that no comments had been received.

Moved by P. Smith, seconded by J. Arnold, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved.
Motion Carried

Report from the Chair:
The Chair acknowledged the work of the Board members and staff in leading the organization through its current period of transition and growth. The Chair also recognized the hard work of the many members and volunteers in standards development and outreach, noting that these efforts have led to greater recognition of FSC impact on sustainable forestry.

It was also noted that the overall Canadian membership continues to grow at double-digit rates, and represents more than 25% of the worldwide FSC membership.

Members were referred to the full text of the Chair’s Report in the 2000/2001 Annual Report, together with other highlights of FSC – Canada activities, which is bilingual and on FSC certified paper.
Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for 2000/2001. Special mention was made of the finalization of the contracts with Pew Charitable Trusts for capacity building, communications and the development of a National Boreal Forest Standard.

Appointment of Auditors
The Treasurer recommended retaining the same audit firm of McPherson and McPherson.

Election of Directors
The Executive Director reported on the results of the election of Directors for 2-year terms, effective June, 2001. The slate of nominees following the election is as follows:

- Economic: Chris McDonell
- Social: Gerard Szaraz
- Environmental: Martin von Mirbach
- Indigenous Peoples: Peggy Smith

Other Business
(1) Member Voting Resolution
The Resolution on adopting the Weighted Voting System, tabled at the last AGM, was reintroduced for discussion. J. Arnold summarized the background and intent for adopting the weighted voting system.

Several questions were raised during the discussion which took place, including:
- How will it be implemented?
- Will there be separate membership criteria for FSC-Canada?
- Does it include a move to chamber-based voting on all issues?
- How will it apply to future Chapters?
- Will FSC-Canada have any decision-making role in assignment of members to Chambers?

An amendment was proposed regarding the implementation of the Weighted Voting System. The amendment was intended to ensure that there be a one-year period to enable individual members to consider options to convert to organizational membership, and to develop clear guidelines on implementation and impact.

It was moved by J. Wiggers, seconded by P. Smith, that the auditors report be accepted. 
**Motion Carried**

It was moved by J. Wiggers, seconded by R. Diabo, that McPherson and McPherson be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2001/2002. 
**Motion Carried**

It was moved by J. Arnold, seconded by N. Blanchette, that the slate of Nominees as presented be deemed elected. 
**Motion Carried**

(Table Motion) It was moved by J. Arnold, seconded by P. Smith, **THAT** FSC Canada adopt a weighted voting system consistent with that of FSC-International.

D. English, seconded by J. Drescher, proposed an amendment adding, “…to be implemented at the next Annual General Meeting of FSC Canada. 
**Motion Carried (36Y, 1N)**
(2) Certification Resolutions
C. Henschel introduced 2 resolutions for consideration by
the membership:

1. **THAT** the Group Resource Manager model, as
described in FSC document 3.6.1, be interpreted in
Canada to apply only to small landholdings.

2. **THAT** policies and mechanisms be developed by
FSC Canada Working Group to ensure that
applications for certification in advance of endorsed
regional standards do not undermine on-going
regional standards initiatives.

C. Henschel provided background (copy attached with
original motions) to these motions. During the discussion
which followed, several key points were raised:

- FSC Canada role in advising on certification matters
  and policy is not clear
- The motions are focused on the Ontario Ministry of
  Natural Resources issue yet need to be considered in
  a broader context
- Concern over limiting any certification application
  based on size
- The complexity of the policy issues and impact is too
  great to have an informed vote

There was general direction given to the Board regarding the
motions.

The vote was then called on the
Motion as Amended.
**Motion Carried.**
(25Y/1N/1Absention)

It was moved by C. Henschel,
seconded by D. English, that
the Board consider the
resolutions on behalf of the
membership, investigate the
issues involved, and report
back to the membership in
advance of the next Annual
General Meeting in sufficient
time for an informed vote.
**Motion Carried.**

Next Annual General Meeting
The next AGM will be held June 15, 2002 in Edmonton,
Alberta.

Adjournment
There being no other business there was a motion to
adjourn.

J. Drescher, seconded by R.
Diabo, moved adjournment.
**Motion Carried.**
ATTACHMENT – CERTIFICATION RESOLUTIONS

BACKGROUND

The recent joint announcement by FSC and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources regarding Crown land certification raised serious concerns from FSC members across the country. Since that time, FSC has been working with the OMNR to develop an understanding of how certification on Crown lands can and will proceed in Ontario.

Although Ontario’s interest in FSC in being seen by some as an opportunity to leverage improvements in forest management on Crown lands, Ontario’s current vision of how certification might proceed threatens the credibility and the interest of FSC.

First, the Ontario government has become focused on the pursuit becoming an FSC-certified group resource manager. Although a strictly literal reading of the relevant FSC policy (doc. 3.6.1) has led OMNR to believe that it is eligible for certification as a group resource manager, this notion clearly violates the intent of the model, which was designed as an approach to the “certification of small landholdings…” Applying this model to a large jurisdiction like Ontario (approximately 42 million hectares of Crown forest under management) would lead to problems of transparency and credibility for FSC.

Second, the Ontario government has clearly stated that it intends to become certified in advance of endorsed regional standards. Moreover, it has stated a lack of support for regional standards in general, and a desire to bypass the requirement to adhere to future endorsed regional standards. This intent clearly undermines the relevance and importance of regional standards. This is made all the more significant by the large scale of the intended certification – the entire area for which regional standards are being developed.

It is critically important that the FSC Canada Working Group accept resolutions to protect the integrity of its certification models and the integrity of its regional standards development processes.