Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, welcoming the members and guests, inviting open discussion but noting that only members may vote. Members were further reminded that voting was on a weighted voting basis.

Confirmation of Meeting and Proxies
The Secretary confirmed that notice of the meeting had been properly served, and sufficient members present in person or by proxy.

The Secretary confirmed that 27 proxies had been received and accepted.

- 6 held by the Secretary
- 14 held by Jessica Clogg
- 2 held by Chris McDonell
- 1 held by Martha Copestake
- 1 held by Brent Rabik
- 1 held by David Pearce
- 1 held by Hadley Archer
- 1 held by Gillian McEachern (not present at the AGM)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Minutes of the meeting of September 16th, 2005 had been posted to the website and were available to the members at the meeting. One comment was received by Bill McKay who noted that under Other Business he raised a concern that there is a lack of coherence between SLIMF and CoC standards in that there is a reduced frequency of annual audits on SLIMFs but not for small CoC holders, thus making the CoC standard still too financially onerous for small CoC applicants. Having raised that concern, which is reflected in the minutes, Mr. McKay then asked the FSC Canada President and C.E.O. to give his assurance that in the revisions of the Maritimes standard, there would not be any “watering down” of the standard. He received such assurance and that exchange was not in the Minutes. The following correction should be included in the Minutes of the September 16th, 2005 meeting.

“Mr. McKay then asked the FSC Canada President to give his assurance that in the Revisions to the Maritimes Standard there would not be any “watering down” of the Standard. He received such assurance.”

C. McDonell moved, seconded by B. Rabik, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Carried.

Chair’s Report [to be confirmed]
Events since we met in Fredericton a year ago have been beyond our expectations. Each issue of Branching Out seems to carry more good news than the one before.

Among the highlights of the past year have been new certifications in Québec and elsewhere as well as huge developments on the markets side. The latter can be illustrated by the Canadian Printer listing of the 2006 Top Printers adding an indication as to whether or not a printer is FSC-certified to the table of attributes. Not only that but in the text explaining why they had added the FSC indication, Canadian Printer characterized FSC as “… a business trend that is sweeping the paper and printing industry worldwide.”

In short, we should all be as proud of what we have accomplished as we are vigilant and energetic in pursuing goals as yet unmet. As we focus on the goals as yet unmet, and with the rapid change that has taken place in the last two years, we are going to pause, summarize and reflect upon what has worked, what hasn’t and what changes may be needed.

President’s report [to be included]

A. Brecov moved, seconded by M. Copestake, that the Reports of the Chair and President be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Financial Report for Year Ending March 31, 2006

The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2005-2006, noting that there was a summary available to the members in the room and a full report would be posted on the FSC Canada website. During the 2006 fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were $468,975 against total expenses of $467,836. The report presented was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer also formally acknowledged the generous support of The Ivey foundation, an Anonymous foundation, The Home Depot, The Metcalf Foundation, Canadian Boreal Initiative, Natural Resources Canada, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries, Michael de Pencier and Domtar Inc.

C. McDonell moved, seconded by D. Pearce, that the summary audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2005-2006 be accepted. Carried.

Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer submitted that McPherson & McPherson be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

B. Rabik moved, seconded by C. McDonell, that McPherson & McPherson be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2006-2007. Carried.
Election of Directors

The Secretary reported on the results of the Nomination process and the ensuing election of Directors. Only one nomination for each chamber vacancy was received and as a result no election was required and the four Nominees were acclaimed for a two-year term starting from September 30th 2006. The following are the FSC Canada Board of Directors for the 2006 – 2007 period:

- Economic Chamber: Brent Rabik
- Economic Chamber: Dick Kouwenhoven
- Environmental Chamber: Alan Young
- Environmental Chamber: Richard Brooks
- Indigenous Chamber: Ben Cheechoo
- Indigenous Chamber: Russell Collier
- Social Chamber: Arnold Bercov
- Social Chamber: Gerard Szaraz

The membership congratulated the new Directors.

Resolutions

Three requests for the presentation of Motions were received at the FSC Canada office within the specified period. The Secretary read the resolutions and welcomed comments from the floor.

Resolution 1
Moved by: West Coast Environmental Law
Seconded by: Sierra Club of Canada BC Chapter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: in order to ensure transparency and accountability the FSC-Canada board will:

a) Notify all FSC members in Canada of its intention to develop policy in a particular area;

b) Provide opportunities for members to participate in policy development commensurate with the expressed degree of interest in and impact of the policy;

c) At a minimum, provide FSC members and FSC chapters with an opportunity to review and provide comments on draft FSC-Canada policies with the intent of substantially and demonstrably addressing concerns and issues raised;

d) Seek member feedback on existing policies, and make revisions as necessary to respond to feedback from members;

e) In carrying out the above, be informed by and use to the extent applicable in the Canadian context, the approaches set out in FSC-AC’s FSC-PRO-01-002 “The Development and Approval of FSC Policies”; and

f) This does not apply to policies related to administrative operations of the organization, i.e. human resources, staffing, financial management.

IN FAVOUR: 34, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTION: 0

Resolution 2
Moved by: West Coast Environmental Law
Seconded by: Cam Brewer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: FSC Canada update its communications policy in consultation with the membership, including developing mechanisms to ensure coordination with regional initiatives and local FSC members in developing outreach and communications strategies.

IN FAVOUR: 18, AGAINST: 7, ABSTENTION: 9

Resolution 3

Moved by: West Coast Environmental Law
Seconded by: Cam Brewer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- RECOGNIZING that the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating system is a significant force driving demand for FSC-certified wood products, and thus movement towards sustainable management of Canada’s forests;
- RECOGNIZING that LEED’s continued exclusive recognition of FSC-certified wood products in its credit system is an essential aspect of this transformation in Canada’s forests;
- RECOGNIZING that issuing any credit for non-FSC certified wood products by LEED would undermine the important role LEED plays in transforming this sector by reducing incentives for specification of FSC products, and in turn for forest managers to pursue FSC;

THEREFORE, FSC Canada expresses its official support for LEED and urges the US Green Building Council and Canada Green Building Council to retain the LEED system’s exclusive recognition of FSC certification in its material and resources credits.

IN FAVOUR: 33, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTION: 1

The Secretary read comments received on the above resolution by an FSC member.

On September 11th, 2006, Patrick Armstrong, an organizational member of the Economic Chamber in good standing provided the following comment:

Resolution: “Recognizing that the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building …”

It would be inappropriate for FSC Canada to make a formal representation to the US and Canada Green Building Councils as suggested by this resolution. If adopted this resolution would create serious problems in relations between FSC and the market and reinvigorate the certification wars that many of us hoped were behind us.

Other Business
No new business was presented from the floor.

**Next Annual General Meeting**

The members were informed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held at a time and place to be decided by the Board in due course and announced to members as soon as the decision has been taken.

**Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.