PRESENT:
ECONOMIC CHAMBER: Chris McDonell, John Wiggers
ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER: Roberta Clowater, Denise English
INDIGENOUS CHAMBER: Russell Diabo, Peggy Smith
SOCIAL CHAMBER: Jean Arnold, Adine Mees
STAFF: Jim McCarthy, Marcelo Levy

AGM Convened by Chairman C. McDonell

Confirmation of Meeting and Proxies
Secretary received Proxies: six received in the name of the Secretary of the Board, one in the name of Denise English, and three in the name of Russell Diabo. The Secretary also confirmed that notice had been properly served, and sufficient members were present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Minutes of meeting held February 25, 2000 were reviewed. No comments had been received on the First AGM minutes.

Report from the Chair:
Reported on the growth of the organization, the endorsement of major retailers. Financial growth as well as the contributions of the members and the many volunteers. The full text of the Chair’s Report is available in the 1999/2000 Annual report which is bilingual and on FSC certified paper.

Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for 1999/2000. A clarification of the source of funds received was requested.

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

By-Law Amendments
The Chair introduced the proposed By-Law amendments. It was noted that they had been reviewed by the Board, and recommended for consideration by the membership. Changes to By-Laws include the incorporation of chapters with clearly define roles and responsibilities.

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

Motion to receive the Report from the Chair was introduced by P. Smith, seconded by D. English.
Motion Carried

It was moved by J. Wiggers, seconded by R. Diabo, that McPherson and McPherson be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2000/2001.
Motion Carried

It was moved by P. Smith, seconded by J. Arnold that the By-Law amendments as presented be accepted.
Motion Carried
Other Business

Membership

J. Arnold presented a resolution on membership for consideration.
Whereas FSC Canada has been working towards building membership, and
Whereas FSC Canada has ¼ of overall FSC members,
Be It Resolved that FSC Canada adopt the formal FSC weighted voting system and encourage organizational membership.

Discussion followed regarding the fact that FSC should be an organization of organizations. In addition, the constraints that economic chamber members face under the current criteria and procedure were raised. There was general agreement “in principle” to the recommendation, but the implications needed to be more completely understood.

First Nations Certification Forum and Principle 3 Panel of Experts

Whereas FSC Canada wishes to promote greater understanding and clarity regarding the application of FSC Principle 3 in the context of FSC Canada’s national initiative and regional standards development, and
Whereas FSC Canada recognizes that there are a range of Indigenous issues which must be rapidly addressed in order to promote FSC Certification in Canada, and encourage greater Indigenous involvement and membership in FSC;
Therefore Be It Resolved that FSC Canada shall seek resources to undertake the following actions:

1. Hold a First Nations Forum on Certification.
2. Establish a Panel of Experts to provide a Report and Recommendations on implementation of Principle 3 within Canada to the FSC Members and the National Working Group.

It was moved by J. Arnold, seconded by P. Smith, that FSC Canada adopt the weighted voting system.

R. Diabo, seconded by A. Mees, proposed an amendment that FSC Canada undertakes a study of the application of the weighted voting system in the Canadian context and report back to the next AGM with recommendations.

Motion Carried

It was moved by P. Smith, seconded by R. Clowater, that the report and recommendations to be presented to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the next AGM.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by R. Diabo, seconded by D. English, that 1) FSC hold a First Nations Forum on Certification, and 2) Establish a First Nations Panel of Experts on Principle 3 for Canada.

Motion Carried
Next Annual General Meeting
The next AGM will be held June 2, 2001 in a location to be determined.

Adjournment
There being no other business there was a motion to adjourn. P. Smith, seconded by R. Diabo, moved adjournment. Motion Carried