

Michael Hamelin -- re-elected President of Alliance Quebec

Montreal, May 25, 1996 -- Michael Hamelin was re-elected president of Alliance Quebec Saturday, by a vote of 128 to 7 at the organization's 15th annual convention.

Delegates in workshops agreed to forward several resolutions to plenary session of the general council for final decision on Sunday.

One calls for an independent inquiry into the irregularities of Quebec's 1995 referendum. Another reaffirms the organization's "fundamental and unequivocal" commitment to a united Canada.

There was a lively debate on a resolution by the Alliance Quebec Provincial Youth Commission which called, among other things, for recognition of the right of some parts of the province to secede from an independent Quebec. The resolution will be forwarded to plenary session with a recommendation that this section be dropped and replaced by a demand that the Canadian Constitution be respected.

Another workshop recommended that any municipal body, school board or health and social service institution that requests the right to serve people in a language other than French be allowed to do so.

Keynote speaker [Andrew Orkin](#), who has observed elections for the United Nations and the European Community, reported on his observations of the 1995 referendum. He estimated that up to 64,000 ballots may have been wrongfully rejected. Orkin noted that Quebec's future may eventually be decided by questionable procedures.