



# American-Canadian Genealogical Society

Founded September 1973 in New Hampshire

P. O. Box 668  
Manchester, NH 03105

BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 7, 1985  
502 BROWN AVENUE - MANCHESTER, NH

NOTE: This meeting was held in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting which was to take place on Monday, February 11. This change was agreed to unanimously by those present at the February 7 meeting.

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PRESENT: Richard Gagnon, Helen Tuttle, Maurice Moynihan, Aurore Dionne, Mark Gauthier, Lucille Lagasse, Roger Lawrence, Robert Maurier, Jean Pellerin, Irene Racicot, Ky Stratoti, Alfred Yelle

EXCUSED: Frank Binette, Frank Chicoine, Roland Marchand, Louis Valliere

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-- The meeting was called to order by President R. Gagnon at 6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

H. Tuttle moved that the minutes of the previous meeting (held January 14, 1985) be accepted as written. This motion was seconded by L. Lagasse, and unanimously accepted by the Board.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

-- M. Moynihan reported that he and R. Gagnon will mail out the detailed Treasurer's Report (outlining financial data from October 1984 to present) this coming weekend.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

-- The Corresponding Secretary, J. Pellerin, was welcomed back. He will be assuming greater responsibilities as time goes on.

### LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

- As reported by Helen Tuttle, the new Jette book is in, and more books have been put on the shelves and numbered.
- There are 4 new librarians thanks to the efforts of I. Racicot, Head Librarian. She is looking for volunteers to take over on Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

### EDITORIAL BOARD

- K. Stratoti reported that she is still in need of original articles for the Genealogist.
- I. Racicot mentioned that Irene Thibodeau may do an article telling the story of several of Lafayette's men, who, after the American Revolution, went to Canada to find French Catholic wives, and then settled in upstate New York.
- A. Yelle will get in touch with the publisher of a book on Indians. He will see if there is material in this book which may be extracted for publication in the Genealogist. The author of the book is connected with the University of Ottawa.
- A. Yelle has just purchased volume 2 of the book on forts, which may also be a source of information on Indians for a future article.

### SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

- Neil Boucher, from Centre D'Acadien at the University of St. Anne, will be speaking at the Conference on the topic of Acadian research. He will be bringing his family with him. He has asked to be reimbursed for the cost of his flight only. This will be approximately \$165 Canadian (\$125 to \$135 American).
- A. Yelle moved to take money out of the Conference fund to pay for Mr. Boucher's flight. This was seconded by J. Pellerin, and was unanimously accepted. Mr. Boucher will be sent a letter confirming our payment of his air fare.
- Marthe Beauregard of Montreal and James Owens of the U.S. Archives in Waltham, MA will also be coming to speak. There will be no financial obligation to either of these people.
- R. Lawrence is looking into possible locations for the

Conference at St. Anselm College.

-- The Sarto Center is also a possibility for the Conference site.

-- R. Gagnon mentioned that we are looking into a package deal on rooms and meals to attract more people to the Conference.

-- A suggestion was made that we put a flyer in the Genealogist to draw attention to the Conference.

### OLD BUSINESS

-- The special Life Membership drive will start on March 1. R. Maurier has drafted a letter to our membership on this topic.

-- R. Gagnon is developing a questionnaire directed towards inactive members to help us to find out why their memberships have lapsed. The questionnaire will also serve to remind these people about the Society, so that hopefully some of them will decide to renew their memberships.

-- The need to clean up our membership lists was discussed.

-- R. Maurier explained the Post Office's new procedures on "address correction requested" mail.

-- After some discussion on the topics above, R. Lawrence moved that the ACGS do the following:

-- A mailing to active members to include the letter explaining the Life Membership drive. This will be sent by third class bulk mail.

-- A mailing to inactive members to include the letter on the Life Membership drive plus the questionnaire now being developed by R. Gagnon. This will be sent by first class mail to take advantage of the "address correction requested" feature.

-- This motion was seconded by R. Maurier, and unanimously accepted. The estimated costs will be:

Mailing to active members:  
750 to 800 3rd class letters sent bulk mail

plus

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Mailing to inactive members:

Approx. 1,400 first class letters costing about  
\$300 in postage

plus

\$.30 for each card returned by the Post Office  
with corrected address (cannot be estimated)

plus

cost of printing questionnaire and letter

-- These mailings will accomplish the following:

- Inform all members about the Life Membership drive
- Remind inactive members about the ACGS
- Help us to clean up membership list by deleting  
nonexistent addressees and correcting bad addresses

-- The topic of sending reminder notices on dues' payments  
was brought up and tabled for discussion at a later date.

-- The topic of opening the library on Thursdays was also  
tabled for later discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

-- R. Gagnon related the recent events concerning the  
announcement by Lillian Leger, President of the Acadian  
Genealogical and Historical Association, that the AGHA has  
apparently decided to dissolve its relationship with ACGS,  
effective February 3, 1985.

-- A copy of L. Leger's letter of February 3 to R. Gagnon is  
attached. This letter was reviewed by the Board.

-- The ACGS by-laws relating to this type of situation were  
read by R. Gagnon.

--R. Gagnon expressed that, if this decision to dissolve is  
illegally done, then the ACGS Board must decide what to do to  
take control of the situation, and get AGHA back on track,  
with the least disruption to its membership.

-- On Wednesday, February 6, R. Gagnon, H. Tuttle and J.  
Pellerin met with a lawyer at Hage & Hodes, Attorneys at Law,  
in Manchester, to discuss the implications of this situation.  
The minutes of that meeting are attached.

-- J. Pellerin provided information on AGHA's assets, which are also assets of ACGS.

-- K. Stratoti read a news release prepared by AGHA announcing the dissolution of AGHA and apparent formation of a separate organization, the Acadian Genealogical and Historical Association, Inc.

-- M. Moynihan moved to appoint R. Gagnon, J. Pellerin and H. Tuttle as an ad hoc committee to act as a liaison, on behalf of the ACGS Board, in dealings with the attorney at Hage & Hodes, and with the AGHA board. The understanding in this motion was that final agreements would be subject to review and approval by the full Board of ACGS. This motion was seconded by A. Yelle, and was unanimously accepted.

-- M. Gauthier moved that all discussion concerning possible legal problems between ACGS and AGHA remain confidential and not be discussed except among ACGS Board members. This was seconded by A. Yelle, and was unanimously accepted.

-- J. Pellerin went on record to say that he has called the counselors and has made them aware of AGHA's actions.

-- It was agreed by consensus of the Board that R. Gagnon has the right to appoint an interim committee to handle matters that may need to be taken care of concerning the AGHA situation. This may include, for example, the moving of materials.

-- A. Yelle moved that ACGS appropriate \$200 towards the lawyer fees to Hage & Hodes, Attorneys at Law. This was seconded by J. Pellerin and unanimously accepted.


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-- A Yelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. This was seconded by L. Lagasse, and was unanimously accepted.

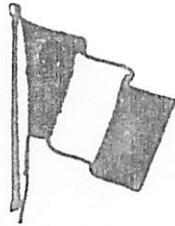
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Respectfully submitted:

  
Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

  
Date

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THE ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, ~~P. O. BOX 668, MANCHESTER, NH 03105~~

*Inc*

February 3, 1985

Mr. Richard J. Gagnon, President  
American-Canadian Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 668  
Manchester NH 03105

Dear Dick:

This is to inform you and your fine ACGS Board that AGHA as you know it was dissolved at today's meeting in Waltham, and has now become The Acadian Genealogical & Historical Association, Inc. AGHA, Inc. is a stand-alone association, no longer a subsidiary of ACGS.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, this structural change was prompted by our explosive growth which has given rise to our need to be independent of ACGS.

Please be assured, however, that aside from incorporation and the relocation of our address to Fitchburg, AGHA, Inc. has every intention of continuing a mutually beneficial relationship with ACGS. Our Board wants very much to sit with yours to establish the ground-rules of our new relationship, especially in regard to the library and Moncton microfilm. The indexes, by the way, are being bound, and I assume that we can work out a permanent loan agreement to place them in the library. The status of the microfilm itself is, of course, subject to consultation with the University of Moncton and will be confirmed by AGHA, Inc. as the legal successor to AGHA.

AGHA's by-laws provided, as you know, for all properties at the time of dissolution to revert to ACGS except for materials on "permanent loan". The properties owned by AGHA at the time of dissolution amount to approximately \$20.00 with the exact figure to be determined around 3/1/85 when interest amounts in checking and savings accounts are known. At that time, under AGHA's by-laws, AGHA will close its accounts and send ACGS a check for the exact balance.

Our new Address is: AGHA, Inc., P. O. Box 2631, Fitchburg MA 01420. We have made the necessary notifications at the Manchester Post Office, but it will probably be some considerable time before we stop getting your mail and vice versa. For our part, we'll promptly forward all mis-directed ACGS mail, and I trust that you will reciprocate.

Mr. Richard J. Gagnon, President  
American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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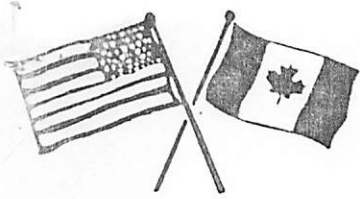
There is much that we feel needs to be discussed in a joint meeting of both full Boards. I'll be calling you this week to see when we can all get together to minimize temporary disruptions, and to maximize the mutually rewarding progress of both groups.

In the meantime, please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lillian G. Leger  
President

cc: AGHA, Inc. Executive Board



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P. O. Box 668  
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Date: February 6, 1985

Place: Hage & Hodes, Attorneys At Law

Present: Richard Gagnon, President, Helen Tuttle, Vice President &  
Jean Pellerin, Corresponding Secretary

## Documents Presented:

1. ACGS Incorporation Papers
2. ACGS Constitution and By Laws
3. AGHA Constitution and By Laws
4. Letter from Lillian G. Leger, President of AGHA to Richard Gagnon, President of ACGS concerning dissolution of AGHA from ACGS.

## Determination:

Based on evidence presented our lawyer has recommended the following:

1. That the officers of the AGHA have dissolved illegally and not in accordance with ACGS Constitution and By Laws.
2. We must stop them dead in their tracks immediately and prevent them from doing any business and carrying on any activities under their new name.

In order to this the lawyer has recommended the following:

1. Writing them a letter and advising them that ACGS has hired legal counsel
2. To cease and decist all activities under the name Acadian Genealogical & Historical Association Inc. including publishing..!
3. To set up a meeting between Officers of ACGS and Officers of AGHA with legal counsel present in order to resolve this matter.
4. That if no response is received by our attorney within a two week period that legal action will follow.

Attorneys Fees: Lawyer - \$75.00/Hr. Assistant Lawyer - \$55.00/Hr.  
Would need a possible \$200.00 advancement to begin drawing against...

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