



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 1985
502 BROWN AVENUE - MANCHESTER, NH

PRESENT: Richard Gagnon, Helen Tuttle, Jean Pellerin, Aurore Dionne, Louis Valliere, Irene Racicot, Roland Marchand, Robert Maurier, Lucille Lagasse, Roger Lawrence, Ky Stratoti

EXCUSED: Frank Binette, Alfred Yelle, Frank Chicoine, Mark Gauthier, Maurice Moynihan

President R. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

INDEX CARDS

--There was some discussion concerning the Library's index cards, most of which duplicate information found in the repertoires. R. Gagnon suggested that ACGS offer to loan these files to the Maine Chapter. It is hoped that the members there would benefit from the files, as they do not have repertoire material readily available to them.

--It was mentioned that Bob Quinton has over 10,000 index cards that he would like to donate to the Library. These are in alphabetical order, and contain information that is not duplicated in the repertoires.

-- R. Lawrence made the following motion:

-That, if the Maine Chapter agrees, ACGS will loan index cards presently in the ACGS Library to the Maine Chapter with the exception of cards detailing information on U.S. marriages, and births and deaths (both U.S. and Canada); also that the file cabinets needed to store these cards will be loaned to the Maine Chapter.

-That the files remain on loan until such time that more room becomes available in the Library allowing the files to easily be stored there.

-That a stipulation in loaning these file is that the Maine Chapter will take care of any insurance needed

while the files are under their custody.

This motion was seconded by J. Pellerin and unanimously accepted.

--In conjunction with the passing of this motion, it was agreed to accept Bob Quinton's offer and incorporate his card files into the ACGS Library.

--R. Lawrence volunteered to supervise the U.S. marriage files.

--Volunteers will be needed to sort through the index cards to separate the files that will be retained in the Library. It was agreed that action on this should be delayed until the present work on cataloguing and rearranging books is finished.

MAINE CHAPTER

--A point of information was presented by R. Gagnon -- in 1984, the Board voted to begin turning over \$4 for every \$10 new member and renewal fee from members in Maine to the Maine Chapter to help in their operations. R. Moynihan is working on the accounting for this, and a check will be presented to the Maine Chapter at their board meeting on March 5.

MAILINGS

--The Society is in need of a volunteer who would be willing to handle mailings 6 times a year. This would include 4 mailings of the Genealogist and 2 miscellaneous mailings. It was suggested that a notice be posted in the Library to help find a volunteer.

EDITORIAL BOARD

--The Genealogist is typed and ready to go with the exception of the President's message. K. Stratoti still needs ancestral lines on some of the ACGS Board members, and would also like them from the Maine Chapter's board members.

ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

--R. Gagnon related events concerning the AGHA matter that have occurred since the ACGS Board meeting of February 7,

1985. He restated the Board's commitment to, with the assistance of our legal counsel, seek an out-of-court settlement on this matter which will assure that assets and operations of AGHA are properly and legally handled. Possible courses of action, based on this goal, were discussed.

--It was agreed that the Society should wait until the situation is further resolved before making any announcements to ACGS and AGHA memberships, and to the press.

--A motion was made by L. Valliere as follows:

-That ACGS appropriate \$2,500 towards possible legal fees which would be incurred should it become necessary to settle the AGHA matter in court.

-That this money be put in escrow by the ACGS lawyer until it is needed.

-That the \$2,500 appropriation be taken out as a bank loan so that ACGS will not have to change the status of its savings certificate. Signing for the loan on behalf of the Society would be: R. Gagnon, President; M. Moynihan, Treasurer; and Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary.

This motion was seconded by I. Racicot and unanimously accepted by the Board.

-- It was suggested by R. Gagnon that, when this matter is resolved, ACGS approach the new board of AGHA and request that \$2 of each dues payment be turned over to pay any outstanding legal fees incurred as a result of settling this dispute. This would be done over a period of time so that the operations of AGHA would not be substantially affected.

--J. Pellerin made the following motion:

-If deemed advisable by ACGS' lawyer, that ACGS incorporate the Acadian Genealogical and Historical Association in the State of New Hampshire.

-That the incorporators of AGHA will be the five executive board members: R. Gagnon, President; H. Tuttle, Vice President; M. Moynihan, Treasurer; Jean Pellerin, Corresponding Secretary; and Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary.

-Also, if advisable, that ACGS register the name of the AGHA publication, L'Etoile Acadie.

-That these actions be taken as soon as possible.

This motion was seconded by R. Maurier and unanimously accepted.


BY-LAWS

--The need to clarify ACGS by-laws concerning policies on the dissolving of chapters and subsidiaries was discussed. It was agreed that the Board should work with the Society's legal counsel as soon as possible to revise the by-laws to eliminate any ambiguities.

--Also brought up was a recommendation that the by-laws be made to stipulate that chapters and subsidiaries must submit financial reports to the ACGS Board, and that their financial records must be subject to periodic audits.

--A motion to adjourn was made by R. Lawrence at 8:50 p.m. This was seconded by L. Valliere and unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted:


Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

3/4/85
Date