



# American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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BOARD MEETING - APRIL 17, 1985  
502 BROWN AVENUE - MANCHESTER, NH

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

Note: Maurice Moynihan arrived after discussion and votes on  
AGHA matter.

EXCUSED: Lucille Lagasse, Frank Chicoine, Frank Binette,  
Alfred Yelle, Mark Gauthier

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--President R. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:08  
p.m.

## ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

--Present for this part of the meeting was Sally Mulhern,  
attorney for ACGS. She explained the details of the ACGS  
suit action against the AGHA, Inc. organizers. A date has  
been set for a hearing at the Hillsborough County Courthouse  
in Manchester for May 7. The suit does not now include a  
"petition to attach" the personal property of the AGHA,  
Inc. organizers. She related that, prior to the actual  
serving of the papers to the organizers, their attorney, John  
Barrett, called her to inform her that his clients are  
willing to surrender. Specifically, they are willing to do  
the following:

- Dissolve the Acadian Genealogical and Historical  
Association, Inc.
- Return all assets of the Acadian Genealogical  
and Historical Association back to ACGS, including
  - Moncton indexes
  - printer
  - back issues of L'Etoile d'Acadie
  - cash assets, including membership dues - this  
is estimated at approximately \$2,800 minus

legitimate expenses of AGHA

--Resign from the Board of Directors of the Acadian  
Genealogical and Historical Association

This offer to surrender includes the requirement that all parties sign a mutual "hold harmless" agreement. The offer did not include payment of legal fees incurred by ACGS as a result of the dispute with the AGHA, Inc. organizers.

--Ms. Mulhern explained that she went ahead with the serving of papers to the AGHA, Inc. organizers after the receipt of the phone call from Mr. Barrett. Apparently neither Mr. Barrett nor his clients were aware that the suit was taking place when the decision to offer a surrender was made. Ms. Mulhern explained the alternatives available to ACGS, particularly in view of the fact that the AGHA, Inc. organizers are not agreeing to pay legal fees.

--After discussion, and clarification of several points by Ms. Mulhern, I. Racicot moved that ACGS accept the AGHA, Inc. organizers' offer to surrender, providing that they pay \$2,500 of the ACGS legal fees incurred as a result of this dispute. As part of this motion, it was stipulated that ACGS counsel would be authorized to negotiate with the AGHA, Inc. organizers, should they not accept the ACGS demand of \$2,500 payment. The ACGS lawyer would be instructed not to lower the demand for payment to any less than \$1,500. If the AGHA, Inc. organizers do not accept this demand, ACGS would then take this matter to court.

This motion was seconded by R. Maurier. A vote was taken and the motion was turned down, with 2 in favor and 6 opposed.

--After further discussion, R. Lawrence made a motion to accept the AGHA, Inc. organizers' offer with the contingency that they pay \$2,000 for ACGS legal fees. If this is not accepted, then our lawyer would be authorized to negotiate with the AGHA, Inc. organizers, and if need be may reduce the ACGS demand down to \$0. This would give ACGS a chance to recover some of the legal costs without forcing us to take expensive court action. This motion was seconded by J. Pellerin and was accepted, with 5 in favor and 3 opposed.

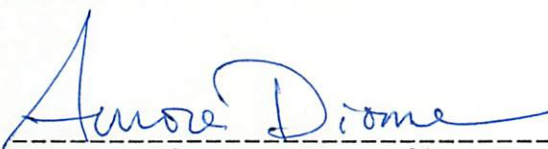
--R. Maurier made a motion that the organizers of AGHA, Inc. not be allowed to reorganize using the Acadian Genealogical and Historical Association name, or the name of the AGHA publication, L'Etoile d'Acadie. This was seconded by R. Marchand and unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS - PURCHASE OF COMPUTER TERMINAL

--R. Gagnon explained that ACGS has an opportunity at this time to purchase a computer terminal which will allow us to process our own labels, at a savings of \$400 to \$500 a year. The terminal, which would be located at the home of J. Pellerin, would provide him with the opportunity of being able to continuously maintain the library's catalogue of books. Besides providing greater efficiency in the operation of the Library, the Society may be able to sell, at some time in the future, a catalogue of our books to raise money for the Society, and to help increase membership by publicizing the Library's assets. A motion was made by H. Tuttle to purchase the terminal, at a cost of \$250, and to pay the additional monthly phone charges for accessing the terminal into the computer (approximately \$20 a month) plus the installation costs for the telephone. This motion was seconded by R. Lawrence, and unanimously accepted.

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--At 8:40 p.m. H. Tuttle moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by J. Pellerin and unanimously accepted.  
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Respectfully submitted,



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Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

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Date