



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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P. O. Box 668
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BOARD MEETING - JULY 9, 1985 ACA BUILDING - MANCHESTER, NH

PRESENT: Richard Gagnon, Helen Tuttle, Jean Pellerin, Aurore Dionne, Irene Racicot, Roland Marchand, Louis Valliere, Mark Gauthier, Frank Chicoine, Roger Lawrence, Robert Maurier, Ky Stratoti

EXCUSED: Lucille Lagasse, Frank Binette, Alfred Yelle, Maurice Moynihan

--R. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

--J. Pellerin moved to accept the Recording Secretary's report for the previous meeting (June 11, 1985) as written. This was seconded by I. Racicot and unanimously accepted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

--Dues renewals have slowed down to 3 or 4 a week.

TREASURER'S REPORT

--The current financial report was reviewed by R. Gagnon. A copy is attached to these minutes for your information.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

--Plans have been made to move the back issues of The Genealogist from the Library to a paid storage facility. This will cost the Society \$39 a month.

--These plans soon because unnecessary however, as M. Gauthier volunteered to store these back issues and some of the file cabinets also. These materials can be moved to another location in the future should another volunteer come forward who is willing to provide storage space.

ARCHIVIST REPORT

--The bill for the bindery is over \$900. This will be paid in July and will come out of the Archivist's funds.

--The books which were tied up in customs have been released.

These repertoires are now being catalogued.

--The Library needs containers for the many 3" X 5" cards now being generated in the book cataloguing process. J. Pellerin has found that an antique dealer of his acquaintance has solid oak cabinets which contain 3 sections of 15 drawers each which can be used to store 3" X 5" cards. These cabinets are in excellent condition. The dealer is willing to sell all three sections for \$425.

--R. Lawrence made a motion that ACGS buy the oak cabinets. This was seconded by I. Racicot and was unanimously accepted.

--M. Gauthier moved to sell 4 or 5 of the present index card cabinets in the Library, both to make more room available, and to recuperate some of the funds being spent on the oak cabinets. This was seconded by R. Maurier and was unanimously accepted.

--R. Lawrence moved that the funds for the purchase of the oak cabinets be taken out of the Archivist's fund to be reimbursed later by the sale of the Library file cabinets. This was seconded by R. Maurier and was unanimously accepted.

EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT

--There was some discussion on the roles of the Editor and the Chairman of the Editorial Board.

--M. Gauthier moved that the guidelines for the various boards, which had been established in the past, once again be followed. This was seconded by R. Lawrence. This was voted upon, and was accepted with all in favor except for 1 opposed and 1 abstaining.

--As Vice President, H. Tuttle agreed to accept the responsibilities of the Editorial Board Chairman, as outlined in the established guidelines.

--K. Stratoti mentioned that ACGS has recently received some good publicity in the University of Moncton publication, Contacte Acadie.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

--The work of the Research Department has slowed down lately due to people being on vacation. L. Valliere noted that more research volunteers are needed.

OLD BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - SURNAME INDEX

--R. Maurier reported that the format is set up, the text of the 5-question survey is almost completed, and will soon be sent out. R. Lawrence is drafting a letter explaining the details of the questionnaire.

PERIODICAL INDEX

--R. Marchand reported that he has completed listings in several different categories. He needs some questions answered before he can proceed. He will be working with J. Pellerin on this.

FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

--There will be an informational mailing to members at the end of July. Everything is going well with plans.

--There will be door prizes at the Conference. H. Tuttle, the Conference Chairman, is looking for volunteers to ask their companies to donate goods and services. She would welcome any suggestions of prizes -- such as books from publishers, etc.

ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

--R. Gagnon, H. Tuttle, J. Pellerin, A. Dionne and M. Moynihan will meet at the ACGS lawyers' office to sign the mutual releases and other documents needed to settle the AGHA matter on Wednesday, July 10. The AGHA, Inc. principals will also be present at the lawyers' office to sign the forms and to turn over the assets of AGHA.

NEW BUSINESS

--Hilda Dupont has done an outstanding job on the index to the Genealogist. She will be recognized at the awards banquet at the Fall Conference. M. Gauthier moved that ACGS now give her a \$25 gift certificate to a local restaurant as a gesture of appreciation. This was seconded by J. Pellerin and was unanimously accepted.

--R. Gagnon suggested that the information that Hilda has typed on cards be typed sequentially on 8 1/2" X 11" sheets to be made into an easy-to-use reference index. M. Gauthier volunteered to do this.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

--I. Racicot's home, including her pool, will be the scene of an exciting Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, August 11. The plans are to have a short meeting, followed by a catered meal. The cost will be \$7.50 per person. H. Tuttle moved that money be appropriated out of ACGS funds to pay for all board members attending, and for one guest for each member. This was seconded by R. Maurier, and was defeated in vote.

--R. Marchand voted that ACGS pay for board members, and that each board member who brings a guest pay \$7.50 for that guest. This was seconded and was carried with all voting in favor except for 2 abstaining.

DUES INCREASES

--R. Gagnon explained that the cost to do mailings to out-of

country members is substantially higher than for members in the U.S. There are approximately 60 members outside of the country. I. Racicot moved that dues for regular members outside of the U.S. be increased from \$10 to \$12 to defray the extra postage costs. This was seconded by M. Gauthier. The motion was carried in vote, with all in favor except for 1 opposed.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

--By September 1 all members must have in hand a list of proposed by-law changes so that they will have enough time to review the proposals before the annual business meeting at the Fall Conference.

--The following several suggestions were made which will be considered when reviewing the current by-laws for possible revisions:

Topic 1 - Dissolution of chapters and subsidiaries

--Procedures should be clearly outlined.

--The board of the chapter or subsidiary should be answer to the wishes of their membership.

--The chapter or subsidiary board should be required to inform ACGS of the reasons for dissolution in writing.

--They should be required to petition their membership in writing and should state in the letter why dissolution is being recommended.

--This letter should go out jointly with ACGS who should be allowed to list pros and cons of dissolution.

--The chapter or subsidiary board should then solicit votes from the membership.

--The opinion of a majority of the members voting will determine whether the chapter or subsidiary will dissolve.

--The actual vote will be tabulated by an non-partisan attorney.

--The property of the chapter or subsidiary would revert to ACGS upon dissolution. The ACGS board would decide what to do with the property.

--A chapter or subsidiary should not sell or give away its assets.

-- Question -- what agreement should be reached with the Maine Chapter, which is concerned with the

disposition of their assets should they dissolve? Some property must remain in Maine according to provisions of a will.

--Question - can ACGS dissolve a chapter without a membership vote -- for example, in the case of the chapter being inactive - or failing to comply with by-laws?

--Question -- should there be separate procedures for dissolution vs. severance (separation) of a chapter or subsidiary? (Note - these 2 terms need to be clearly defined.)

--Should the disposition of assets in the event of a severance be negotiable?

Topic 2 - Incorporation of chapters and subsidiaries in the State of New Hampshire

--Chapters and subsidiaries must be incorporated in the State of New Hampshire so that any legal actions which may occur could be handled in New Hampshire

Topic 3 - Emergency by-law amendments

--The by-laws should include provisions for allowing for the adoption of emergency by-laws changes, per vote of membership, between annual meetings.

Topic 4 - Senior Life Membership discount

--Questions -- should members who are 70 years of age or older be allowed to pay \$100 for a life membership? (There was little interest in this idea on the Board so this topic will not be included in the proposed by-law changes.)

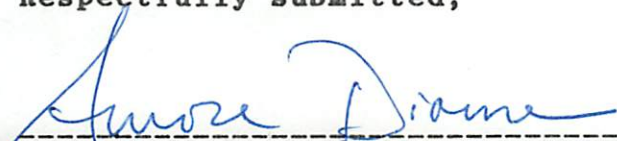
Topic 5 - Dues Year

--Should the dues renewal for a member be on the anniversary of the month in which he or she joined? Should the dues year remain the same as it is now -- with all renewals due in August? Should the dues year be from January through December, with all renewals due in January?

--The following people volunteered to work on revising the by-laws: R. Lawrence, R. Gagnon, I. Racicot, R. Maurier, A. Dionne.

--J. Pellerin moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. This was seconded by L. Valliere and was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,



Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

7/18/85

Date

A.C.G.S. FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR JULY 1985

HEADINGS	RECEIPTS	Y.T.D.	DISBURSE.	Y.T.D.	+/-

-MEMBERSHIPS-					
1. RENEWALS	<u>234.50</u>	_____	<u>46.00</u>	_____	_____
2. NEW MEMBERS	<u>70.00</u>	_____	<u>14.00</u>	_____	_____
3. MAINE MBRS.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. LIFE MBRS.	<u>325.00</u>	_____	<u>325.00</u>	_____	_____
-PUBLICATIONS / FORMS-					
5. FRANKLIN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. CHARTS/FORMS	<u>26.70</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. V.C.R. TAPES	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. OTHER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-PHOTOCOPIER-					
9. PURCHASE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. MAINTENANCE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. PHOTOCOPIES	<u>20.00</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. SUPPLIES	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-MEMORYWRITER-					
13. PURCHASE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. MAINTENANCE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. SUPPLIES	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-GENEALOGIST-					
16. PRINTING	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. MAILING	_____	_____	<u>99.39</u>	_____	_____
18. BACK ISSUES	<u>30.00</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
-SOCIETY MAILINGS-					
19. POSTAGE	_____	_____	<u>32.14</u>	_____	_____
20. PRINTING	_____	_____	<u>75.90</u>	_____	_____
21. OTHER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-DONATIONS-					
22. BOOK FUND	<u>35.00</u>	_____	<u>35.00</u>	_____	_____
23. LIBRARY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. BUILDING	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. A.C.A.	<u>91.20</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
26. RAFFLE	<u>119.00</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
27. OTHER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

HEADINGS RECEIPTS Y.T.D. DISBURSE. Y.T.D. + / -

-MISC.-

28. SUPPLIES			142.24		
29. ADVERTISING					
30. R.S. DEPT.					
31. CONFERENCE					
32. INTEREST	7.15				
33. COMPUTER			330.97		
34.					
35.					
36.					
TOTALS	958.55		1100.64		-142.09

*** ACCOUNTS ***

DESC.	LAST MO. +	RECEIPTS	- DISBURSE.	= BALANCE
37. LIFE	607.49	2.79		610.28
38. BUILDING	2200.40	69.76		2270.16
39. C.D. NOTE	10340.34	257.78		10598.12
40. ARCHIVIST	1926.81	754.20		2681.01
41. R.S. DEPT	1423.34	223.45	46.54	1600.25
42. PETTY CASH	300.00			300.00
43. CHECKING	1467.80	530.35	740.64	1257.51
TOTAL ASSETS:				19317.33

*** NOTES ***

RENEWALS : 22 NEW MEMBERS : 7

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UP TO 33 STILL REMAINING TO COLLECT \$933

#33 LEASE FOR TERMINAL \$250 80.97 FOR PHONE HOOK-UP