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SEPT. 9, 1985

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BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 1985
309 DUBUQUE STREET

PRESENT: Richard Gagon, Jean Pellerin, Aurore Dionne, Irene Racicot, Roland Marchand, Robert Maurier, Frank Chicoine, Mark Gauthier, Louis Valliere, Lucille Lagasse, Roger Lawrence, Marcel Lacasse

EXCUSED: Helen Tuttle, Maurice Moynihan,

ABSENT: Alfred Yelle

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

--J. Pellerin moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (August 11, 1985) as written. This was seconded by Marcel Lacasse and was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

--Marcel Lacasse, the new Corresponding Secretary, was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

--The report to be given at the Fall Conference was discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

--This report was given by R. Gagnon, who explained certain details.

RESEARCH SERVICE UPDATE

--The RS report was given by L. Valliere. He mentioned that, as we approach a new year for ACGS, he will be returning all of those requests which cannot be researched in the Library. The receipts from RS for this year are expected to reach approximately \$2,000.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

--This report was given by R. Gagnon. He related the latest occurrences with the Xerox copier, which has been continuously malfunctioning and in constant need of repair. He outlined the history of the copier, focusing on the fact that it was supposed to have been new when purchased, but actually had 6,000 copies taken on it before the sale. This

appears to point to the possibility of fraud. ACGS will ask Xerox to replace this machine with a new one, as we are entitled to a new machine under the terms of our maintenance agreement.

--R. Marchand told about the progress that he is making on his project, the periodicals index. He has some questions about what to do next, which he will discuss with the Library Board.

--I. Racicot mentioned that it has become difficult of late to find librarians willing to work days. She is looking for volunteers.

--R. Gagnon related Bob Descoteaux' suggestion that ACGS hire a librarian to work on Friday and Wednesday days. This idea met with no support from the Board as ACGS can't afford to pay a librarian, and it would not be fair to the volunteer librarians to pay for professional help.

--There was a discussion about the problems that occur when books are taken from the Library for legitimate purposes without the librarians and researchers being informed. It was suggested that a system be set up by the Library Board to let librarians and researchers know which books are out (perhaps a log book that can be accessed by all who need to know about the books).

--The new book indexes being done on computer will be in the Library for the Fall Conference.

EDITORIAL BOARD

--The Genealogist is at the printer.

OLD BUSINESS

THE GENEALOGIST INDEX

--M. Gauthier is making progress on typing the index to The Genealogist.

SURNAME INDEX

--The Surname Index is going well; 500 to 600 members have sent in their forms. Some are inactive, and want to rejoin. This publication will be structured as follows:

--surname index -- surnames and a list of member numbers for each

--membership directory -- names and addresses of members, and phone numbers where permission has been granted

--resources -- lists of personal genealogical libraries listed by state and area

--The deadline for receipt of information for the Surname

Index has been extended until the end of the Fall Conference.

FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

--Some suggestions were made on how to handle the Library during the Conference. These will be considered by the Library Board.

LOWELL REPERTOIRE

--There was much discussion on how to handle the Lowell Repertoire matter. A motion was made by R. Lawrence to make a copy of the repertoire to be retained by ACGS in confidence, and to return the original book to the parish. This was seconded by R. Maurier. The motion was carried with 8 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstaining.

MAINE CHAPTER PROPOSAL

--The Maine Chapter of ACGS held a meeting recently. The majority of the 35 members attending voted against the proposal to dissolve from ACGS. The Chapter will, therefore, remain associated with ACGS. This is perceived by the boards of both groups as being very positive as we can work well together.

NEW BUSINESS

CHESHIRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

--Linda Bengavin, a member of ACGS, has arranged for R. Gagnon and I. Racicot to speak about ACGS at the Cheshire County Historical Society in Keene on September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Other board members are welcome to attend.

FRENCH CANADIAN REUNION

--There will be a French Canadian reunion in Salem, MA at the Old Marketplace on Sunday, September 15. R. Gagnon suggested that, although it is short notice, it would be good to have someone representing ACGS at the reunion to pass out information packets and answer questions. No one was able to volunteer during this Board meeting.

At 9:00 p.m. L. Valliere motioned to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by I. Racicot and was unanimously approved.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD AT THE ACA BUILDING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Aurore Dionne
Aurore Dionne, Recording Secretary

10/14/85

Date

MEMORANDUM

TO: AGHA MEMBERSHIP

FROM: RICHARD GAGNON, PRESIDENT, ACGS

RE: CURRENT STATUS OF AGHA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

Earlier this year you may have received certain correspondence stating that AGHA had been dissolved, and that AGHA, Inc. of Fitchburg, Massachusetts had been named as its successor. It is both my duty, and my pleasure, as President of ACGS, to inform you that the attempted "dissolution" has been haulted.

On February 3, 1985, AGHA, Inc. of Massachusetts wrote to inform me, as President of ACGS, that certain members of AGHA had voted to dissolve AGHA, without prior notice to and the approval of ACGS, and without notice to the full membership of AGHA. The Board of Directors of ACGS considered the incorporation activities of AGHA, Inc. of Massachusetts to be unlawful and in violation of the Bylaws of both ACGS and AGHA, and immediately contacted an attorney. When negotiations with AGHA, Inc. of Massachusetts failed, we instituted suit.

Although we were not opposed to the dissolution of AGHA as a subsidiary of ACGS, we could not tolerate the method chosen in violation of ACGS By-Laws. It is vital to both organizations and its membership that the By-Laws and procedures for conducting business be entirely enforced and adhered to. The attempted dissolution of AGHA without the consent of ACGS would have resulted in a loss of library and other privileges to AGHA members.

Ultimately, a Settlement Agreement was reached whereby all assets of AGHA were returned; AGHA, Inc. of Massachusetts was formally dissolved; Lillian Leger, Louise Bourque, Carol Cormier, Paul LeBlanc, and Denise Pelletier formally resigned as officers and members of the Board of Directors of AGHA; and AGHA, Inc. reimbursed AGHA for damages incurred as a result of the attempted "dissolution".

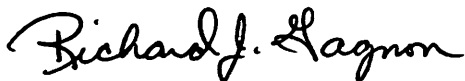
We realize that there is a time for organizations like ours to separate and work together without the financial and reporting obligations that existed. For this reason, I have proposed to ACGS's Board of Directors, as well as to the councillors of AGHA that we separate the two groups and turn over the running of AGHA to the original founders, and first President. I believe that since they were the ones to initiate this group, and know the reasons for its existence they would be the best persons to reorganize the

Association. Four of the five original councillors have accepted, and are ready to begin immediately, knowing how important it is not to delay. They are Clarence D'Entremont, Jean Pellerin, Richard Fortin and Robert Gaudet. With their support, I went to the ACGS Board and after discussion the Board unanimously agreed to the proposal.

The necessary steps have been taken to separate AGHA as a subsidiary of ACGS and to establish itself as an independent organization in accordance with our By-Laws that we have fought to protect. AGHA will remain a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New Hampshire with no change in name, and independent of ACGS. AGHA would continue to publish "L'Etoile D'Acadie" and the goals would remain as they were originally intended. ACGS has agreed to continue to provide library privileges to members of AGHA, as well as to work together in other common endeavors.

Enclosed herein is a letter from Jean Pellerin explaining the viewpoint of the four councillors and letting you know in what direction AGHA is headed. I hope that you will all support the four councillors of AGHA who have devoted substantial time and effort in starting this Association and who will continue in their efforts to rejuvenate AGHA as a viable and active organization.

Genealogically yours,



Richard Gagnon
President of ACGS



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ATTENTION

LIBRARIANS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Some of you may not be aware of the procedures for answering the telephone in the Actfane office when you are on duty in the Library. So that everything will run as smoothly as possible for both us and Actfane, I am asking that you make every effort to follow these simple steps:

-- When Paul Pare, Actfane's secretary, is not in his office during business hours, please answer the phone for him. Please identify yourself as "Actfane" when you answer the phone and take a message for Paul.

-- During evening hours and weekends, when Paul is not in his office, please answer the phone "ACGS Library." If the call is for Actfane, please take a message so that someone can get back to the caller later.

It is important to not just let the phone ring, as the number is published and any one of our members may be calling needing information (for example, asking if the Library is open). It is also only fair that we reciprocate by answering the phone as Paul Pare is kind enough to take messages for ACGS several times a week.

This system of covering the phone has been a mutually beneficial one for both Actfane and for ACGS. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions about the telephone policy, I will be glad to answer them for you.

Richard J. Gagnon

Richard Gagnon, President
American Canadian Genealogical Society