

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 13, 1991

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CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held Thursday, June 13, 1991 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided.

ROLL CALL Robert Decoteau was excused. A quorum was present.

RECORDING SECRETARY The minutes of the May meeting were read and spelling errors corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer's report was read. Helen Tuttle, Treasurer, informed the board that \$4000.00 was transferred by Telephonic money transfer to Canada for the Drouin Books. The Drouin income to date is \$5115.00. Helen received \$500.00 from Scott Paper Co. for the building fund.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Paul Desmarais, Secretary, reported he has received 16 replies to the letters for application for grants. All 16 were negative. He feels we should wait until we have a building or land and at that time resubmit the letters. Paul talked with Dick Gagnon about viewing the Boys Club in Goffstown, which is available, as a possible site for a new library. Pauline Cusson invited the board members to join her and Paul on Saturday, June 15, at 1:30 to look at the building.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Pauline informed the board that \$6595.00 has been received from pledges for the Drouin Books. There will be a letter in The Genealogist soliciting funds from members.

Al Hamel reported on Open Borders held in Lincoln, N. H. on May 29-30. He noted that 60 persons had signed the register and he felt it had gone well. He was disappointed with the location because it was not on the main street but he felt the exchange between the Canadian group and ours would be very beneficial. Al bought an index of parishes in all of Canada and France put

on microfiche by LDS. They can be used to order microfilm from the local LDS Library.

Al informed the board that he would be attending Kermesse in Biddeford, Maine, June 22-23. He will be one of the three speakers on Saturday, his topic being genealogy. Fifty families have registered at this time and more are expected.

LIBRARY  
BOARD

Connie Hamel, reported that at the last library meeting they did cataloged books and made plans for Open Borders. A request was made to rearrange the tables and it will be taken under advisement. It was decided that arrangements would be made to set up mailboxes for board members and a requisition system would be worked out for ordering supplies.

EDITORIAL  
BOARD

Anne Marie Perrault reported that Issue #48 of The Genealogist has gone to the printer. She said after a discussion with Lafayette on prices and they stated they would always give us the lowest price because they wanted our business. He gave us a delivery schedule of 4-6 weeks. It was decided to have 200 additional copies of Issues #41 and #42 reprinted.

Anne Marie has had several requests to change the title of The Genealogist to read The American Canadian Genealogist Inc. Roger Lawrence suggested the change would be good if in the future the legality of our using The Genealogist were challenged the addition would make it different. The change was unanimously agreed to.

Michael Melanson got a copy of form for application for non-profit rate. We now have bulk rate and would need to reapply for non-profit rate. Because we are designated as a "hobby group" we may not qualify. It was agreed to remove the Forwarding and Return Postage Guaranteed from the back cover. Pauline suggested people wanting it forwarded could pay to have it mailed first class.

Al suggested we put a list of names of people contributing to the Drouin collection in the next issue of The Genealogist.

Anne Marie informed the board that she would like to have meetings of the Editorial Board again and gave the board a list of meeting dates and invited anyone interested to attend.

The index to The Genealogist is 90% complete and there is also a subject index to go with it and it is hoped it will be ready to go in the next issue. Anne Marie stated she is being deluged with family lines and after discussion it was agreed to leave it to her discretion when to use them.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Gerry Lalonde reported that there were problems with copying the St. Marie's repertoire. He stated that in making corrections with accents and also the use of feu that are on the original but not on the copy. The accents would create a problem with sorting with the computer. It was agreed to establish a format to be used with all future publications and eliminate the accent.

#### COMPUTER COMMITTEE

Pauline reported she had talked with Dick Gagnon about a program he was writing with someone that would be a database with several fields that could be sent to people doing only one line. They would input the information and return it to us and we would keep their copy and a print file. We would print the data and return a hard copy to them and retain the data for our use. He also said he could also provide this computer with a 209 meg hard drive for \$700.00.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Michael Melanson reported that we are gaining about 25 new members each month. Pauline suggested he wait an extra month before sending out reminders. We had about 150 renewals and a new life member this month. Pauline reported that she had the layout for the labels to be attached to the trifolds showing the new membership fee as of October 1, 1991.

#### PUBLICITY

Bob Paquette learned from discussion with Mr. Deschantal at Open Borders that they pick a local name and do a feature article in the local paper with a credit to the local society. They found great interest generated this way. Bob is going to

make up a few articles and see if the Union Leader would be interested in carrying this possible in the Sunday edition.

JOINT  
BOARD  
MEETINGS

Pauline asked the board for feelings regarding meeting with the boards of other American-Canadian societies to share ideas. Al suggested it should be done soon because the Mass. Societies of Genealogists are also looking to combine with other societies to do the same. It was agreed to invite the other society officers to a meeting on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991.

NEW  
BUSINESS

Al brought up the subject of the St. Albans repertoire and was told that Pauline and Mike Cote had agreed to try to put this into the computer for publication. He also suggested the possibility of printing small quantities of repertoires would save because we would not have to invest in inventory to sit on the shelf.

It was agreed to have a working meeting on July 2, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the library to go over the guidelines of the society.

Pauline suggested we start selling raffle tickets for the Fall Conference. A nativity set has been donated for the raffle. Tickets will be sold at the library and people may send payment and tickets will be mailed to them. It was agreed to sell them for \$1.00 each.

Pauline suggested we set up a box to be used for donations for the Drouin books. She felt that many people can not afford to purchase a book but would like to contribute. A box on the librarians would enable them to contribute at any time.

Al mentioned that on June 29, a Meet the Authors Day is being sponsored by the Franco American Center. 15-20 Franco American writers will give a talk on Franco Americans in New England.

Roger Lawrence suggested we investigate getting a portable copier to be used to copy records. It was suggested that we rent one for the length of time it takes to copy. Helen mentioned that a Canon Copier could be rented for \$69.00 per month. Also it mentioned that we should think about investing in new microfilm readers.

The next meeting will be July 11, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Groszowalt*

Recording Secretary

*Pauline*

AMERICAN CANADIEN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 13 JUNE 1991

ROLL CALL - P = PRESENT E = EXCUSED A = ABSENT

NAME	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
PAULINE CUSSON	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
ALBERT HAMEL	P	O	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
HELEN TUTTLE	P		P	E	E	E	E	E	E	P			
JUDITH ARSENEAULT	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	E	P				
PAUL DESMARRAIS	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P				
LARRY AUTOTTE	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	E	P				
ROBERT DECOTEAU	P	T	P	A	P	P	P	P	E				
CONSTANCE HAMEL	P	I	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
GERRY LALONDE	P	N	A	P	P	A	P	P	P				
ROGER LAWRENCE	P	G	P	P	P	P	P	E	P				
ROLAND MARCHAND	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
MICHAEL MELANSON	P		E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
ROBERT PAQUETTE	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
ANNE-MARIE PERRAULT	P		P	E	P	E	P	P	P				

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