

Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM.

PRESENT: J. Stanton, J. Smith, P. Cote, A. Hamel, C. Hamel,
P. Cusson, R. Maurier, L. Autotte

EXCUSED: R. Lawrence, A.M. Perreault, R. Paquette, J. Arsenault

ABSENT: R. Niquet

The Minutes of the November, 1991 meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that information packets were being sent out at a rate of approximately 8-10 per month. It was decided to

begin including the most current issue of the society's Genealogist with the information packets generated by the Bul. Board Queries for 1 month.

The President reported briefly on the all-New England Genealogy Conference scheduled to take place on September 25-26, 1992 at the Host Inn in Sturbridge, MA. Twenty-seven societies will be participating during the two days, with an expected 54 speakers presenting topics on a concurrent basis, with programs being repeated. The Board unanimously approved a \$100. refundable allocation to this project to be used as seed money for the conference. Each participating society will also be refunded additional funds based on its members' participation. In addition, each society will be responsible for mailing conference notices to its own membership. The registration fee for the conference is \$50., which apparently also includes a box lunch on each day. Additional names of potential speakers were still being sought by the conference planners. It is expected that the cost of providing a speaker from any given participating society will be paid for by that society, i.e., registration, room/board, travel, etc. It was suggested that Frank Binette be asked to present a topic to the conference which would have a Franco focus.

The pink maps of France from Archiv-Histo in Montreal are on order (x100).

The President briefly reported that a regional Franco-genealogy conference is being organized to occur sometime in 1993, probably in the Montreal region.

The President also reported that the Quebec Family History Society will be presenting a conference on June 12, 13 & 14 at McGill University in Montreal. This conference will be offered in the English language and coincides with activities surrounding the 350th anniversary of the founding of Montreal. A conference descriptor was distributed to the Board members.

The President queried the board as to their interest in having Julien Olivier of the ACA tentatively explore organizing a genealogy trip to France, (cost, itinerary, etc.) perhaps for the fall of 1993. The Board

approved this. It was further suggested that this be published in the next several issues of the society's Genealogist in order to get a sense of interest on the part of the membership.

The President reminded the Board of the upcoming (March 22, 1992) regional meeting of the Franco genealogy societies in Woonsocket. Janice Burkhart from the Woonsocket society will be mailing the agenda.

The President reported for Bob Paquette that the Civil War group which had committed to making a presentation at our spring conference had cancelled due to an unforeseen conflict. Much of the planning for the spring conference remains incomplete. No commitments have been received yet from Mr. Bergevin who is apparently travelling in Africa, and Mr. Armand Chartier. Several suggestions were offered with regard to the spring conference: that we offer a beginners' workshop; that we contact Steve White RE: Acadian presentation; that we contact Mrs. Langlois-Martel of Sherbrooke for speaker suggestions or perhaps to invite her to speak.

Al Hamel suggested that we explore the possibility of starting a Roots 3 user group, not to conflict with Steve Kymer Jim Willard's group. Gerry Lalonde volunteered to contact Com-Soft regarding this.

Connie Hamel reported that a "New Acquisitions" table at the front of the Library, opposite the librarian's desk, had been initiated. New repertoires, histories, etc. received by the library will be placed there for 30 days prior to shelving. She will continue the orange stickers for a longer period of time.

The President reported that #50 of the society's Genealogist was at the printer as of 1/7/92.

Clarification was sought regarding the pricing of a complete set of the society's Genealogist (50 issues + 2 indexes). It was decided that this would be \$75. ~~\$100~~

Gerry Lalonde reported that the Ste. Marie repertoire had been edited and reprinted, and was now for sale for \$30. The printing was done at Kinko's where the society now has an account.

Al and Connie Hamel reported that they had presented a talk recently about Franco genealogy, the ACGS and its resources, etc., to the Richelieu Club in Lowell, MA and to the Questors of Manchester.

Gerry Lalonde inquired as to interest in pursuing further sales of T-shirts, jackets, hats, etc., with the ACGS embroidered logo. It was unanimously decided to discontinue this.

Al Hamel volunteered to determine if the LDS library was still in need of a microfilm filing cabinet, which we offered to provide for them in the past.

Connie Hamel reported that the project to develop a society logo had been temporarily shelved due to the holidays, illness, etc., but that the project would be restarted shortly.

It was unanimously decided that Gerry Lalonde pursue mortgage qualification

talks with local banks, based on the new income figures he has produced. Pauline Cote raised the caution that the income figures we produce for the banks which include Research Department funds, might be somewhat artificially high if internally, as a society, we were to target the Research Department funds for equipment/resource acquisitions only.

The next Board meeting will be at 6:15 PM, February 13, 1992.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurent Autotte
for Judith Arseneault
Recording Secretary