MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 14, 1994

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 14, 1994 at the ACGS Library. President Pauline Cusson presided.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

ROLL CALL

Al Hamel, Jack Stanton and Paul Levesque were excused.

RECORDING **SECRETARY** Motion

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Gerry Nash made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Julie Smith seconded. Motion carried. The minutes will be filed as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gerry Lalonde informed the Board that he had made an additional deposit to our Building Fund Account and the balance was now about \$17,000.00. He would like to apply \$15,000.00 of this amount against the building loan. The Board approved the payment. The phone bank has finished their calls but money continues to come in weekly.

Gerry inquired about vending machines for the kitchen area. He found 2 companies that he felt would meet our needs. They would supply and service the machines at no charge to us. We would only need to supply electricity. N.H. Tobacco was the company he felt would give us the best and cheapest products. Gerry felt that 2 machines would be sufficient, one for d rinks and another for snacks.

Pauline has the application for the Bean Foundation and it needs to be ready before August 1. Gerry Nash suggested Pauline appoint one person to handle the different foundations rather than have many people trying to work on it. Pauline mentioned Julien Oliver has been doing work for the Centre Franco-American and has written grants. She suggested we might want to think about hiring him to write ours for the Bean Foundation. Al Hamel was chosen (in his absence!) to contact Julien and request his assistance.

Motion

Roger Lawrence made a motion that we investigate the price of electricity for the kitchen area and if it does not exceed \$300.00 we would proceed with the work. Bob Maurier seconded. Pauline Cote apposed. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to table the suggestion of a dues increase in 1995 but to seriously consider this over the next few months. This is necessary to increase our cash flow for 1995.

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FUND RAISING

Lucille Lagasse reported on the fund raising. She reported she had 15 volunteers per week for 5 weeks. The volunteers enjoyed making the calls and the reception was great from all the people called.

PRESIDENT/ VICE PRESIDENT'S

REPORT

Pauline reported there is a block party on Sunday, July 17, 1994 to celebrate Bastille Day. She asked for volunteers for our booth.

International Festival at Gunstock on Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14. She asked for volunteers and Roland Marchand, Connie & Al Hamel and Anne-Marie Perrault agreed to help.

FALL CONFERENCE

Larry Autotte reported he was unable to get Leslie Choquette for the)
Conference because she is tied up in October. She suggested several
other people who would be able to speak on the Acadians. He is
checking with them and hopes to have one soon.

Gerry Lalonde recommended we offer a lifetime membership as a raffle item. A Jette and a set of the first 50 volumes of The A-C Genealogist will also be offered.

Larry mentioned the possibility of offering a stipend to speakers for our conferences. We do offer to pay expenses, but have not offered anything just for speaking. Larry felt the conference coordinator should have a working budget for the conference and be able to know what is available before choosing speakers. If the budget was built up over a period of time we would be able to get a really spectacular speaker, for a future conference, that we might not normally be able to afford.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Editorial: Issue #61 is going to be ready to go to the printer in about 2 weeks. It will be 4-6 weeks at Lafayette so it probably won't be out before the Conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion

All New England Conference: Pauline asked the Board if they felt we should participate in the next Conference. After much discussion it was decided we would not participate in the October 1995 Conference in Burlington,Vt. but leave the door open to get back in at a later date. Julie Smith made a motion that we not participate in the 1995 Conference. Lucille Lagasse seconded. Bob Maurier apposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on July 26, 1994 at 6:30pm.

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