

**ACGS**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**11 MAY 1995**

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**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 11 May 1995 at the ACGS library. Vice President Pauline Cusson called the meeting to order at 18:31.

**ROLL CALL** Lucille Lagassé was excused. A quorum was present.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** The notes of the 06 April 1995 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were noted in the treasurer's report (a misspelling) and in the report of the Editorial Committee (concerning number of copies of the Genealogist produced). The notes, after corrections, will be filed.

**(SPECIAL ITEM)** Pauline Cusson brought up the (previously discussed) idea of placing the Building Committee in the by-laws. She pointed out that this may be unnecessary and perhaps we need standing rules which govern formation of committees. All seemed to agree. (Jack should check Robert's Rules of Order.) *(A subsequent check of Robert's Rules of Order shows that "standing" committees — that is, those formed to function throughout the year — are usually named in the by-laws, as opposed to special committees named to perform a specific task or to study a specific question. This latter type of committee is not usually named in the by-laws.)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Brenda Costello said the we had several large bills to pay this past month and that she had to hold back a few because of a shortage of funds. There is a bill from the bookbinder's for \$975. There was some question as to how to allocate a memorial gift of \$150. Gerry Nash suggested that we get a memorial book in which to enter the names of such donors. There was also a suggestion of inserting book plates into some of our holdings as memorials. Pauline Côté questioned item 5.1 on the treasurer's report, thinking it should read \$271.50 and not \$181.50. Brenda will check on this. Pauline also asked if we had received any money in conjunction with the Spring Conference. Brenda replied that we had. Bob Maurier questioned the negative amount in item 18.2 of the report. Brenda said that it was an attempt to "correct" a 2-month payment. Pauline Côté asked if our back issues of the Genealogist were contained anywhere on the report. Brenda replied that the \$21,000 item under "other assets/publications" contains these, among other things. This item is a holdover from when Gerry Lalonde had set up the accounting system and perhaps we could do an inventory sometime to refine this. Brenda said that she and Pauline

Côté had discussed a method of keeping track of books that are sold. Brenda noted that she had paid a bill from the Goffstown Post Office for renewal of our bulk rate permit. She asked if, now that we use Mail Handlers, do we really need that permit? No definitive answer on this one. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

### **PRESIDENT'S- REPORT**

Concerning the intended purchase of New Hampshire Vital Records, Jack Stanton reported that he had spoken to the Director of the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services, Dr. Charles E. Danielson (under whose jurisdiction lies the Bureau of Vital Records) and had received verbal assurance from Dr. Danielson that, when we plan to actually purchase the records from the Mormons, he would grant permission for their release. In light of this, Gerry Nash and Pauline Côté suggested that we temporarily defer the purchase of these records until such time as we can better afford them. Roger Lawrence reported of the status of the Ogdensburg records. Pauline Cusson said that M. Drouin's "blue" books would be on CD by the end of this year. She also distributed a leaflet specifying items for sale by 4 Franco-American societies. Roger noted that it cost \$80 to have some free cabinets from the Manchester Historic Association moved to our library. He also reported that we now have shielding for the restroom windows and that it cost about \$20. Gerry Nash reported on a company that is disposing of some PC's and that the cost (to us) would be minimal.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Pauline Cusson asked what we should do about our Fall Conference, considering that Perini Hall at St Anselm College will not be available then (nor even in the spring of '96) because of renovations. There were suggestions of using the North Hall Student Center or the Dana Center — Dana Center would be more expensive, but there was concern that we could get "bumped" if we chose the Student Center and it was needed at the time. There was also discussion about renting the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall — some reported hearing that the fee was about \$300. There was a thought that there may be a parish group that would be interested in putting on a meal, were we to choose this option. Also discussed were the City Library auditorium, St. Augustin's hall, and Rosary Hall at Villa Augustina. There was a suggestion that we have the Conference on 30 (or even 23) September, as the All New England Conference in Burlington, Vermont is to be 12-14 October. Pauline noted that the recent Spring Conference was a success — thank you notes have gone out to the speakers. There was a question as to whether we made any money on the Conference — apparently, it's a bit too early to say.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Library/Acquisitons:** Diane Lavoie could not come tonight. Bob Maurier was not here last month so he didn't have a current report on the Library Board. Bob did report that they were working on a series of "how to" books for researchers, on a list of our holdings, and on the card index. He also said we had 14 rolls of

film on Charlevoix.

**Research/Publications:** Pauline Côté said that all is well with the Committee. St. Basil's is done. Still no further resolution on the new 300 records of Notre Dame des Canadiens. St. Joseph's (Fitchburg) has been copied. We have been invited to St. Georges (Manchester) and St. Theresa is ready to be copied.

**Publicity:** No report

**Computer:** Roland Marchand reported that the 286 is set up; Diane Lavoie is using it to do indexing.

**Building:** There was a question as to who has the contract for cutting the grass. Bob Paquette will check on this. Gerry Nash asked if the 2 trees are still coming down — lights are still being broken. Roger said his son-in-law would cut them down.

**Editorial:** Anne-Marie reported that the next issue of the Genealogist is coming back from the proofreaders. She reported on a proposed new 4-color cover which would add \$915 to each quarterly bill. General feeling was that we could think about this and perhaps do it for our 25th anniversary issue. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Anne-Marie forwarded, for the record, a note which stated that it would add \$915 to the quarterly price or that we could elect to have one year's worth of covers done at one time for \$1,852 with the volume #, etc. printed over the covers for each issue.)*

**Grant Writing:** Anne-Marie is no longer doing grant writing. Roger asked if anyone else could. Pauline Cusson said that Mike Melançon may be able to in a few months.

**Membership:** Judy Arseneault reported that we had 100 new members. There was some discussion concerning raising dues next year — perhaps to \$25/year — and to raise the price of a daily visit to \$5.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Relative to business contacts, we've received a cool response to ideas such as concerts, yard sales, etc. Roger suggested that we could offer a framed "line" for contributors to ACGS.

Roland Marchand said that Amos Fairfield would take home the old copier to work on it, but he needs someone to move it for him. We'll tell him he can have it, but there were no offers to move it.

**Bob Paquette moved** that we rent 1,750 ft<sup>2</sup> (gross) of space on the 1st floor of our building, without janitorial services, to the New Hampshire State Library; **Anne-Marie Perrault seconded; motion carried.** Pauline Cusson expressed concern that the improper reporting of income we receive from this rental might jeopardize our tax-exempt status. Gerry Nash said that the reimbursement for

heat, light, sewer, etc. is not taxable. There was also some question as to whether our occupancy permit would have to be modified.

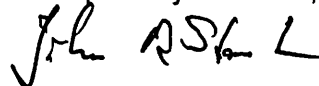
**NEW**  
**BUSINESS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 21:24. Next regular meeting to be held at the ACGS library at 18:30 on Thursday 08 June 1995.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton  
Recording Secretary