

**ACGS**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**11 JANUARY 1996**

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**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 11 January 1996 at the ACGS library. President Roger Lawrence called the meeting to order at 18:44.

**ROLL CALL** Lucille Lagassé and Gerry Nash were excused. Bob Neveux was absent. A quorum was present.

**SPECIAL ITEM** There are 2 Hamilton sorters upstairs. **Roland Marchand moved, Judy Arseneault seconded** that we sell one sorter to Gerry for \$25 for his use in Concord SCORE; **carried**.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** (Notes of 09 November 95 meeting): **Roland Marchand moved, Judy Arseneault seconded** that the minutes be accepted as is; **carried**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Pauline Cusson noted an item on the November 1995 fund activity — under building fund, other acquisitions — that \$100 belongs in the general fund. (Also see the report on the fall conference.) Adjusted balance will show later. Note the inclusion of the balance sheet as of 12/31/94 for comparison with the 12/31/95 one. Bob Maurier questioned item 12.9 on expenses for the December 95 statement. Pauline Cusson said that this had to do with Kinko's and the all New England conference. Some discussion on the item for heating. The building loan is down; the amount in the treasury is up. Roger Lawrence asked if we were making profit on sodas. Pauline Cusson noted that we are. We discussed the 1995 profit analysis report. Roland Marchand asked about the \$3,679.57 income under "society". Pauline noted that this can be from unspecified donations, interest on bank accounts, etc. The real net profit figure of \$19,187.54 differs from the \$16,215.34 on the December balance sheet by \$2,972.20 because of an item that probably was not picked up on expenses. Pauline Cusson will check this out and report back next month. Anne-Marie Perrault asked if Pauline Cusson could give her a one page report for publication in the Genealogist. Report to be filed for audit.

**SOCIETY BUSINESS** Anne-Marie reminded us that we should date and sign notes we leave. She reported on her progress with the obituary project.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**Inventory & Marketing:** No report in Bob Neveux's absence.

**Internet:** Don Chaput reported that we receive about 2 inquiries/day — we have picked up some members from this. He also noted that CompuServe now offers a home page on WWW (up to 1 Mb) to each of its members. He might pursue making one up "in his spare time". Roger Lawrence reported that a Les Arseneau from California had suggested that we offer a means for a member to request an answer to a "quick query". This would aid the distant members. Don has offered to answer this type of query on the Internet. Some discussion as to what degree of service we would offer to non-members vs. member on the Internet.

**Research:** Connie Hamel requested that a desk upstairs she has marked be brought down for her use. She would also like to have the use of a PC (and printer). Roland said he can do this latter item.

**Publications:** Roger said that Pauline Côté is working on St Joseph's.

**Computers:** Roland backed up all the library's files on 31 Dec 95. He also hooked up a CD-ROM drive on one of our PCs. He suggested that Don Chaput might better determine what CDs to buy. Pauline Cusson asked if the CD with Maine marriages has come out yet. Roger said no. Some discussion of collections of GEDCOM and Family Tree Maker files to be incorporated into CDs. Roland reported that PBS is coming out with a series on genealogy. Anne-Marie said she has a Bob Labelle, who could do some obituary work and would like to have a PC to take home. Roland said OK — he will try to get one working.

**Membership:** Judy reported that Mike sent out 137 notices in November. We had 145 renewals, 50 new memberships, and we took in \$322 in donations. In December we sent out 137 notices, had 153 renewals and 53 new members, and took in \$185 in donations. Total active membership is now about 2,550.

**Building:** Ray Desfosses has not gotten to the graffiti yet — perhaps when the snow goes. Sometimes the front is not well shoveled. Roger said that it was in the agreement that it also be shoveled. Bob Maurier noted that there is some "junk" on the landing in the front that should be thrown out. Ray said that the FD has not come around yet this year. He said that he has not gotten any more volunteers for projects that have to be done upstairs. There is a leak near where Connie Hamel sits; he has made a cup from aluminum foil to catch the dripping until a more permanent fix can be done when the boiler can be turned off.

**Editorial:** Anne-Marie said that #66 only needs its cover. Number 67, the winter issue, will be the first one this year. She asked if the Genealogist could be bound — again. Consensus seemed to be that we do.

**Acquisitions:** Bob said that December was a busy month. He is behind on reading the journals to see what should be bought. Pauline asked if an article on new acquisitions could be placed in the Genealogist. Bob said he can get a list together.

## **UNFINISHED** **BUSINESS**

Roger talked about a \$7,940 (new) and a \$5,400 (used) microfilm reader/copier/printer. There is another used one for \$4,200; it's a Canon and comes with a zoom lens. Bob Lowe said he would take 2/3 now and 1/3 later. Roland asked if a service contract could be purchased with it. Roger said yes. Bob Maurier questioned whether it would be worth the cost. Mary Jean Colburn voiced support for the purchase. **Anne-Marie Perrault moved; Jack Stanton seconded** that Roger Lawrence, Pauline Cusson, Bob Maurier, and Mary Jean Colburn could discuss the feasibility of such a purchase and act accordingly; **carried**. Roger reported that Gerry Nash had found some shelving (see executive board topics). Mary Jean said that the height is important. Pauline suggested that we postpone a decision on this until after the next library board meeting, at which it can be discussed.

Bob Maurier asked if there were any schematics available for the chair lift we have downstairs — apparently there are none. We should look around for an installer. Some concern as to whether the installation would cause the stairway to become too narrow and violate fire codes.

Spring conference: Larry Autotte has asked where it should be held. Roger thought that we could have it here or St Theresa's as a backup. Speakers suggested were Steve White, Colin Calloway, Julien Olivier, and Aurore Dion-Eton. Pauline said that we should not have it here. The fall conference was too crowded. Anne-Marie does not think that the problems are insurmountable. She thinks we should address them. Other places suggested were St Cecilia Hall and Ste Marie. Larry had suggested 04 May 1996. Bob Maurier reported that a Don Provencher sets up PA equipment.

Anne-Marie asked about the status of the electrician.

Roger suggested that we consider a 5-year plan.

Roland asked if we ever set a goal of what to pay on our loan. Pauline said she notes the status of the building fund and makes payments accordingly. Don Chaput asked about rental income; Pauline said it goes into the operating budget and not the building fund — for tax purposes.

Roger briefed the board on a draft letter to businesses in which we offer to do family trees and in which we ask for donations. This generated some discussion on unfulfilled pledges.

Don Chaput, regarding the guidance previously distributed to committee members, suggested that they be updated by the respective individuals. Pauline asked if we were going to participate in the next New England regional conference. There was a net loss to us from the last one. The next one will be in Cromwell CT from 25 - 27 Apr 1997. This one will deal more with methodology. **Bob Maurier moved; Roland Marchand seconded** that we

participate; **carried.**

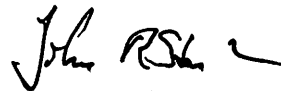
**NEW**  
**BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Don Chaput; Mary Jean Colburn seconded — done at 21:24.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton  
Recording Secretary