

**ACGS**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**14 MARCH 1996**

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**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 14 March 1996 at the ACGS library. *[(President Roger Lawrence presumably called the meeting to order sometime before the arrival of the recording secretary at 18:37.)]*

**ROLL CALL** Lucille Lagassé was excused. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Maureen Chicoine and Irene Dagneau (both from the Fr Leo Begin chapter) and Mary Lou Bolduc.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** *[The recording secretary walked in on a presentation by Mary Lou Bolduc on grant proposals. Also missing was a handout from Ms Bolduc — the proposed grant strategy.]*

**GUESTS FROM THE FR LEO BEGIN CHAPTER** Irene Dagneau and Maureen Chicoine from the Maine chapter addressed us. Maureen agreed to send copies of their minutes to Jack. Irene noted that there were delays in receiving lists of members. Judy Arseneault thinks she can get things straightened out. Some of the members from Maine are unhappy because they don't get their copies of the Genealogist, although they have paid their dues. Anne-Marie Perrault noted that correspondence should be addressed to the right position, e.g. treasurer, secretary, etc. Irene does have E-mail capability — this could solve some communication problems. Some discussion as to the recent growth of the Maine chapter. Bob Maurier noted that they have, in some cases, purchased books before we have. Maureen said that they occasionally raise extra funds by means such as garage sales. Roger Lawrence discussed ownership of items at the Maine chapter. Maureen said they have a listing of each resource in their possession which came from us. There was some discussion as to splitting the societies. Maureen thinks that the societies need each other. They are working on cemetery/obituary projects. Roger asked if they would be interested in photocopying parish records. Maureen said they would be. She will send sufficient copies of their newsletter for members of our board. Don Chaput asked if the items in the Maine chapter which belong to us are reported in our inventory. They are not but will be. A list will be sent to Bob Neveux' attention. Some discussion as to whether it would be wise for us to have copies of some of Fr Begin's repertoires. They also have some of Robert Chouinard's "stuff" which we could probably use. They have the state of Maine brides' index on CD-ROM. Maureen asked if we would like to have one of their representatives at our board meetings. Roger thought one

should attend. Perhaps one could be elected to the Board.

## RECORDING SECRETARY

Corrections offered to the notes of the February 1996 meeting were a correct spelling of Aurore Dionne-Eaton's name; adding of "American-Canadian" to the title of our journal; and a de-euphemizing of Anne-Marie's comment on the cookbook project. **Roland Marchand moved** the notes be filed as corrected; **Bob Neveux seconded; motion carried.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Pauline Cusson pointed out that the net on the income/expense is really \$3,000 less as the reader is now an asset. Item 4.6 and 4.9 should be combined. Bob Neveux asked about Item 2.0. Pauline said these are cash register receipts. Gerry Nash asked what rate we were paying on our loan. Pauline said 10.5%. Gerry asked if we could renegotiate. Item 18.7 is for January (only) snow plowing.

## SOCIETY BUSINESS

Roger said that Dick Fortin will be our Maritime "specialist". Anne-Marie Perrault reported on the obit project. We have Lowell, Lawrence, a good part of Maine, and Berlin. We are just picking a town and a year; people are cutting and pasting in any order; and then numbering pages and indexing. There was some discussion of comparison with a similar project of the Maine group.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Acquisitions:** Some books are back from bookbinders. Bob Maurier has been looking at all that the RI society has published — we're missing some and will have to order. Anne-Marie will get Bob address and price of certain Canadian records. (She said the publisher was Toronto University Press.) Bob would like us to review the Kankakee book when it comes in to see what we think of it.

**Inventory:** Bob Neveux updated the Feb 96 figure on the sales summary graph from \$965.32+ to \$10,052. He brought attention to his sales and inventory report, saying that we need to sell off much of it. His report contains suggested plans for selling. Anne-Marie agrees with the idea. Some talk that we should offer these for sale on a nationwide basis, e.g. to other genealogical societies. Anne-Marie would like to use the Genealogist to market these.

**Internet:** Don Chaput said usage is up 40%. In addition to AOL and CompuServe we are now monitoring a usenet newsgroup on french (mainly canadian) genealogy. The spring conference has been posted online. Anne-Marie noted that Connie Hamel feels pressured when she gets requests via the Internet. Don said he doesn't give them to her. No one seems to know where Connie is getting them. Bob Neveux asked if we're only giving answers to "one-liners" on the net. Don said yes. Don has asked Roger if we could use St Anselm's computer system to get a WWW page for ourselves.

**Research:** Connie Hamel not present. Roger said she had nothing to report.

**Publications:** Anne-Marie said that Pauline Côté is going to Kinko's with burials and marriages from Infant Jesus. Roger said we're going to have to hold off on publishing Winooski. The individual who had most objected to releasing the info is now gone.

**Computers:** Roland Marchand left a list of CD-ROMs that we could buy. He said that many of the CDs have gone up in price and the abstracts are really not descriptive enough for him to make good informed decisions. Some discussion about scanning the blue Drouins and putting them on CD. Roland said we have 5 PCs that are ready for use, but he thinks we need space. Don asked about the status of the machine to do the large fan charts. Roger is still working on this.

**Membership:** Judy Arseneault reported that Michael sent out 182 renewal notices and 36 reminder notices. Reminders have been successful. This past month we got 165 renewals and 28 new members and took in \$395 in donations. Judy thinks that being online has been valuable to us. Some discussion as to expanding our horizons beyond our perceived French-Canadian interests to perhaps attract more members yet.

**Building:** Ray Desfosses reported that he had repaired some leaks. The graffiti is gone — the trees are gone, so the kids don't hang around anymore. The storm drain will have to be unplugged from time to time. Price for unplugging would be about \$200/hour. Gerry asked if the parish could be asked about records concerning the direction of the line from the storm sewer. Ray asked why the fluorescent lights were removed near the readers. Feeling was that they were deliberately left out precisely because they would interfere with the readers. Ray asked if we could get some volunteers to do some odd jobs around the place — like painting the front door.

**Editorial:** Anne-Marie is having an editorial board meeting on Sunday at 1:00 o'clock. Anybody who'd like to come would be welcome. #67 may be ready next Wednesday. She would like to have the board's opinion about having a 5th issue next year for a surname index (?). *[Apparently doesn't need a decision now.]*

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**Library:** Pauly Labbe asked about the shelving. Roger said that he would know the proposed shipping date for these soon.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

Roger has reports from various individuals regarding their "job specs" and guidelines. Anne-Marie offered the use of a hand held tape recorder so that anyone could use it to be "interviewed" for this purpose. Bob Neveux asked about electrical requirements on the top floor. Roger said that he and Bob would have to walk the room(s) to determine this. It seems reasonable that Roger, Bob Neveux, and Ray Desfosses be an ad hoc committee to develop a plan for future renovations. We need to set dates for discussion of the 5-year plan. The first will be Sunday 14 April 96 at 13:30. Spring conference is on target. Don asked about the disparity between the bylaws and the trifold regarding the fee for institutional membership. Jack said he would clean up the "quorum" definition and this latter item (if the board desired). The board decided to not change the bylaws regarding institutional membership, rather to change the trifold.

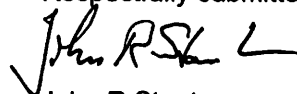
**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Don asked if we were going to proceed with Ms Bolduc's grant proposal. Gerry thought we should go with it. Anne-Marie pointed out that we would be paying an ACGS member. Some discussion as to the propriety of this. Pauline was not sure that Ms Bolduc intended to charge. Gerry thought the approximate \$500 fee could be a good investment. **Anne-Marie Perrault moved** that we approach Ms Bolduc to proceed with the grant proposal; **Don Chaput seconded**. **Gerry Nash offered an amendment** to say that we were willing to pay her; **Bob Maurier seconded**. Heated discussion on pay/no pay. **Anne-Marie Perrault nayed the amendment; amendment carried; motion carried.**

**ADJOURN**

Pauline Cusson moved adjournment; Don Chaput seconded; meeting adjourned at 21:28. Next regular meeting at the ACGS library beginning at 18:30 on Thursday 11 April 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton

Recording Secretary