

**ACGS**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**09 MAY 1996**

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**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 09 May 1996 at the ACGS library. President Roger Lawrence called the meeting to order at 18:35.

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

**RECORDING**  
**SECRETARY** A correction was offered to the notes of the April 1996 meeting to change the reference to the journal from "The Genealogist" to "The American-Canadian Genealogist". **Bob Neveux moved** the notes be filed as corrected; **Ray Desfosses seconded; motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S**  
**REPORT** Pauline Cusson pointed out the addition of a last page showing a trial balance. It can be used in conjunction with last month's statement to reconcile the profit/loss with total assets. Gerry Nash noted that this trial balance can be skewed as it could show one-time donations. Report to be filed for audit.

**SOCIETY**  
**BUSINESS** President: No comments.  
Vice-president: Received letter from LDS that they wish to copy certain of our records. Anne-Marie Perrault is not in favor of this as we do not have a right to give it away, as we do not hold a copyright. We're committed to Gunstock on 10-11 August. Manchester sesquicentennial 08 Jun in Derryfield Park — we're committed to that also (to do family histories as we do at Gunstock). We are planning to participate with the Sherbrooke society for 2 weekends in August — one there and one here. Gisèle's static display includes a blow-up of a page from Jetté. There will be a St Jean Baptiste celebration at the Stardust Room at 31 Canal St on 22 Jun 96. Josée Vachon will be performing. Tables are \$175. Should ACGS buy a table (10 per)? The Maine His/Gen group will be held the same day so some of us will not be here. **Bob Neveux moved** that we buy a table; **Ray Desfosses seconded**; short discussion on handling tickets. Anne-Marie will hold tickets. **Carried.** Anne-Marie thanked those who have handed in their guidelines and urged those who have not, to do so. Concern about lumps in rug. Gerry Nash has talked to manufacturer rep concerning this

Pauline said that the cleaning person has suggested that we get a rug (runner) for the high traffic area from the entrance to the reception desk as the constant cleaning is removing the chemicals that keep the dirt off — it just gets dirty faster. Gerry asked about Mary Lou Bolduc. Pauline said that she is to meet with her soon and go ahead with the fund raiser.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building:** Front has been cleaned up. Same person will be doing the lawn. Ray Desfosses wants to paint front door brown and would like to fill low spots in lawn. This will take about 9 yards of loam. Has heard nothing about the ditch the church had dug. Roger Lawrence offered some comments on this. Ray thinks it's connected to a drain in the boiler room. Bob Neveux asked if there were any plans available to confirm this. Gerry doesn't think that there is a storm sewer drain here. Some question as to where the plans now reside. We do have a poor blue copy which is difficult to read. When we had some recent flooding, there was considerable water on the lawn. Roger will be making some contacts to determine a resolution. He will have some answers next month. Ray is going to turn off the heat 15 May. Anne-Marie noted that the windows are occasionally left open at night. Bob Neveux is writing something for the electricians for the 3rd floor. We need to clean up there.

**Editorial:** Anne-Marie said that #68 will be ready in a few weeks. It will have 2 questionnaires and a listing of virtually everything we have to sell. The obituary project is going great. Roger asked if anyone would like to take over that portion of Anne-Marie's work.

**Library:** Pauly Labbe reported that the annual reports have been moved to the rear. The lockers have been relocated — big improvement. The bookshelves will be quite a project. Needs discussion at a library board meeting. Roger said that he will try to meet with Mary Jeanne tomorrow. We bought 8 units of 3' each. Gerry said we have sufficient uprights. Bob Maurier said that a detailed plan needs to be in place before any moving of books.

**Acquisitions:** Bob Maurier said that the RI repertoires are at the bookbinders. Anne-Marie asked about the Index of Canadian Archives, Vol. II, A&B — and whether Bob Maurier has bought it. Is there a way for us to determine what has been ordered vs. what we may receive unsolicited for review? Pauline is working on a compendium of such.

**Inventory:** Bob Neveux pointed out charts for 1st and 2nd quarters (an actual for January-March and a projection for April-June). He has come up with an estimate of the average price of the American-Canadian Genealogist. St Joseph's (Worcester) will be available for sale tomorrow at \$25. He wishes to move some of the materials where the repertoires are.

**Internet:** Don Chaput said about 2 inquiries per day is still a valid number. AOL is coming up with a full Web page capability this summer. Regarding the

Maine chapter, the idea of allowing them to have a representative to our board was discussed. (See Don Chaput E-mail (3-29).) Some discussion as to whether one of their members should attend our board meetings as liaison or as a voting member. General feeling seemed to be that we should keep it to a loose liaison for the time being. Yet there was also the opinion that we should insist on reporting of finances, etc. from them. Roger said that he would invite Maureen Chicoine et al to future meetings. Pauline noted that they are bringing in new members every month that we probably could not have recruited.

**Research:** Connie Hamel reported that the letter answering is going well. Roger asked about the turn around time. Connie prefers to do the ones that have prepaid first. Some requests are well documented (with partially filled out pedigree charts); some are 3 page letters which need to be deciphered to find out what is requested. Anne-Marie asked why we don't do family group sheets. Connie said it's too difficult. Some question as to why the minimum charge is not always levied. Considerable discussion regarding library access times --- something more properly a library board item.

**Publications:** Pauline Côté (by way of Roger Lawrence) sent in a report (see attachment).

**Computers:** Roland Marchand reported that he has been working considerably with Pauline Côté. There will be a library board meeting and a computer committee meeting, probably on the same day this month.

**Membership:** Judy Arseneault reported that last month we received 153 renewals, 40 new members, and \$90 extra.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Critique of Spring Conference:** Same person has won Jetté (or a substitute) 3 times in a row. The facilities were good, but the chairs were hard. Anne-Marie suggested that the speakers be retained with contracts --- not necessarily too legal. It seems that some speakers went well over their allotted time. Don Chaput asked if we could have Larry Autotte draft a letter of agreement. Bob Neveux suggested that, for future conferences, we could consider concentrating on a particular surname. It seems that we have already done that. Anne-Marie asked if we have ever considered just having an annual meeting and then shorter, more specific sessions on a monthly (or bimonthly) basis. Our attendance was 110. Food service was good. Net profit was \$152.62.

**Fall Conference:** 28 Sep 96 OK? No objections. Larry Autotte will chair and would appreciate any suggestions.

Don asked if we check on the money return we get on the copy machine.

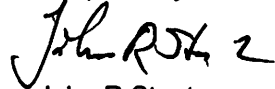
**NEW**  
**BUSINESS**

(None.)

**ADJOURN**

**Don Chaput moved adjournment; Pauly Labbe seconded;** meeting adjourned at 21:02. Next regular meeting at the ACGS library beginning at 18:30 on Thursday 13 June 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton  
Recording Secretary