

**ACGS**  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**13 JUNE 1996**

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**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday 13 June 1996 at the ACGS library. President Roger Lawrence called the meeting to order at 18:38.

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

**RECORDING**  
**SECRETARY** There was a question about the attachment mentioned in the Publications Committee report of the May 1996 meeting. Jack Stanton explained that the attachment referred to was distributed at that meeting and would be appended to the official notes. **Don Chaput moved** that the notes be accepted; **Gerry Nash seconded; motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S**  
**REPORT** Pauline Cusson distributed Balance sheet as of 31 May 96, Income/Expense statements for May and YTD, and Fund Activity for May. Gerry Nash asked if we have asked for the deposit back from the gas company — it's not time yet. Question as to "Chequing" balance — it's Canadian, not US. Ray Desfosses asked about item 18.1, as the heat has been shut off. Pauline said that the bill probably covered a part of April. Don noted that there appeared to be a discrepancy in reconciling last month's and that of the one before. Pauline believed the difference to be in some old (1994) checks that had not been cashed. Gerry asked if we, in light of our apparent high balance in the checking account, could pay a few thousand of the debt. Pauline suggested that she could probably pay \$6,500. **Gerry Nash moved** that we pay \$6,000; **Bob Maurier seconded; motion carried.** Treasurer's report to be filed for audit.

**SOCIETY**  
**BUSINESS** President: Roger Lawrence said that he will not run for the presidency next year. Anne-Marie Perrault has resigned her position as director. Received a phone call from Paul Landry from Burlington VT. He is president of a new society — the French-American Genealogical Society — in Vermont. They would like us to donate one copy of each of the repertoires we have published. Anne-Marie noted that the Fr Begin chapter purchases them. The new society is housed in the basement of St Joseph's church. Gerry asked if this new "chapter" would take away some of our members; most thought no. Several parishes in Vermont are willing to have their records copied. More discussion about allowing the

Vermont group have our repertoires. Roger would like to help them. Pauline noted that their request amounts to well over \$1,000. It's rumored that the Pawtucket society is donating something to the Vermont society. Roger mentioned that we could consider advancing them the repertoires in return for copies of whatever they may publish. Pauline will draft a proposal to send to the Vermont group saying that we will "sell" them our repertoires at cost on condition of payment either in cash or in kind. **Gerry Nash moved** that we approve this idea; **Anne-Marie Perrault seconded**. Don Chaput asked how this was going to be carried by the treasurer. Gerry Nash suggested that we could carry this as an account payable. **Motion carried.**

Vice-president: Anne-Marie offered again to interview and tape individuals who do not have their job descriptions submitted. She still has 3 tickets for the Josée Vachon performance and asked if we, or anyone we know, would be interested in attending. We're trying to get people to stop using our old PO Box number.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Judy Arseneault reported that reminders were sent in June to 130 members, 27 March reminders, 135 renewals in May and 20 new members. Doesn't have the building donations, but they were very few.

**Building:** Ray Desfosses said we had a power failure last Tuesday. He said that PSNH said there was a problem on Willow St somewhere. Bought a can of paint and painted the front door. Also bought some weed control. A Win McCarthy volunteered to do some maintenance work. We have to do a roof inspection. Inspection of fire extinguishers has been reduced from semiannual to annual. Ray noted that all extinguishers, at some time, have to be hydrostatically tested. He said that the lawn on the Baker St side is in poor shape and could use some loam. Roger said that a Bob Rheault had been approached for some help in this regard about 6 to 8 months ago. He (Bob) had said that he would stop after Mass sometime — hasn't done so yet. Some discussion as to the condition of the oil tank in the ground and how full it may be. Consensus seemed to be that we leave it alone. Ray asked if the pastor had decided to do anything about the trench (in/near the parking lot). Roger will be speaking to the pastor (of Blessed Sacrament) about this. Gerry noted that he followed the path of the water from this evening's storm and determined that there is no storm drain in the street. Roger said that he checked with some state agency regarding plans for our building. There is a microfilm of the plans in a city office, but it was made from a blueprint, making copies unreadable. Our copy of the blueprints are also unreadable.

**Editorial:** Anne-Marie reported that #68 is due out of the printer next Tuesday; #69 is in the works. Gerry asked if we could publicize in the American Canadian Genealogist that the memorial book will be ready soon. Pauline said that the All New England program will be in a future issue.

**Library:** Pauly Labbe said the bookshelves have been installed by Bob Maurier

and Don Chaput. Discussion about an estimate for end boards for the library — cost is \$225 or \$275. **Don Chaput moved** that we accept the bid (whether it be \$225 or \$275) for the end boards; **Pauly Labbe seconded**. Pauly asked if Mr Hastings (the bidder) was going to give us a drawing of what the project is going to look like. **Motion carried**. Anne-Marie asked about the last library board meeting. Pauly said there was a discussion about the lockers having been moved. Also discussed sorting of "St." vs. "Ste". Also some discussion on responsibility for purchasing CD-ROMs. Pauline said that we're incurring small order charges. She proposes that we (Committee chairs) plan purchases of supplies for 6 months or a year. Pauly asked who was going to be responsible for doling out supplies from our inventory. Pauline said that Bob (Neveux?) would be the storekeeper. Gerry suggested that we consider buying toner cartridges from Sam's Club, as the price is reasonable. Roger has a card for Sam's Club; we could use one more card. Roger said we should review the position of the TV and VCR.

**Acquisitions:** Bob Maurier distributed a partial list of the status of books. He will improve this report in the future. He also distributed a list Massachusetts microfilms available for purchase from LDS. He proposed that we purchase all but the deaths. He also proposed that we purchase all the records on the sheet which are available from Massachusetts State Archives. The total proposed price is \$2,129.50. **Roland Marchand moved** that we go ahead with the purchase; **Anne-Marie Perrault seconded**; (space for these films will have to be discussed by the library board); **motion carried**. Bob Maurier reported that Al Hamel has been working on NH records.

**Inventory and Marketing:** (No report in Bob Neveux' absence.)

**Internet:** Don reported an increase from 55 to 73 inquiries last month. On 28-30 June CIS is coming in. Somebody approached us to design a WWW page for us — free for the first month, \$9.95 thereafter.

**Research:** (No report.)

**Publications:** Anne-Marie reported for Pauline Côté on some problems we've had with Kinko's lately — probably a matter of lack of quality control. She noted that one cannot copyright genealogical records. She does think, however, that there is something we can do to the records to make them able to be copyrighted. She will continue to look into this. Judy said that she had her book copyrighted. Gerry asked why we wished to copyright — have we lost anything? Reply was no, but we should protect ourselves.

**Computers:** Roland Marchand reported that the computer committee had a combined meeting with the library committee — talked about Acadian CDs. We have a new donation of a 486 PC.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

Larry Autotte is proceeding with the program on the fall conference but doesn't have anything very solid yet. We know it will be on the 28th of September. Roger had suggested one speaker who has written a book on the Hazen regiment. St Thérèse will probably still be the site as St Anselm will not be ready. Anne-Marie reported that Pauly Labbe and Mary Lou Bolduc have not been able to get together to discuss grants recently.

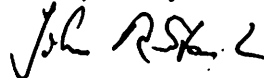
**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Pauline passed around a sample of proposed new letterhead. Not much difference in the price of 2-color vs. 1-color envelopes. She also showed a sample of a proposed business card. Bob said we should file a change of address to have anything addressed to 4 Elm St to be sent to PO Box 6478. Most seemed to think that the 4 Elm St should not be on anything we have (except, perhaps, the trifold). We still receive some correspondence in our old PO Box --- mostly periodicals. Since these are 3rd class mail, they are not forwardable. There was general agreement to go ahead with the letterhead. Some discussion about the tree logo --- could we look for another tree? Anne-Marie asked, since Roger will not be here on 10 July, should we have a meeting? Most felt we should.

**ADJOURN**

**Don Chaput** moved adjournment at 20:51; **Bob Maurier** seconded. Next regular meeting at the ACGS library beginning at 18:30 on Thursday 11 July 1996.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton  
Recording Secretary