

**ACGS Fall Conference
business meeting**

28 September 1996 13:00 - St Thérèse parish hall.

Call to order: 13:15 by Larry Autotte.

President Roger Lawrence: Introduced Jacqueline Bernardin who is presenting 3 books written by her brother, Charles, to the ACGS. She related an event which began an ongoing correspondence between the Bernardins and their relatives in France.

Pauline Cusson: Reported on the finances of the ACGS. We had an income of \$100,100 not including the building fund. Total expenses were \$90,800. Building fund income was \$18,000. Our debt has been reduced from \$90,000 to \$27,000. We are again purchasing books and computer equipment and supplies, after a 2 year hiatus.

Jack Stanton (parliamentarian) conducted the nomination and election of officers. Those proposed were Pauline Cusson for president, Anne-Marie Perrault for vice-president, Jack Stanton for recording secretary, Don Chaput for treasurer, Mary Anna Paquette for corresponding secretary, and Bob Decoteau and Larry Autotte for directors. Douglas McDonald moved that the nominations be closed. Bob Neveux seconded, motion carried. Jack Stanton then asked that a voice vote be cast to elect the slate as nominated. Vote was unanimous to elect the slate as nominated.

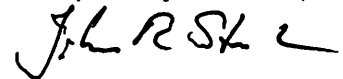
Pauline Cusson: Reported on progress of the ACGS throughout the past year. She noted that there had been discussion on one versus two conferences each year. Also reported on progress with computer access to the Society.

Richard Fortin reported on a book called "A Land of Discord Always" on the Acadians. He asked for our support for the new Vermont society.

Raffle was then conducted Jetté was won by John Bellerose, the complete American Canadian Genealogist was won by Laura Bradley, the \$100 gift certificate was won by Mike Melanson.

Business meeting closed at 13:47.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton
Recording Secretary

ACGS - 12 Sep 1996 18:30

Present: RLaw, APer, GNas, JSta, RDes, RMau, RMar, RNev, DCha, PCus, JArs

Order 18:33

August notes: [no corrections] No postage overdue.

GNas moved, BNev 2nd, carried.

Treasurer's report: Good income on dues this past month. If subtract equity in Jul from equity in Aug, all balances. We're in good shape but there are immediate upcoming expenses. Have 32 already registered for the fall conference as of 09 Sep. RMau asked about items 14.2 and 17.2 --- are they indeed different pots. PCus said yes. DCha asked about item 7.9 being negative. PCus said bank adjustment. We made a \$3,000 loan payment --- we could be in shape for another like payment. DCha asked about item 17.4. PCus said that this telephone bill also includes calling card charges. GNas asked if we could afford to pay \$7,000 on the loan. PCus said that she wasn't sure we could. RMau asked how much PCus would be comfortable doing. PCus said she could do \$3,000 now and another \$3,000 at the end of the month --- or perhaps \$5,000 now. **RMar moved \$5,000, RMau 2nd, carried.** Some discussion followed on workers' compensation insurance. File for audit.

Society business:

Pres: RLaw said that PLab could use some more file cabinets. He asked if anyone knew of any. APer suggested some outfit that deals in used furniture (something like "The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly"). GNas moved that we buy 4 letter size, 4 drawer file cabinets (APer to handle), DCha 2nd, carried. PLab asked about more space for the Drouin/PDRH stuff --- another cabinet. Some discussion about moving the ACA materials. RLaw suggested that we could use a new PC. PCus said that we're expecting a 486 in December. It was left for a computer committee meeting. A few remarks were exchanged concerning policies and procedures for the ACGS.

VP: APer said that guidelines will be done by the end of Sep. She said she has enjoyed being VP under RLaw. RMar asked why we did not bring all the Manchester repertoires to Gunstock. APer noted that perhaps we should have a list of what we should bring to field trips. RLaw agreed that we should have a policy for this. APer said that we need to bring books to Québec on Columbus Day weekend. BNev will set aside some. DCha suggested that we have several lists --- one base list, and others for specific occasions. BNev suggested making a kit up out of duplicates. APer said that some have asked if we could have a hospitality room when we go to Québec. Not much support for the idea. GNas suggested that, if we do have one, we limit it to wine, cheese, etc. It should be to elicit interest in our upcoming 25th anniversary. DCha asked if other groups were having hospitality rooms. None that we're aware of. PCus reported on quotes she had received on coin operated copiers. Conway Office Products that is to supply it will leave it here as long as it brings in \$200 a month. Any amount over \$200 the company would split 50/50 with ACGS. Cost would be \$0.10 a copy. DCha suggested that we keep the cost at \$0.15 a copy. BNev said that we made 44,000 copies in the past 8 months. [2-000] PCus said that we were not planning to make (much) money on the copier. GNas said that, if we don't plan to make money, we should only charge \$0.05 a copy. Discussion about pros and cons of whatever price we charge. The other proposal came from UBM. GNas will call Conway Office Products tomorrow to continue negotiation of the contract (\$0.15 a copy and 1/3 of income over \$200).

Committees:

Research: CHam not here. APer asked if we were getting E-mail from people who were waiting for research results. Some discussion as to who was setting policy for the research department --- the society or CHam. PCus said it was CHam, and it shouldn't be. APer said that we should take another look at the research department. APer suggested that the research group develop a set of policies and bring them to the board. Discussion about all the problems with the research department. DCha suggested that the next president appoint an auditing committee to study the research department.

PCus offered to approach CHam with the problem.

Publications: PC_t not here. RLaw asked if we were publishing as quickly as possible — could we expedite the procedure? He noted that the group in Rhode Island seems to be doing it faster. Yes, but they're only open one day a week — publishing is virtually all they do. Looks as if we need an audit of this department also. Maybe we could do better with more inputters and proofreaders. PCôt does not want to copy several parishes ahead because the pastors could become impatient waiting for the repertoires to be published. [3-000]

Computers: RMar was on vacation and has no

Membership: JArS reported that there were 60 new members last month, 254 renewals, and \$160 for building fund. JArS pointed out the need for a firmer policy on student memberships. It seems that there are people trying to stretch this category. JArS has been making decisions on a case by case basis. DCha said that we should have an age limit. **DCha moved** that the limit be high school student and 18 years old or less, **RMar 2nd, carried RMAu voted nay.**

Building: RDes said he will start heat the first day it gets cold in October. Regarding the loam (he doesn't want just fill), he says we need 9 yards of loam — approximately \$100. We should also have it spread and seeded. PCus asked about Dave who does the mowing. GNas asked if RDes could get an estimate from him. RLaw should have the authority to spend. Front stairs should be cleared, as should some cardboard boxes upstairs which are blocking the fire extinguishers. APer asked what should be done with boxes of newspaper clippings on marriages and some Canadian obituaries. RLaw said he would like to retain them. RDes said he has had trouble getting volunteers to get to do projects that need to be done. PCus said that Bob St Cyr has offered to help paint the room downstairs that we'd like to use as a coat room this winter. RMAu asked about the leaky pipes from last winter. RDes says he's fixed that. RLaw asked if there were anything we could do about the drainage outside. RDes says that he has found storm drains in the street. He will put a flag to mark the drain.

Editorial: APer AGC has been at the printers for 2 weeks; it should be mailed in about 2 more weeks. She noted that perhaps she could use an audit committee herself — she could use some help. She would like to be able to train someone to ultimately take her place. She says that we have enough contributions to fill at least 60 pages each issue. Perhaps DCha could offer some of his expertise in printing to help APer. PCus asked if there were any more survey results. APer noted that many of the survey respondents were from out of town — their opinions may well differ from that of the locals. DCha suggested that this be discussed at the next editorial board meeting.

Library: PLab not here.

Acquisitions: RMAu [3-490]. APer asked about the Oka books. RMAu said he did have contact with those with an interest. [3-510]. Order for microfilms from Mass archives is ready to go.

Inventory & Marketing: RNeV distributed sales graph. Good month last. Will have a comparison after October. Repertoires and Jettés are the best sellers. Canadian crossing are also doing well.

Internet: DCha distributed our current Web page. The URL is "<http://www.ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/acgs>". Some corrections were offered. DCha asked if we would send corrections to him. Received 64 queries last month. He asked about last month's note on affinity plates — should we pursue? APer asked if we could get the required 300 signatures.

Unfinished business: Fall conference — RMAu asked who was up for election this year. RMar, BNeV, GNas, APer positions as directors are up for renewals. PCus asked JSta to check minutes. Mary Anna Paquette has agreed to be corresponding secretary, PCus to be president, DCha to be treasurer. LAut to present slate as head of nominating committee. JSta to continue as parliamentarian. **RMar moved** that we submit a set of the ACG to the Persi index, **APer 2nd, carried, DCha voted nay.**

Adjourn: **RMar moved, RMAu 2nd, 21:16.** Next meeting Monday, 07 October 1996 18:30. [4-360]

John R. K. <

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TREASURER'S REPORT

1990 TO 1993 AND PROJECTIONS FOR 1994

THE HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

CURRENT STANDING OF OUR BUILDING FUND DRIVE

FOUR YEAR FINANCIAL HISTORY OF THE A.C.G.S.
AND ESTIMATED INCOME/EXPENSE FOR 1994

Note: The Fund Drive income and expenses are not included in these figures. This was left out so that we can see the true cash flow of the Society without the help of these items. That is the best measurement of the financial health of our Society, and our ability to meet our obligations.

<u>INCOME</u>	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
					ESTIMATE
MEMBERSHIP INCOME	20,592	25,090	32,582	34,847	40,000
PUBLICATIONS:					
Repertoires	221	205	767	2,324	3,000
Indexes	844	463	315	211	100
Video S & R	306	259	78	577	300
Other	0	184	0	554	2,000
PUBLICATION INCOME	1,371	1,111	1,160	3,666	5,400
GENEALOGIST:					
Back Issues	648	495	1,274	2,388	2,000
Ad Sales	300	200	180	245	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
GENEALOGIST INCOME	948	695	1,454	2,633	2,000
LIBRARY:					
Photocopy	944	2,266	3,783	3,842	4,000
Maps & Charts	701	1,549	2,049	2,639	3,000
Guest Fees	264	528	768	1,226	1,400
Other	0	4	52	285	
LIBRARY INCOME	1,909	4,346	6,652	7,992	8,400
RESEARCH:					
RESEARCH INCOME	4,285	4,840	4,824	4,308	4,500
CONFERENCE:					
Attend Fees	1,225	2,238	1,680	2,910	1,000
Raffle	1,821	278	328	3,357	2,500
Other	81	442	91	2,293	0
CONFERENCE INCOME	3,127	2,958	2,099	8,560	3,500
SOCIETY:					
Interest	2,130	2,799	2,636	2,240	300
Other	0	0	35	671	0
SOCIETY INCOME	2,130	2,799	2,611	2,911	300
TOTAL INCOME	34,361	41,839	51,442	64,917	64,100

<u>EXPENSE</u>	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
					ESTIMATE
MEMBERSHIP:					
Postage	348	740	759	900	1,000
Supplies	165	100	245	97	100
Maine Share	669	667	1,182	1,078	1,200
Other	0	47	10	0	
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	1,182	1,554	2,196	2,075	2,300
PUBLICATIONS:					
Postage	275	406	245	406	200
Supplies	165	195	351	349	100
Printing	2,085	1,175	2,238	554	2,000
Video	170	60	240	760	100
Other	0	31	20	2,300	0
PUBLICATION EXPENSE	2,695	1,867	3,094	4,369	2,400
GENEALOGIST:					
Postage	1,846	916	2,992	2,057	2,800
Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
Printing	8,257	5,520	10,700	10,446	10,600
Other	1,524	152	60	0	0
GENEALOGIST EXPENSE	11,627	6,588	13,752	12,503	12,600
LIBRARY:					
Postage	0	13	0	13	0
Supplies	842	1,213	1,088	1,993	1,000
Maintenance	0	0	0	310	3,000
Printing	461	90	1,771	1,063	1,500
Other	0	0	0	26	500
LIBRARY EXPENSE	1,303	1,316	2,859	3,405	6,000
RESEARCH:					
Postage	108	131	116	116	140
Supplies	70	52	88	123	20
Returns	813	968	795	1,106	1,000
Other	200	260	240	240	240
RESEARCH EXPENSE	1,191	1,411	1,239	1,585	1,400
CONFERENCE:					
Postage	382	767	1,143	878	700
Supplies	410	277	695	950	600
Speakers	450	417	523	648	600
Coffee &	248	272	410	572	500
Raffle	363	0	0	758	200
Other	100	540	0	1,917	300
CONFERENCE EXPENSE	1,953	2,273	2,771	5,723	2,900

<u>EXPENSE - CONT.</u>	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994 ESTIMATE
SOCIETY: A.C.G.S.					
Postage	683	553	785	1,166	300
Supplies	1,178	627	1,658	1,861	2,000
Rent	3,600	3,300	3,800	4,200	1,400
Telephone	386	418	416	467	700
Insurance	716	840	1,488	1,592	3,000
Maint. Equip.	359	510	552	0	600
Bank Charge	183	0	49	164	300
Other	1,236	325	449	1,043	3,000
SOCIETY EXPENSE	8,341	6,573	9,197	10,493	11,300
BUILDING: (New for 1994)					
Heat					3,000
Electric					3,000
Water					500
Insurance					1,500
Maint. & Repair					1,000
Fire Protection					500
Servicing Debt					8,000
Other					2,500
BUILDING EXPENSE					20,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	28,293	21,583	35,107	40,152	58,900
TOTAL INCOME	34,361	41,839	51,442	64,917	64,100
NET INCOME	6,068	20,256	16,335	24,765	5,200

Three things have been the major contributors to our large increase in cash flow in the past 3 years, namely:

1. The steady increase in our membership and guest visits to our Library.
2. The increase in services used by the membership such as Photocopying, Maps & Charts, Info Sheets, Research Services, and Publications.
3. The increase in dues from \$15 to \$20 annually instituted in October 1991.

This and the generosity of the membership in contributing to our Building Fund made possible the initial purchase of our new library. I see no end in sight to our membership growth. That, and the continued work by the Building Fund Committee to solicit funds from Foundations and local businesses should keep our Society in good financial health.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH 1973 TO 1994
(the real strength of our Society)

DATE	LAST MEMBER NUMBER ISSUED	NEW MEMBERS	DROP-OUTS ESTIMATED	TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
DEC. 1973	78	78	--	78
NOV. 1974	166	88	10	156
OCT. 1975	258	92	20	228
AUG. 1976	376	118	30	316
AUG. 1977	495	119	50	385
AUG. 1978	766	291	70	606
AUG. 1979	1033	267	80	793
AUG. 1980	1262	229	100	922
AUG. 1981	1464	202	110	1014
AUG. 1982	1700	236	120	1130
FALL 1983	1900	200	130	1200
FALL 1984	2138	238	140	1298
FALL 1985	2651	213	150	1361
FALL 1986	2563	212	160	1413
FALL 1987	2792	229	170	1472
FALL 1988	3045	253	180	1545
FALL 1989	3271	226	190	1581
FALL 1990	3591	320	200	1701
FALL 1991	3974	383	220	1864
FALL 1992	4321	347	250	1961
FALL 1993	4719	398	277	2082
SEPT 1994	5047	328	212	2198

This is our banner year. We have now helped over 5000 members trace their family tree and perhaps as many guests. We SALUTE members #5000 and 5001, Roy and Olivia Brooks of Raymond, NH.

As the above membership numbers indicate, we are a growing Society with members in all 50 States, Canada and 4 members in Europe. Genealogy has been fastest growing hobby in the United States for the past twenty years. New Englanders make up about 70% of our membership. Thirty percent live outside of New England. Our distant members use our Research Dept. extensively, and we keep in touch with them, and all our members through our publication, the A-C Genealogist, and through our semi-annual conferences which are video-taped for sale and/or rental by those unable to attend.

BUILDING FUND DRIVE (as of 9/28/94)

Amount Pledged by the Membership \$ 70,093

Amount Paid-In to date \$ 41,835

The Volunteer Fund Raisers wish to thank all the members who participated. We will continue to work toward our goal of raising \$ 250,000 over the three years of the Fund Drive. When we reach our goal we will be able to retire our Bank Loan and acquire the needed furniture and book stacks for our library and the additional repertoires, reference works and microfilm records to make us the best place in the world to trace the ancestors of those who have Canadian roots.

ACGS Board Meetings 1996 (Oct 1995-Sep 1996) - Motions

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Motion:</u>	<u>Moved by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>	<u>Result:</u>
05-Oct-95	Accept September minutes	Gerry Nash	Don Chaput	Carried
05-Oct-95	Buy Don Chaput's PC	Gerry Nash	Bob Neveux	Carried
05-Oct-95	Buy NH Vital Records	Bob Maurier	Bob Neveux	Carried
09-Nov-95	Accept October minutes	Gerry Nash	Don Chaput	Carried
09-Nov-95	Buy 15 copies of Jetté	Bob Neveux	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
09-Nov-95	Have bookshelves built for \$200 ± \$25	Pauly Labbe	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
11-Jan-96	Sell one Hamilton sorter to Gerry Lalonde	Roland Marchand	Judy Arseneault	Carried
11-Jan-96	Accept November minutes	Roland Marchand	Judy Arseneault	Carried
11-Jan-96	Form group to discuss feasibility of acquiring a microfilm reader/copier/printer	Anne-Marie Perrault	Jack Stanton	Carried
11-Jan-96	ACGS participate in next New England regional conference	Bob Maurier	Roland Marchand	Carried
11-Jan-96	Adjourn	Don Chaput	Mary Jean Colburn	N/A
08-Feb-96	Consider feasibility of cookbook making project idea	Roland Marchand	Don Chaput	Carried 6-4
08-Feb-96	Adjourn	Don Chaput	Roland Marchand	N/A
14-Mar-96	Accept February minutes	Roland Marchand	Bob Neveux	Carried
14-Mar-96	Approach Ms Bolduc to proceed with grant proposal	Anne-Marie Perrault	Don Chaput	(See next item)
14-Mar-96	Amend previous item to say we were willing to pay	Gerry Nash	Bob Maurier	Carried; Anne-Marie Perrault voted nay; motion carried
14-Mar-96	Adjourn	Pauline Cusson	Don Chaput	N/A
11-Apr-96	Accept March minutes	Bob Neveux	Pauline Cusson	Carried
11-Apr-96	Go ahead with the cookbook project	Roland Marchand	Pauline Cusson	Defeated 1-10, 1 abstained
11-Apr-96	Adjourn	Pauline Cusson	Roland Marchand	N/A
09-May-96	Accept April minutes	Bob Neveux	Ray Desfosses	Carried
09-May-96	ACGS buy a table for the St Jean Baptiste celebration at the Stardust Room	Bob Neveux	Ray Desfosses	Carried
09-May-96	Adjourn	Don Chaput	Pauly Labbe	N/A
13-Jun-96	Accept May minutes	Don Chaput	Gerry Nash	Carried
13-Jun-96	Pay \$6,000 on the debt	Gerry Nash	Bob Maurier	Carried
13-Jun-96	Sell our repertoires to the Vermont society at cost	Gerry Nash	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
13-Jun-96	Accept the bid for end boards for the library	Don Chaput	Pauly Labbe	Carried

13-Jun-96	Purchase records available from Massachusetts state archives	Roland Marchand	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
13-Jun-96	Adjourn	Don Chaput	Bob Maurier	N/A
11-Jul-96	Accept June minutes	Gerry Nash	Bob Neveux	Carried
11-Jul-96	Look into buying NEHGS 9-CD set of "The Register"	Roland Marchand	Bob Maurier	Carried
11-Jul-96	Fix old copy machine and buy new one	Bob Neveux	Roland Marchand	Carried
08-Aug-96	Accept July minutes	Don Chaput	Judy Arseneault	Carried
08-Aug-96	Buy Family Tree Maker and data CDs	Roland Marchand	Bob Neveux	Carried
12-Sep-96	Pay \$5,000 on the debt	Roland Marchand	Bob Maurier	Carried
12-Sep-96	Limit student membership to high school students 18 years old or less	Don Chaput	Roland Marchand	Carried; Bob Maurier voted nay
12-Sep-96	Submit a set of the American Canadian Genealogist to the Persi index	Roland Marchand	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried; Don Chaput voted nay
12-Sep-96	Adjourn	Roland Marchand	Bob Maurier	N/A
28-Sep-96	Close nominations	Douglas McDonald	Bob Neveux	Carried