

**AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
26 SEPTEMBER 1998**

**Call to Order:** The call was made at 1547 by president Al Hamel. Approximately 65 voting members were present.

**Recording Secretary:** [No report.]

**Treasurer:** [No report.]

**President:** Al Hamel exhibited a map of the Champlain valley produced by the VT Society, stating that it was available for sale by that society

He then thanked the organizers, Pauline Cusson and Richard Fortin and noted that he did not have a long agenda (or a formal one).

He recounted events of the past year and pointed out that his style has been to delegate. He specifically thanked acquisitions, building and grounds, computers, conference, editorial, library, publications, research, internet, and obituary committees and boards. (And later, at the evening banquet, thanked the membership committee.)

Al Hamel then went on to restate our progress on Parchemin. We have invested in a copy of the PRDH on CD-ROM. He also pointed out our upcoming acquisition of the 61 CD set of LDS records. He said that we are considering the purchase of a jukebox setup for these 2 CD sets. Our contract with Parchemin does not allow us to send information over the internet. He noted that our emphasis should be a shift from dependence on secondary records to primary records.

We have been made an offer by the Woonsocket Society. Would we be interested in being an "agent" for them to sell the CD set on the "red" Drouins?

**Bylaws revision:** Al Hamel presented the proposed changes. There were several questions from the membership, mainly having to do with the fact that these proposed revisions had not been in the hands of the membership earlier. **Gerry Nash Ray Gagnon seconded**; motion passed. Phil Lavallé moved acceptance of the bylaw amendments as is; **Paul Munson seconded**; 2 voted nay; **motion defeated** (needed ayes by 99% of those members present and voting).

**Election of Officers:** Al Hamel reported on the work on the nominating committee. He introduced Gerry Nash, the chairman. The slate presented was as follows:  
President, Al Hamel; Vice President, Roland Marchand; Recording Secretary, Carol Belmain, Corresponding Secretary, Mary Anna Paquette; Treasurer, Gerry Lalonde; Directors (2 year term through the annual meeting in 2000), Mary Jean Colburn, Craig Donais, Constance Hébert, and Charlie Martel. [Other directors whose terms do not expire until the annual meeting in 1999 are: Sam Harris, Pauly Labbe, Bob Maurier, and Anne-Marie Perrault.]  
Al Hamel gave a brief résumé of the new prospective board members. He thanked the outgoing officers and directors. A **motion was made to**

close the nominations; **it was duly seconded** and passed unanimously. **Ray Gagnon moved** that the recording secretary cast a vote for the slate of nominations as presented; **it was duly seconded** and passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

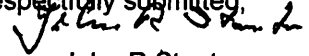
**A motion was made** to make Pauline Cusson a life member of the Society; **it was duly seconded**; there was some discussion as to whether this had been done before and whether it would be setting a precedent; 3 nays, all others voted aye; **motion carried**.

Next annual meeting will be 24-25 September 1999. The question was asked if there would be a spring meeting; Al Hamel announced that there would be a small workshop. Getting speakers is proving to be more difficult.

**Adjournment:**

**A motion was made** to adjourn; **duly seconded**; **done** at 1635.

Respectfully submitted,



John R Stanton  
Recording Secretary

**ACGS Board Meetings 1998 (Nov 1997-Sep 1998) - Motions**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Motion:</u>	<u>Moved by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>	<u>Result:</u>
09-Oct-97	Swap 2 director positions (interchange expiration of terms of office)	Anne-Marie Perrault	Bob Maurier	Carried
09-Oct-97	Appoint Don Chaput to fill the 1-year position	Gerry Nash	Jack Stanton	Carried
09-Oct-97	Authorize \$700 from the book fund for boxes	Roland Marchand	Gerry Nash	Carried
09-Oct-97	Restate the policy that the various committees "run their businesses" and look for Board approval on "ticklish" items	Roger Lawrence	Mary Anna Paquette	Carried
09-Oct-97	Allow Maine (Fr Leo Begin Chapter) to represent ACGS at the upcoming All New England Conference	Roger Lawrence	Bob Paquette	Carried
09-Oct-97	Adjourn	Mary Anna Paquette	Bob Paquette	N/A
13-Nov-97	Overseas membership to be \$50; Canadian membership to be \$30	Anne-Marie Perrault	Don Chaput	Carried
13-Nov-97	Revise wording on our trifold	Gerry Nash	Mary Jean Colburn	Carried
13-Nov-97	Purchase a PC as per specs on a quote brought in by Anne-Marie Perrault	Gerry Nash	Gerry Lalonde	Carried; Don Chaput abstained
13-Nov-97	Hire Bob Rheault to do snow removal	Roger Lawrence	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
13-Nov-97	Adjourn	Roland Marchand	Mary Jean Colburn	N/A
11-Dec-97	Accept November minutes	Gerry Nash	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
11-Dec-97	Appoint someone (Gerry Lalonde offered) to look into purchasing a commercial vacuum cleaner	Gerry Nash	Gerry Lalonde	Carried
11-Dec-97	Hire Maurice Duval	Gerry Lalonde	Gerry Nash	Carried
11-Dec-97	Join the Federation of Genealogical Societies	Mary Jean Colburn	Roger Lawrence	Carried
11-Dec-97	Adjourn	Roger Lawrence	Mary Jean Colburn	N/A
08-Jan-98	ACGS engage Parchemin	Roger Lawrence	Bob Paquette	Carried
08-Jan-98	Buy a fast b/w inkjet printer	Roland Marchand	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
08-Jan-98	Al Hamel and Gerry Lalonde be authorized to sign checks for the account with the Bank of Montréal	Gerry Lalonde	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
12-Feb-98	Accept January minutes	Roger Lawrence	Gerry Lalonde	Carried
12-Feb-98	Not keep separate records for the fiche copier	Roger Lawrence	Bob Paquette	Carried
12-Feb-98	Increase printer budget by \$100	Roland Marchand	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried

12-Feb-98	Purchase a 24x lens for the Dukane reader	Don Chaput	Bob Paquette	Carried
12-Feb-98	Purchase Microsoft Office Professional	Don Chaput	Mary Anna Paquette	Carried
12-Mar-98	Authorize Al Hamel to contact 2 contractors to get prices on floor covering and to set a date for installation	Mary Jean Colburn	Don Chaput	Carried; Jack Stanton abstained
12-Mar-98	Buy web package	Mary Anna Paquette	Bob Paquette	Carried
12-Mar-98	Adjourn	Gerry Lalonde	Roland Marchand	N/A
09-Apr-98	Whatever carpet package we choose, we include the carpet layer moving the furniture	Don Chaput	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried
09-Apr-98	Buy a PC for the research department, from a local firm and not to exceed \$1,000	Roland Marchand	Gerry Lalonde	Carried
09-Apr-98	Adjourn	Don Chaput	Jack Stanton	N/A
14-May-98	Accept April minutes	Anne-Marie Perrault	Gerry Nash	Carried
14-May-98	Hire someone to diagnose and fix one radiator blower unit	Mary Anna Paquette	Pauly Labbe	Carried
14-May-98	Board <u>not</u> consider same contractor for carpet work	Don Chaput	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried; 7 ayes, 1 nay, 4 abstentions
14-May-98	Adjourn	Sam Harris	Gerry Lalonde	N/A
11-Jun-98	Accept May minutes	Anne-Marie Perrault	Sam Harris	Carried
11-Jun-98	Accept sample 1 of Attorney General's conflict of interest letter	Gerry Nash	Anne-Marie Perrault	Carried; Roland Marchand voted nay
11-Jun-98	Choose option in change to bylaws which limits slate to one candidate per office	Anne-Marie Perrault	Gerry Nash	Carried; Jack Stanton voted nay
11-Jun-98	Buy network license for PRDH	Gerry Nash	Bob Maurier	Carried
11-Jun-98	Adjourn	Jack Stanton	Gerry Lalonde	N/A
09-Jul-98	Lease 61 CDs from LDS	Gerry Nash	Bob Maurier	Carried
09-Jul-98	Purchase volumes 13-17 of World Family Tree	Gerry Nash	Bob Maurier	Carried
09-Jul-98	Adjourn	Mary Anna Paquette	Gerry Lalonde	N/A
13-Aug-98	Purchase new (rather than used) monitors	Roland Marchand	Mary Anna Paquette	Carried
13-Aug-98	Hire someone to write grant proposals	Gerry Nash	Gerry Lalonde	Carried
13-Aug-98	Adjourn	Roland Marchand	Jack Stanton	N/A
10-Sep-98	Adjourn	Gerry Lalonde	Jack Stanton	N/A