

American-Canadian Genealogical Society

Annual Business Meeting

September 27, 2003

President Jussaume requested that all non-members leave the room as the Annual Business Meeting was about to be called to order. Non-members obliged.

Meeting called to order by Marcel Jussaume at 4:16 PM.

- A. Minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting held on September 28, 2002 were read by Norma Boyce, Recording Secretary.

MOTION MADE BY LUCIE LEBLANC-CONSENTINO, SECONDED BY RAY GRAVEL, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ. MOTION PASSED.

- B. President Marcel Jussaume gave an overview of activities of the year.

1. New ACGS sign in the front of the building
2. Three new computers for member use
3. Three new office PCs
4. New website and new message board
5. New logo
6. Acquired LCD projector
7. Acquired new microfilms, including Massachusetts
8. Over \$15,000 in repertoire sales have been generated by letters written to libraries by Diane Thibault
9. Donations have been received for use of the upstairs classroom for language classes.
10. Looking into giving French lessons.
11. Renewed lease with State of NH
12. Have new DSL line for office computer internet connection
13. ACGS presentation given at Mormon Open House in Exeter
14. ACGS was represented at AFGS 25th anniversary
15. Volunteer Day
16. Soda machine repaired
17. Snack vending machine installed
18. Resolution to Quintin issue
19. Over 120 attendees at Spring Conference 2003
20. Successful Fall 2003 Conference and Soiree

- C. Diane Thibault, Nominating Chair, addressed the meeting and explained that the slate of officers was brought to the September Board of Directors 5 days later than required by the by-laws and 2 director nominees short.

MOTION MADE BY AL HAMEL, SECONDED BY HERB BOYCE, TO ACCEPT THE SLATE AS PRESENTED BY THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR, AND TO ALSO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. MOTION PASSED.

Conversation followed. Jack Stanton, ACGS Parliamentarian, explained parliamentary procedure.

The majority of the members voted to accept the slate as presented by the nominations committee. Diane Thibault, Nominations Chair presented the slate:

President	Marcel Jussaume
Vice President	Lucie LeBlanc-Consentino
Treasurer	Paul Lambert
Corresponding Secretary	Diane Thibault
Recording Secretary	Norma Boyce
Director	Julie Smith
Director	Roger Lancot
Director	Jeanne Boisvert

Nominations from the floor:

President	Roger Lawrence
	Nominated by Larry Autotte, seconded by Paul Bourassa
Vice President	Bob Paquette
	Nominated by Al Hamel, seconded by ???
Director	Gerry Lalonde
	Nominated by Bob Neveux, seconded by Bob Paquette
Director	Don Chaput
	Nominated by Lucie LeBlanc-Consentino, seconded by Marcia Spears
Director	Lorraine Huffe
	Nominated by Norma Boyce, seconded by Connie Hamel

The meeting continued while the ballots were prepared.

D. Paul Lambert, Treasurer presented the financial report.

Highlights were:

1. Net Profit through 9/25/03 was \$8,900, primarily due to the sale of the repertoires.
2. The overall financial picture was good.
3. \$16,753 was the balance in the Building Fund for the Elevator.
4. Reduction in membership was about 2% this year.

E. Pauline Cusson inquired about the status of the elevator.

Norma Boyce answered that the latest activity was that Otis Elevator of Portland, ME was about to conduct a "site evaluation". Norma also cautioned that there was no guarantee that Otis would assist us financially, but that Otis representatives had indicated that they had done assistance in the past for non-profit organizations, and that we would continue talking with them as long as there was some hope.

F. Conversation followed about getting new members and decreasing the loss of members.

G. Dave Bonitatibus spoke about his New York repertoire activity.

H. Diane Thibault, Nominations Chair, came back into the room as invited each candidate for a contested seat to speak.

She also cautioned the membership that there were (5) five director's positions to be filled and 6 nominees, and the membership must vote for five names ONLY, and that any ballots voting for more than 5 would be disallowed.

Vice Presidential nominees: Lucie LeBlanc-Consentino spoke, then Bob Paquette
Presidential nominees: Marcel Jussaume spoke, then Roger Lawrence

Voting ensued. Members were asked to vote in the room across the hall. Each member was checked against the membership roster before being given a ballot. Jack Stanton officiated over the ballot box. Counting was done by Diane Thibault and Amber Beland, with Jack Stanton and Al Hamel observing.

- I. President Marcel Jussaume reminded the membership that the society was always looking for volunteers. Conversation followed.

MOTION MADE BY DOUG BLONDIN, SECONDED BY KATHY PASCO, THAT THE SOCIETY DO AN ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND WHY MEMBERS DO NOT RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS, AND TO SUGGEST WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS. MOTION PASSED.

David Bonitatibus told the membership that the decrease in the ACGS membership was quite small in comparison to other organizations he knows of. He cited one as having a 40% reduction in membership.

- J. The results of the voting were announced by Diane Thibault, Nominations Chair.

Directors:	Don Chaput
	Lorraine Huffe
	Roger Lanctot
	Julie Smith
	Jeanne Boisvert
Recording Secretary	Norma Boyce
Corresponding Secretary	Diane Thibault
Treasurer	Paul Lambert
Vice President	Bob Paquette
President	Marcel Jussaume

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Boyce # 7655
Recording Secretary
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