

AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

September 25, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 2:50 PM by President Marcel Jussaume.

Raffle ticket drawing was the first order of business. Winner was Betty Fuller with \$78.00.

Norma Boyce, Recording Secretary read the minutes of last year's annual business meeting on September 27, 2003.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANE THIBAUT, SECONDED BY LORRAINE DESCHENES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ. MOTION PASSED.

Paul Lambert, Treasurer was not present, and this was expected, but there was no financial report available either, and Paul had promised there would be.

So Marcel reported the financial highlights as best he could remember them from the September Board of Directors meeting.

There had been \$8,00 in boiler repairs.

There had been \$13,000 spent for replacement of the microfilm readers.

However, Marcel reported, that our financial situation was much the same as last year, despite the two expenditures mentioned, thanks to Diane Thibault's continuing efforts in selling the repertoires.

Marcel also stated that another expenditure was a new copier for David Bonitabus for use in his repertoire copying.

Marcel further reported that an application for registration of our new logo had been filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and that we were still waiting to hear from them.

Marcel stated that the conference room had been used for both French and Gaelic language classes. The Society had been given a donation for both of these.

Marcel stated that ACGS had been invited to participate in the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) in Portland, Maine in the spring. The Board of Directors voted to participate in hopes of gaining new exposure for our society. Because ACGS is a founding society, we are a charter member. Therefore, when we participate, we are required to furnish a speaker or pay for one. Marcel stated that he will present a paper on behalf of ACGS. His paper will be on David Trombly from Ludlow, MA, but he wasn't sure if it would be in English or French. The NERCG Conference is being held at the Holiday Inn on the Bay in Portland. Further information will be published in future issues of the Genealogist.

Regarding Elevators and Grants, Marcel thanked Norma Boyce for her efforts. Marcel stated that we won't be getting any help from Otis Elevator, and that it was looking more and more like the elevator would have to be funded by the society ourselves. Elevator cost is about \$150,000. We have approximately \$16,000 in the Building Fund. It seemed the two alternatives at hand to fund the elevator were to conduct a fundraiser with our membership, or acquire a mortgage.

Conversation followed.

Jeanne Boisvert, Membership Chair, stated that calculations show that 35% of the new members do not renew. They apparently do their lines and do not stay on board.

Conversation followed.

Roland Marchand stated that we needed to put our holdings on our Website to draw individuals to ACGS. Marcel informed Roland that the Board of Directors had voted to not put the holdings on the website primarily because of the enormous amount of effort needed to do it.

Conversation followed.

Marcel recognized the effort that Diane Thibault had put in with her mailings to libraries and the selling of the repertoires.

Marcel mentioned the repairs and maintenance that was needed during the year – roof, boiler, pigeons, etc - and thanked Herb Boyce, Building and Grounds Chair.

Marcel announced to the membership that ACGS could no longer accept donations of old PCs and monitors because ACGS cannot use them and it will start costing ACGS to dispose of them.

Marcel introduced Jack Stanton, Nominating Chair. Jack thanked the people who worked on his nominating committee, and presented the slate of nominations as follows:

President	Bob Neveux
	No nominations from the floor – office closed.
Vice President	skipped until later
Treasurer	Paul Lambert
	No nominations from the floor, office closed.
Corresponding Secretary	Lorette Leafe
	No nominations from the floor, office closed.
Recording Secretary	Julie Smith
	No nominations from the floor, office closed.
Directors	Constance Hamel
	Gerry Lalonde
	Gerry Savard
	Richard Guilmette
	No nominations from the floor, office closed.

Jack then went back to the Vice President position and requested nominations from the floor.

Pauline Cusson was nominated by Julie Smith, seconded by Jeanne Boisvert.

Muriel Normand was nominated by Constance Hebert, seconded by Paul Bourassa.

Jack went off to prepare a ballot for the vote for Vice President .

While waiting for the ballots to be counted, Connie Hamel, Library Director, addressed the membership and pleaded that we desperately needed library volunteers. 3 hours, once a month was all that was needed, she said.

Marcel also mentioned that we needed a new Webmaster as well. Tyler Hines, our present one, has gotten very busy and asked to be replaced.

Lucille Legasse stood and thanked the past directors and officers for all their work during the year.

David Bonitabus inquired about the number of handicapped parking spots.

Conversation followed.

Jack returned and ballots were distributed. Voting ensued.

Jack Stanton and Anne Gleason counted the votes.

Jack announced that Pauline Cusson had been elected Vice President.

Jack Stanton stated that we should have a motion to have the Secretary accept the remainder of the slate presented.

MOTION WAS MADE BY AL HAMEL, SECONDED BY LUCIE LEBLANC-CONSENTINO TO ACCEPT THE REMAINDER OF THE SLATE AS PRESENTED BY JACK STANTON BEFOREHAND. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Boyce # 76655
Recording Secretary
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