

**AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMAIL MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, 26 June 2020

President, Julie Smith, called a Special Email Meeting on the above date, to vote on a Resolution that could not wait to be decided until our standard August Board Meeting.

As per the Society By-Laws, 48 Hours' Notice was given before the vote, and to allow adequate discussion before the vote. The Ballot was Called on Monday, 29 June, at 10:00 AM.

In Attendance: All Members participated.

Quorum: The Recording Secretary attested that a quorum was present.

Chronology of Event: The Recording Secretary notified all Members, via email, that the President had called a Special Email Meeting. This was done at 7:55 PM on Friday, 26 June 2020.

A copy of the Resolution to delay any movement of shelving or furniture and fixtures in our new Library until at least 6 months had elapsed, so that the need for any move could be evaluated. The Resolution was Moved by Herbert Boyce, and seconded by Jo Zurwell. It was attached to the Notification Email sent to the Members, as noted above, and included with these Minutes.

A Discussion period then ensued, and was closed at midnight Sunday, 28 June 2020. The Recording Secretary printed every email that was sent concerning the subject matter, and prepared A Summary of Discussion Comments for the Members to review prior to voting.

The Ballot was called at 10:00 AM on Monday, 29 June 2020. Included with the Ballot Call email was a copy of the Discussion Summary noted above.

The Ballot would remained open until 6:00 PM that evening, or closed earlier, if all Members had voted.

The Ballot was closed at 1:30 PM on Monday, 29 June 2020, after all Members had voted. The Recording Secretary prepared a Notice of Voting Results, and emailed the notice to the members at approximately 2:00 PM.

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Voting Results: The Members voted in favor of the Resolution with 13 favorable votes and one abstain. The Resolution passed.

Society Permanent Records: The Minutes of this meeting, including all of the emails sent, the relevant documents, and the voting results will be included in the Society's Permanent Records, and will be available for approval at the Society's next Normal Meeting in August 2020.

Respectfully Submitted: Ronald P. Blais, Recording Secretary

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Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:55 PM
To: 'Christine Bard'; Constance Hébert (cl-hebert@comcast.net); 'Denis Joyal'; jElaine Maurice'; Herb Boyce; 'Jeanne Bosivert'; 'Jeanne Lundell'; 'Jo Zurwell'; 'Julie Smith'; 'Larry Autotte'; 'Larry Maurice'; Muriel Chabot Normand; 'Steve Lefoley'
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Attachments: Special Email Meeting - 26 June 2020.docx

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Recording Secretary's Note: These comments have been transcribed as written; no editing was done.

Larry Maurice: 26 June 2020 – 8:57 PM

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Elaine Maurice: 26 June – 8:59 PM

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Denis Joyal: 26 June 2020 – 9:32 PM

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Jeanne Boisvert: 27 June 2020 – 7:18 AM

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Constance Hébert: 27 June 2020 – 9:50 AM

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Steve Lefoley: 27 June 2020 – 10:06 AM

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Muriel Normand: 27 June 2020 – 4:02 PM

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Julie Smith: 28 June 2020 – 9:59 AM

In response to Muriel Normand’s response to Elaine Maurice – “Yes, I agree.”

Jeanne Boisvert: 28 June 2020 – 10:18 AM

“I abstain my vote.”

END OF DISCUSSION

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Subject: Re: Announcement of Special Meeting

I abstain my vote
Jeanne

On Sunday, June 28, 2020 Juliet Smith <rocksmithj@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, I agree.

On Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 9:01 AM Muriel Normand <mcnyankee@comcast.net> wrote:

You're right getting your "buggy" is more than likely tight in any of the aisles; but as I mentioned before, that's why we have librarians, neither you nor anyone else who has limited movement should be bending and stretching to get books.

On 06/26/2020 8:59 PM Elaine Maurice <elaine.maurice@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi everyone. I personally feel that the effort and coordination needed to move/relocate any large pieces now is monumental. Waiting 6 months will give us a chance to "feel the lay of the new land".

I do feel the space between the first shelf near the door and the next one is narrow. I for one will be using my buggy because of the long walk to the rest room. I tried to push my buggy into that space. I could get down but had to walk my buggy back.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 7:55 PM, Ron and Evelyn Blais
<evelynblais@tds.net> wrote:

Hello Everyone,

Ron and Evelyn Blais

From: Ron and Evelyn Blais <evelynblais@tds.net>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:01 AM
To: 'Christine Bard'; Constance Hébert (cl-hebert@comcast.net); 'Denis Joyal'; 'Elaine Maurice'; Herb Boyce; 'Jeanne Bosivert'; 'Jeanne Lundell'; 'Jo Zurwell'; 'Julie Smith'; 'Larry Autotte'; 'Larry Maurice'; Muriel Chabot Normand; 'Steve Lefoley'
Subject: Special Email Meeting - Call The Vote
Attachments: Special Email Meeting Discussion Summary - 29 Jun 2020.docx

Hello Everyone,

The Discussion period closed last night at midnight. A Summary of Discussion is attached for your review. I now **Call The Vote**. The voting period will end as soon as all have voted, or at 6:00 PM, Monday, 29 June 2020. I will provide the results and a tally of the votes after the voting period ends.

Those who agree with the Resolution that no movement of shelving or furniture shall take place until 6 months have elapsed, signify by voting Yes, those opposed signify by voting No, those who do not vote will be marked as Abstain.

Ronald P. Blais, Recording Secretary

**AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SPECIAL EMAIL BOARD MEETING VOTING RESULTS
29 JUNE 2020**

At 1:30 PM on the above date, all voting members have cast their ballots. The results of the ballot are: 13 votes in favor, and 1 vote abstained. The Resolution passed as written.

The votes are:

Julie Smith	Yes	
Jo Zurwell	Yes	
Christine Bard	Yes	
Ronald Blais	Yes	
Elaine Maurice	Yes	
Steve Lefoley	Yes	
Denis Joyal	Yes	
Larry Autotte	Yes	
Jeanne Boisvert		Abstain
Herb Boyce	Yes	
Larry Maurice	Yes	
Constance Hébert	Yes	
Jeanne Lundell	Yes	
Muriel Normand	Yes	
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Attest: Ronald P. Blais, Recording Secretary

All documentation, including email discussion, will become a part of the official records of the Society, and a vote to ratify the above will be held at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.