

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
31 MAY 2005, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES

1. President Gerry Friesen called the meeting to order

2. Minute of Silence

In memory of former members of the CHA and other historians who passed away during the past year: Ruben Bellan, Mme Thérèse Boucher, Pierre Berton, John Bovey, Paul Cornell, Frank Eyck, Anne Formakides, Henry Klassen, Paul Lin, Glen Lucas, Gerald Stortz, Richard Stuart and Harry Turner

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed by José Igartua, seconded by John Willis. Carried.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting on 4 June 2004

Proposed by Greg Kealey, seconded by Margaret Conrad. Carried.

5. Report of the Vice President, Margaret Conrad

The Vice President spent most of her time on two portfolios - the CHA Internet Communications Committee and the Board of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

- Initiatives regarding the CHA's presence on the Internet included digitizing both the CHA *Booklets* (in collaboration with the LAC) and the CHA *Journal* (under contract with Érudit). The 2003 issue of the *Journal* is currently linked to the CHA Web site.
- Leverus has been contracted to revamp the CHA Web site and to develop a new logo for the CHA. This work should be completed by the fall of 2005.
- The CHA has a seat on the Board of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Forthcoming events of import with regard to the Federation include a conference on Post-secondary education for November 28-29 and a report on research in the humanities forthcoming in October of 2005. The Federation is also helping its members to develop policy with respect to copyright and access to information.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled his report containing information on a specific fund for digitization projects and documenting the current steady state of the CHA's finances. For the current year the objective is to balance revenues and expenditures

with a small surplus; revenue from membership is up.

- Motion moved by David Moorman, seconded by Peter Bischoff:

The By-laws of the Association specify that at each Annual Meeting the members shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Association to hold office until the next Annual Meeting. Tammy Bastarache has agreed to let her name stand for re-election. Since there were no objections, her appointment was approved.

7. Presentation by Vice President of SSHRC, Janet Halliwell

Janet Halliwell explained aspects of SSHRC's transformation policy and the imminent appointment of a new President to replace Marc Renaud.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee

Joanne Burgess and Peter Gossage. Moved by Jane Harrington, seconded by Daniel Moore that the slate of nominees be accepted.

9. Presentation by Doug Rimmer, Assistant Deputy Minister (Programs) Library and Archives Canada

Presentation addressed the following matters:

- ATIF: the deadline of October 31, 2005 has been set to eliminate backlog. Plans to work with originating agencies may help to speed the access process in the future.
- Privacy: the backlog here is more challenging and the backlog has increased by 1600-1800 outstanding requests.
- Self-service digital copying: a policy is to be drafted and pilot-project to be put into effect.
- Report of task force inquiry into ATIF and Privacy backlogs available on LAC Web site.

10. Presentation by Laurent Messier from SSHRC

Mr. Messier spoke about the ten best grants in the area of history. He gave a reminder of the mid-July deadline for the publication on the SSHRC Web site of grant applications for next year's research.

11. Short Book Series on International Themes and Issues

- John Sainsbury presented a report on the short book initiative on behalf of Bev Lemire, who could not attend the Annual Meeting.
- These short books, written in an accessible style, will be about 80 pages long.
- The new Series will be a joint venture with Broadview Press (English version) and Vents d'Ouest (French version)
- An invitation was issued to members to propose subjects likely to interest students.

12. Election Results

French-language Secretary: Jean Martin
Council: Lyle Dick, Françoise Noël and Sarah Elvins
Nominating Committee: Dianne Newell and Doug Owram

13. Other Business

Moved by Dominique Clément and seconded by Robert Dennis. Carried unanimously.
Be it Resolved That: The CHA call upon Library and Archives Canada to immediately return photocopying fees for students to 2001 levels; furthermore, be it resolved that the CHA will work with the LAC to have a pilot project implemented at the LAC for new technologies by the month of January, 2006.

14. President's Report

Planning for the second issue per year of the Journal continues apace.

Digitization has been supported by two grants from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The CHA membership is up and our books are balanced.

The Bill to open the historical censuses of the Twentieth Century to researchers has passed the Senate and is now awaiting Commons debate.

Our campaign to see a special ASPP fund for first-time authors and for translation into the other official language has been successful.

Thank you to Joanne Mineault, Marielle Campeau and the retiring Council members (Sarah Carter, Cecilia Morgan, Beverly Lemire, Catherine Desbarats), as well as our Co-Secretary Peter Bischoff, and Web Master Elsbeth Heaman.

15. Adjournment and invitation to the President's Gala at 6:00 pm.



President's Gala
Gala du président