

Annual General Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada
Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne des études classiques

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada, held on 26 May 2006 at 4 p.m., in the Northrop Frye 3 auditorium, Victoria College, University of Toronto.

Minutes

1. Adoption of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda (B. Inwood, A. Suksi) was carried unanimously (47 members).

2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2005 AGM (D. Nousek, C. Rubincam) was carried unanimously.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

See below, Report of the President and others.

4. Report of the President

The President invited members to observe a minute's silence in memory of those members who had died during the past year: Ed Berry (Oct. 2005), Maurice Lebel (24 April, 2006).

In January the APA and AIA had held their annual meeting in Montreal, with Canadian classicists and students very well represented. Both the CAC with its journals and the CIG provided information tables in the main Exhibit area. A notable number of AIA prizes and distinctions were awarded to scholars and students from Canadian universities: Maria C. Shaw and Joseph W. Shaw (*Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement*); James Russell (*Martha and Artemis Joukowsky Distinguished Service Award*); M. Barbara Reeves, Erik de Bruijn, John P. Oleson, and Andrew N. Sherwood (*Best poster*); Kevin T. Gibbs (*Student Poster Award*).

This year the Council had been occupied with several matters, including the creation of a CAC logo and stationery (see Secretary's report); future work would include creation of a promotional bookmark and the redesign of the website to feature the logo and a new colour scheme. The President thanked the Secretary for supervising these developments. He also mentioned the Treasurer's work in clarifying various aspects of the Association's accounts, and outlined the Council's thinking on conference venues for the next few years: St John's (2007), Montréal (2008), Vancouver (2009, concurrent with AAH), Québec (2010), and an Ontario venue (2011). The Council had decided in future to include a recognition of donors with conference registration materials. Finally, a sub-committee of the Council had worked on the establishment of an annual Award of Merit recognizing a member's exceptional contribution to classical studies in Canada.

5. Report of the Vice-President

J. Murray announced that the Awards Committee had met and selected a recipient for this year's Desmond Conacher Scholarship; seven applications had been received, from six provinces. He encouraged colleagues to spread the word about this award and to encourage good students to apply for it, as the committee members were concerned at the rather small number of applications. The winners' name would be published in September, once it was clear that the conditions for receipt of the award had been satisfied. The Vice-President noted with pleasure that last year's winner had been Arwen Fleming, now enrolled in the Master's programme at the University of Alberta.

The Vice-President emphasized the importance of the financial support offered by individuals and programmes across Canada for the organization and prizes in the annual contests in Greek and Latin translation and essay-writing. The Desmond Conacher Scholarship fund also benefits greatly from members' donations. He warmly invited members to give donations, for which the Association would issue charitable donation tax receipts.

6. Report of the Past President

C. Rubincam reported on three matters. (1) The CIG (formerly CAIA) had purchased a new apartment in Athens, in the same building as before, so as to increase its space available for visiting scholars and students and to improve conditions for conferences and receptions. This purchase represented a major investment for the Institute; members were invited to direct donations to its Treasurer, G. Allen. She also encouraged heads of classical programmes to think of acquiring institutional memberships, which were an important source of funding for the Institute. (2) The 2006 CAC lecture tour for central Canada, now managed by L. L'Allier and A. Glazebrook, would be fulfilled by J. Vanderspoel (Calgary), with L'Université Laval included in the schedule. Preliminary plans had been made for 2007, when the lecturer would be I. Holmberg. (3) The Council's subcommittee considering a CAC Award of Merit had submitted its proposals to the Council at recent meetings. The Vice-President read a draft of the proposed conditions of this Award.

7. Report of the Secretary

The Secretary presented a report on the Essay Contest submitted by F. Pownall, and announced on behalf of J. Porter the winners of the Greek and Latin Translation Contests. He also thanked the judges of the various contests, and all those who had helped to fund the prizes. A list of winners has been posted on the Association's website.

The Secretary then introduced members to the new logo, and explained its significance. As the President had mentioned, a promotional bookmark and redesign of the website were in preparation.

8. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer presented financial accounts for 2005 and a budgetary outlook. She noted that the use of e-mail was gradually reducing mailing costs, although this was limited by the fact that some members still do not use e-mail and difficulties could result from undelivered e-mail correspondence. The possibility of using *PayPal* for annual subscriptions has been raised at the Council and was under consideration.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report (B. Inwood, J. Rives) was carried unanimously.

9. Report of the Editor of *Phoenix*

A. Keith, seconded by B. Victor, submitted a financial report which was accepted unanimously. A. Keith also took the opportunity to provide information on the publication programme, submission statistics, and changes in the *Phoenix* Editorial Board. She specially thanked J. Rives and H. Mason who had completed several years of devoted service. Finally the Editor addressed the question of electronic archiving of the journal.

10. Report of the Editors of *Mouseion*

M. Joyal presented the Editors' report, including a survey of issues under production, the financial situation, and the inclusion of the journal in the online *Project Muse* (Johns Hopkins University Press) from 2007. A motion to accept this report (M. Joyal, A. Suksi) was carried unanimously.

11. Report of the Editor of the CAC Electronic Bulletin

The President noted that the Editor, J. Geysen, had no particular matters to report.

12. Report of the Editor of the CAC Website

The President noted that the Editor, J. Porter, had no particular matters to report. The Council was conducting a search for a new Editor.

13. Report of the Nominating Committee

C. Rubincam submitted the Nominating Committee's report. Those nominated for election were J. Edmondson (Vice-President, 2006–08), A. Robinson (Treasurer, continuing 2006–09), and H. Beck, D. Nousek, C. Simpson (Council, 2006–08). A motion to accept these nominations (C. Rubincam, B. Inwood) was carried unanimously.

A motion (C. Rubincam, A. Robinson) to name M.-P. Bussières (Ottawa), L. MacLeod (Dalhousie), and M. Cropp (Calgary, chair) as the Nominating Committee for 2006–07 was carried unanimously.

14. Motions (previously announced) to amend Section 8 of the Constitution (Auditors) and Bylaws 6 and 7 (Memberships and Fees)

Motion 1 (M. Cropp, A. Robinson), to amend section 8 of the Constitution, was carried unanimously.

Motion 2 (M. Cropp, A. Robinson), to eliminate the category of Sustaining Member from Bylaws 6 and 7, was carried unanimously.

Motion 3 (M. Cropp, A. Robinson), to increase the annual dues in each category, was carried unanimously. It was also agreed that dues should in future be listed in a simpler table in the Bylaws.

Motion 4 (M. Cropp, A. Robinson), to delete the third sentence of Bylaw 4 requiring former

members rejoining the Association to pay their unpaid dues for all previous years, was carried unanimously.

15. Other Business

M.-A. Gillis announced that the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto had decided not to offer the BA programme in Latin Teaching in Fall 2006, since only three students had registered. She asked members to send letters of support for the programme to the Dean at OISE. M. Cropp suggested that she might provide relevant information for those wishing to write through the *Bulletin*.

16. Gratiarum Actio

On leaving the Presidency M. Cropp thanked the members of the Council, and especially those completing their terms, for all their work. He particularly thanked C. Rubincam for her support and advice as Past President, and expressed thanks to J. Magee and his assistants J. Phenix and G. Kovacs for their excellent work in organizing the 2006 meeting

J. Murray, incoming President, thanked M. Cropp for his tireless work as President, and for his attention to the needs of the Association and the opinions of others. His contributions had included important work on the Constitution and Bylaws, an active role in establishing the Desmond Conacher Scholarship, and the organization of a superb conference at the Banff Centre.

On J. Murray's invitation, R. Egan (Manitoba) expressed in Latin the thanks of the Association to the hosts and organizers of the 2006 conference.

17. Adjournment

On the motion of C. Rubincam and J. Harris, the meeting was adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Patrick Baker
Secretary