



Société canadienne des études classiques

Classical Association of Canada

Annual General Meeting 2011

Minutes of the Classical Association of Canada Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2011 in Alumni Hall, University of King's College, at 2:30 pm.

Ordre du jour – Agenda

1. Ordre du jour / Agenda
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5. Rapport du comité de nomination et élection des membres du Bureau et du Conseil / Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members
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7. Award of Merit to Professor Léopold Migeotte
8. Divers / Any other business
9. *Gratiarum Actio*
10. Levée de l'Assemblée / Adjournment

Minutes

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as is (proposed by K. Simonsen and seconded by J. Trevett)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

2. Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General meeting of 13 May 2010 be adopted as is (proposed by M. McCallum and seconded by J. Serrati)

Discussion: S. Gurd's first name is spelt Sean.

Vote: carried unanimously

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports

4.1. President

The President began by expressing her deepest condolences to the families of those members of the Association who had passed in the previous year: Herbert H. Huxley († 5 May 2011), formerly Professor at the University of Victoria; Thomas G. Elliot († 22 May 2010), formerly Associate Professor at the University of Toronto Mississauga; Michel Janon († 31 May 2010), formerly Professor at Université d'Ottawa; Ernst Badian († 1 February 2011), Emeritus John Moors Cabot Professor of History at Harvard University and longtime Association member; and Mary Ella Milham († 9 December 2010), Professor Emerita of the Department of Classics at UNB-Fredericton, former President of the CAC (1984-1986).

The President welcomed Prof. Duncan Fishwick as the new Honorary President of the Association. Prof. Fishwick has already attended meetings of the Council, who have benefitted from his experience and advice.

The President then spoke about the Association's mailings and how these are being reduced in size due to the increased amount of membership material being put online. Because of the inefficiency and cost of regular post, and because of the ease of disseminating material electronically, the President reported to the membership that Council had decided to move towards having all mailings disseminated on line or via the website.

The President then announced that Council had launched a new initiative to raise monies in order to help smaller programmes offset the cost of participating in the lecture tours.

The Graduate Student Caucus (GSC) was congratulated by the President on its first anniversary. With its own elected Executive and a high degree of organisation, the GSC was well on its way to becoming a national body that represented graduate students in English and French across Canada. Council was now working closely with the GSC to aid with the broadening of the group's activities. The President also congratulated the GSC on the formation of its own Equity Commission.

The President attended the Annual Meeting of the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada/Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FedCan) from 28 May-4 June 2010 at Concordia University in Montreal. At the Annual General Assembly, there was a presentation

by senior legal counsel for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) about Access Copyright's proposed post-secondary institution tariff. Access Copyright moved from charging a (nominal) fee for a license to a (much higher) tariff as of 1 January 2011. The AUCC recommended that universities opt out of the tariff structure by 31 August 2011, when the interim tariff fee that many universities have already paid expires, and they are working with the post-secondary institutions to resist the imposition of the tariff across the post-secondary sector.

Continuing her Report, the President discussed how, on the evening after the Federal Budget (which was never tabled because of the election) was introduced, FedCan convened a conference call to discuss the impact on funding in the humanities and social sciences. As she had a prior engagement, the Past President generously agreed to participate in this session. FedCan released a follow-up discussion of the budget that was optimistic about funding levels for humanities and social science research in the federal budget. Thus, if the budget goes forward unchanged, we may see more, and more stable, funding for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The President reported that a call had been put out to host the Annual Meeting in 2014. The Dept of History and Classical Studies at McGill University had put forward their candidacy and Council had accepted the offer. The President was sure that the city of Montreal would host an excellent conference and that having the conference at McGill would help the reemerging Department of History and Classical Studies there. President reminded the membership of the gatherings in 2012 at the University of Western Ontario and 2013 at the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba.

The President then thanked P. O'Brien and his colleagues for their tireless work in putting together and running a splendid Annual Meeting. Dalhousie University and the University of King's College were also thanked. The membership responded with a vigorous round of applause.

The Executive was then individually thanked, as was C. Eilers for his efforts with the Association's website, G. Chamberland for editing the *Canadian Classical Bulletin (CCB)*, J. Porter for starting a page for Association on Facebook, and the outgoing Council members for their dedicated service. A robust round of applause followed from those assembled.

4.2. Past-President

The Past President began by thanking each member of the Award of Merit Committee and the Nominating Committee. He also reported that he was representing the Association at the XIII Congress of the Spanish Association of Classical Studies (Sociedad Española de Estudios Clásicos) in Logroño (in the Rioja region) from 18 to 22 July, 2011.

4.3. Vice-President

The Vice President began by thanking the individual members of the Awards Committee. He reported that the Conacher Prize had received eighteen applicants of high quality from the entire

breadth of the country, resulting in a very tough decision for the Committee. Of the applicants, there were eight men and ten women, sixteen anglophones and two Francophones. Due to the aforementioned difficulties, a decision had not yet been reached.

The Vice President then reported on the Prize for the Best Paper by a Graduate Student at the Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee had received nineteen submissions (nine men and ten women, all anglophone, all from Canadians who were enrolled in graduate programmes both in Canada and internationally) and, after lengthy discussions, had arrived at a shortlist of four. He was delighted to report that Mr Peter Miller had won the prize for his paper 'Deflowering Haimon: Gender and Authority in Sophocles' Antigone'.

The third prize under the auspices of the Awards Committee is the Grace Irwin Memorial Award (GIMA). He began by thanking the subcommittee that decided this year's Award. They had received one excellent application, and the Award had gone to Ms O. Craig of Branksome Hall School (Toronto).

The Vice President then turned his attention to the Equity Committee. He thanked the membership of the Committee who had, by polling department heads, gathered statistics on gender in graduate programmes across Canada. The statistics revealed that ratio of males to females in these programmes was healthy.

4.4. Secretary

The Secretary reported that the lecture tours and student recitation and essay competitions were in good shape. Turning his attention to the Archives of the Association at Trinity College, University of Toronto, he related that a major gap existed for the years 1984-2000. He was retiring as Secretary in order to bring the Archives up-to-date and to attempt to rebuild the missing years. Since the last Annual Meeting, he reported that he had devised a regularised system for archival submissions that had been approved by Council.

4.5. Treasurer

The Treasurer began her report by thanking all those who had made donations over the past year, and then went through the financial statement from the past year in detail. She related to the membership that Council had decided to have a fundraising initiative to help smaller programmes offset the costs associated with the lecture tours. A new line was being placed on the renewal form for members to donate to this fund.

Motion: That the Report of the Treasurer be accepted as is (proposed by C.W. Marshall and seconded by M. George)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

4.6. Editor of *Phoenix*

J. Trevett reported that vol. 63 had just been published and vol. 64 was close to completion. The first bilingual offering in the supplementary series had also been recently published. Two

subsequent supplementary volumes were in preparation.

J. Trevett then went through the financial statement from the past year in detail.

Motion: That the Report of the Editor of *Phoenix* be accepted as is (proposed by J. Trevett and seconded by B. MacLachlan)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

4.7. Editors of *Mouseion*

M. McCallum presented the Report on *Mouseion*. The publication schedule had fallen behind due to other important commitments on the part of the Editors. Two volumes and a special issue are, however, ready for publication. Submission numbers over the past year had been strong. The Editors were drawing up a list of corresponding editors for approval by Council. Also, *Mouseion* was moving to bring its policies and practices into line with those of *Phoenix*, whereby its financial statements would be approved by at Council meetings and by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The journal was also developing a bilingual styleguide.

One member expressed concern about the activities that prevented some of the current Editors from fulfilling their obligations. M. McCallum responded that he was aware of the situation and was working hard to bring the journal back up-to-date.

Motion: That the Report of the Editors of *Mouseion* be accepted as is (proposed by K. Simonsen and seconded by G. Chamberland)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

4.8. Editors of the *Canadian Classical Bulletin*

G. Chamberland reported that the *CCB* was in fine shape and that the problems with some recipients over the past year had been resolved.

4.9. Editor of the Website

There was no report from the Editor of the Website.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members

Motion: That those so recommended by the Nominating Committee be elected (proposed by J. Edmondson and seconded by A. Barclay)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

The Past President then announced the composition of the Nomination Committee for 2011-2012: J. Edmondson (Chair, York), M.-P. Bussi eres (Ottawa), B. Robertson (Mount Allison), and S. Stewart (Alberta).

6. Motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws

Motion: To modify the wording of Section 7 of the By-Laws from:

“7. a. Fees shall be set as follows, as of January 1st, 2007:

<i>Life Member</i>	<i>\$1,425</i>
<i>Joint Life Members</i>	<i>\$2,100</i>
<i>Regular Member</i>	<i>\$95</i>
<i>Joint Regular Members</i>	<i>\$140</i>
<i>Regular Member, earning less than \$40,000</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>Retired Member</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>Joint Retired Members</i>	<i>\$85</i>
<i>Student Member</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Joint Student Members</i>	<i>\$55</i>

b. Fees shall become payable on January 1st of each year.

c. Members who fall two years in arrears shall be removed from the membership list upon completion of the second year of arrears. Until that point they shall be considered members in good standing”

to:

“7. a. Fees shall be set as follows, as of January 1st, 2012:

<i>Life Member</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Joint Life Members</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Regular Member</i>	<i>\$125</i>
<i>Joint Regular Members</i>	<i>\$200</i>
<i>Regular Member, earning less than \$40,000</i>	<i>\$75</i>
<i>Retired Member</i>	<i>\$75</i>
<i>Joint Retired Members</i>	<i>\$125</i>
<i>Student Member</i>	<i>\$25</i>

b. Fees shall become payable on January 1st of each year.

c. *Members who fall two years in arrears shall be removed from the membership list upon completion of the second year of arrears. Until that point they shall be considered members in good standing.*"

Rationale. Dues were last raised on 1 January 2007. The Association must raise dues in order to fund adequately its professional and scholarly objectives: the two journals, the contests, the awards and prizes, dues and subscriptions, administrative management, and the travel grants for the Annual Meeting. (proposed by I. Holmberg and seconded by P. Baker)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

7. Award of Merit to Professor Léopold Migeotte

The President called upon the Past President to present the Award of Merit to L. Migeotte. The Past President came forward and delivered a résumé of L. Migeotte's achievements and of his great service both to the Classical Association of Canada as well as to the discipline as a whole. L. Migeotte rose and accepted the award to a standing ovation.

8. Any Other Business

Since this was his last Annual General Meeting as Secretary, J. Serrati expressed heartfelt thanks to all of those with whom he had served over the past seven years on Council, four as the pre-University Representative and three as Secretary. He reserved special thanks for C. Rubincam and M. Cropp, who had originally approached him about joining Council in 2004, and for A. Keith and J. Edmondson for their patience, guidance, and tutelage.

9. Gratiarum Actio

The President called upon A. Teffeteller to deliver the *Gratiarum Actio*. She did so in elegant Greek and Latin.

10. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourn (proposed by C.W. Marshall and seconded by K. Olsen)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

J. Serrati
Secretary (retiring)
McGill University
21/05/2011