



## *Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting*

*May 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, 2:30 p.m.*

*University College 224 (Conron Hall)*

*University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario*

### **Agenda:**

1. Ordre du jour / Agenda
2. Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle 2011 / Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
3. Affaires en découlant / Business arising
4. Rapports / Reports
  - 4.1 Président / President
  - 4.2 Président sortant / Past President
  - 4.3 Vice-Président / Vice President
  - 4.4 Secrétaire / Secretary
  - 4.5 Trésorière / Treasurer
  - 4.6 Directeur de *Phoenix* / Editor of *Phoenix*
  - 4.7 Directeurs de *Mouseion* / Editors of *Mouseion*
  - 4.8 Directeur du *Bulletin* / Editor of the *Bulletin*
  - 4.9 Directeur du site internet / Editor of the website
  - 4.10 Président du Caucus des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs / President of the Graduate Student Caucus
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
6. Proposition d'amendement des statuts et règlements / Motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws
7. Décernement du Prix du Mérite / Award of Merit
8. Divers / Any other business
9. Installation du nouveau président / Installation of the new President
10. *Gratiarum actio*
11. Levée de l'assemblée / Adjournment

### **Minutes:**

#### **1 Agenda**

**Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated. Moved by Debra Nousek, seconded by Bonnie MacLachlan. Discussion: None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 2 Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting be approved. Moved by John Serrati, seconded by David Mirhady. Discussion: None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 3 Business arising

None.

### 4.1 Report of the President

The President, Alison Keith, invited the attending members to observe a moment of silence for those who had left us since the last Annual General Meeting: John Geysen (†June 4<sup>th</sup> 2011); Niall McCloskey (†June 6<sup>th</sup> 2011); Emmet Robbins (†August 16<sup>th</sup> 2011); Frederick Winter (†September 17<sup>th</sup> 2011); Trevor Hodge (†February 16<sup>th</sup> 2012); Ross Kilpatrick (†February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012); and Peter Burnell (†May 7<sup>th</sup> 2012).

The President reported on a number of Council decisions. Council agreed to support the campaign of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) to “Save Library and Archives Canada”; A. Keith wrote a letter to indicate the CAC’s support. The CAC will also create a fund, named after the late John Geysen, to subsidize the Lecture Tours, on which the Treasurer will have more to say in her report.

A. Keith then thanked the President of the Graduate Student Caucus (GSC), Chris Dawson, for his high level of engagement. She reminded members that the constitution would be amended after three years to create a new permanent seat on Council for the GSC President.

She also thanked Jonathan Edmondson for creating a new CAC prize for the best PhD thesis produced in a Canadian university.

The President attended the Annual General Assembly of the CFHSS in Montreal on March 29<sup>th</sup>, which was held in conjunction with the Charles Taylor Symposium (March 29<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>). The main topic was how to support Open Access and deal with the rising costs for libraries.

Although a call for submissions was posted in the December issue of the *Bulletin*, no proposals were received from Atlantic Canada to host the 2015 Annual General Meeting. The call was then opened to all departments and programmes across Canada; the University of Toronto made a submission which Council accepted on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks are owed to Christer Bruun, who prepared the submission and will be the main organizer of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

A. Keith recalled that the next Annual General Meeting would be jointly hosted by the Departments of Classics at the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg, May 13–16, 2013. She thanked James Chlup, Mark Joyal, and Jane Cahill for their work, and also Hans Beck as main organizer of the 2014 Annual General Meeting at McGill. She then expressed her gratitude to the organizers of the current meeting, Kelly Olson, Aara Suksi, and the many other faculty members and students who have contributed to make this Annual General Meeting a success. This was received with a round of applause.

The President entertained a formal vote of thanks to all the individuals who had organized the competitions and tours: Bonnie MacLachlan and Debra Nousek (Undergraduate Essay contest); Alison Barclay (Sight Translation competition); her adjudicators: Robert Nickel

(Junior Greek), Max Nelson (Junior Latin), Jonathan Burgess (Senior Greek), and Cedric Littlewood (Senior Latin); Kathryn Simonsen (Atlantic Tour); Sean Gurd and Ben Kelly (Central Tour); and James Chlup (Western Tour). The outgoing Council members were also thanked: Catherine Bolton, C.W. “Toph” Marshall, and Catherine Mori. This was received with a round of applause.

Alison Keith then thanked the members of the Executive during her two years as President: Patrick Baker, Ingrid Holmberg, John Serrati, Guy Chamberland, and Jonathan Edmondson, who was completing six years of invaluable service to the CAC as Vice President, President, and Past President.

#### **4.2 Report of the Past President**

Jonathan Edmondson thanked the members of the Award of Merit Committee: Marie-Pierre Bussi eres, Bruce Robertson, and Selina Stewart. He briefly presented the new Prize for the best PhD dissertation at a Canadian university, which will be adjudicated every second year and presided by the Past President. Alison Keith will preside over the first adjudication of the prize, which will consider nominations for theses successfully defended between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012; nominations will be made by department chairpersons and program directors.

As he is leaving Council, J. Edmondson thanked all members who had served on Council in the past six years, including John Serrati and Guy Chamberland as Secretaries, Annabel Robinson and Ingrid Holmberg as Treasurers, Alison Keith as Vice President and then President, Patrick Baker as Vice President, and Leopold Migeotte and Duncan Fishwick as Honorary Presidents.

#### **4.3 Report of the Vice President**

Patrick Baker thanked the members of the Awards Committee: Catherine Bolton, Ingrid Holmberg, Kathryn Simonsen, and Guy Chamberland. He pointed out that K. Simonsen replaced Ga etan Th eriault since the latter was unexpectedly forced to step down because of the student strike at UQ AM and many other Quebec universities. There were ten candidates for the Desmond Conacher Scholarship; the winner will be announced in the fall in the *Bulletin* and on the CAC website. Unfortunately, no candidate came forward for the Grace Irwin Memorial Award. There were, however, 13 candidates for the Graduate Student Paper award (GSPP); the winner was Ruben Post (McGill).

This year the Equity Committee produced a questionnaire about grant applications which was announced several times in the *Bulletin*. The data were handled by Fanny Dolansky. Unfortunately, there were only 16 respondents, which is not enough to draw any conclusions. The Committee will investigate the possibility of using open-source software that would allow for questionnaires to be filled out entirely anonymously.

#### **4.4 Report of the Secretary**

Guy Chamberland thanked for their reports, throughout the year: Kathryn Simonsen, Sean Gurd, Benjamin Kelly, James Chlup, Bonnie MacLachlan, Debra Nousek, Alison Barclay, and John Serrati. These reports were copied verbatim in the Secretary’s reports to Council for its regular meetings in the fall, spring, and three days ago at this Annual General Meeting.

#### 4.5 Report of the Treasurer

The Financial Statement was distributed to the membership through the website. Ingrid Holmberg pointed out that the Association was in good financial shape. It is likely to further improve next year since dues will be slightly increased.

The Treasurer then pointed out that a fund drive would be undertaken by the new President to start the new John Geysen Subsidy for Lecture Tours. If each member contributed on average \$20, over \$10,000 would be accumulated.

**Motion:** That the Financial Statement be approved. Moved by Ingrid Holmberg; seconded by Kathryn Simonsen. No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

#### 4.6 Report of the Editor of *Phoenix*

J. Trevett pointed out that issue 65.3-4 (Fall/Winter 2011) was under final editing and would be mailed in June. As for the Supplementary series, the next volume will be a collection of papers on Apuleius by Keith Bradley.

The SSHRC application was successful and the full amount requested for the next three years was obtained.

J. Trevett went over the financial statement for 2011/2012 and pointed to a surplus of just over \$3000. The projection for the upcoming year is conservative in providing for a small deficit, but this will probably turn into a surplus. Finally, the Editorial Board accepted JStor's proposal to join their Current Scholarship Program.

**Motion:** That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Phoenix* be approved. Moved by Jeremy Trevett, seconded by Michele George. No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

Alison Keith pointed out that J. Trevett had now completed his term and that Michele George would take over. M. George entertained a formal vote of thanks for Jeremy Trevett which was received with a round of applause.

#### 4.7 Report of the Editors of *Mouseion*

Brad Levett thanked Myles McCallum, Hans vanderLeest, and Kathryn Simonsen for continuing on the *Mouseion* Editorial Board, and Craig Maynes and Guy Chamberland for joining.

The Editor then presented the first financial report for *Mouseion*, produced by Craig Maynes. This will now be a regular feature of the Editor's report. He then thanked Jim Murray, Bill Kerr and Arthur James for overseeing a successful SHHRC application soon after the untimely death of John Geysen.

Older issues of the journal in its various incarnations, dating back to 1956, will be digitized as PDF files over the summer. This will increase the profile and revenues of the journal. The editors were also planning to create a logo for *Mouseion*, possibly through a contest.

Brad Levett also expressed his wish to accelerate the publication schedule to four or five issues per year in order to catch up to where we should be in terms of volume and year of publication. He hoped that the submission rate would increase and encouraged the attending members to submit their manuscripts, especially since the accelerated schedule of publication would mean faster acceptance and publication rates.

**Motion:** That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Mouseion* be approved. Moved by Brad Levett, seconded by Myles McCallum. No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

Alison Keith thanked Brad Levett for taking over as Editor in difficult circumstances. This was received with a round of applause.

#### **4.8 Report of the Editor of the *Bulletin***

Guy Chamberland reported that everything was going well with the *Bulletin* in spite of occasional problems with emailing subscribers with the link to the latest issue. He pointed out that the number of almost 800 subscribers and the length of some issues had made it increasingly difficult to email the entire *Bulletin*, which explains why it is now posted on the website, with a link emailed to subscribers. Christer Bruun pointed out that this made it more difficult to save a copy of each issue. The Editor replied that it would be easy enough for him to produce a PDF version of each issue with a link in the header of the web-based HTML issue.

#### **4.9 Report of the Editor of the website, and**

#### **4.10 Report of the President of the Graduate Student Caucus**

Alison Keith announced that both Claude Eilers and Chris Dawson had sent their regrets. These two items were therefore skipped.

### **5 Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members**

Jonathan Edmondson presented the slate of candidates for election: Bonnie MacLachlan (Vice President), Ingrid Holmberg (Treasurer, second term), Christer Bruun and Pauline Ripat (Council members), Margaret Rogow (pre-university Representative), Siobhán McElduff (Equity Committee), and Andrew Faulkner, Helena Fracchia and Léopold Migeotte (PhD Prize).

**Motion:** That the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved. Moved by Jonathan Edmondson, seconded by Aara Suksi. Discussion: None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

J. Edmondson announced the composition of the Committee for 2012/2013: Alison Keith *ex officio*, Bruce Robertson, Catherine Bolton, and Cedric Littlewood. In accordance with the Bylaws, he called for further nominees, but none came forward.

### **6 Motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws**

Ingrid Holmberg presented the following two notices of motion (which were posted on the website a month before the meeting):

**Motion 1:** To make an addition to Section 7 of the By-Laws: “**7. d. Departments and programs in colleges and universities may become members of the Association, but not life members. The member departments are listed on the website of the Association. The schedule of dues is as follows:**

***B.A. granting department \$50***

***M.A. granting department \$100***

***Ph.D granting department \$150.***”

**Rationale:** The CAC provides advocacy for classics and classicists with the government and general public. The CAC also encourages and mentors the next generation of classicists. The CAC collects valuable data about classics from colleges and universities throughout Canada which it shares with its member institutions. This data is invaluable information for departments and programs concerning the state of classics and standards of the discipline which may be useful in discussions with administration. Furthermore, the CAC organizes and administers a number of awards to Canadian students in Canadian universities at all levels of study, from first year languages to the Ph.D.

Moved by Ingrid Holmberg (Treasurer), seconded by Patrick Baker (Vice President). Discussion: none. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

**Motion 2:** To modify the wording of Section 7 of the By-Laws from: “7. 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. c. *Membership in the Association is annual from January 1 to December 31. Any member who does not pay the membership dues by December 31 of the current year will be removed from the membership list. New members will receive the journals upon publication after the payment of membership dues.*”

**Rationale:** The introduction of the on-line membership payment system greatly facilitates the notification to members for payment of dues and the timely payment of dues. It is also relatively easy for any member who has been removed from the membership to re-join the CAC. In addition, the management of the previous two year arrears system was increasingly burdensome in an association with more than 500 members.

Moved by Ingrid Holmberg (Treasurer), seconded by Patrick Baker (Vice President). Discussion: none. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 7 **Award of Merit**

Jonathan Edmondson announced that the Award of Merit was posthumously conferred to John Geysen. He invited the Honorary President, Duncan Fishwick, and Jim Murray to receive it on behalf of the Geysen family. In his allocution, D. Fishwick recalled, *inter alia*, highlights of John Geysen’s career at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, and his invaluable service to our discipline, including his editorship of the *Bulletin* and *Mouseion* for several years.

## 8 **Any other business**

None.

## 9 **Installation of the new President**

Alison Keith invited the new President, Patrick Baker, to take over and chair the meeting. The new President thanked Alison Keith and said a few words about his involvement in the CAC since 1998.

## 10 **Gratiarum actio**

Patrick Baker invited Hugh Mason to deliver the *gratiarum actio*, which he did in elegant Latin and Greek.

## 11 Adjournment

**Motion:** That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved by Aara Suksi, seconded by Bonnie MacLachlan. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy Chamberland  
Secretary  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013