



NOTICE OF MOTION

to amend section 7C of the Constitution

The following motion will be moved on behalf of the Council by Patrick Baker (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary), at the May 2013 Annual General Meeting. It is moved that Article 7C of the Constitution be reformulated thus :

7C All members of the Council not serving as officers of the Association shall normally be elected for a single term of three years, but they may be eligible for reelection to additional terms, provided that their candidature is approved by the Nominating Committee.

(current formulation : All members of the Council not serving as officers of the Association shall normally be elected for a single term of three years, and shall normally be eligible for election to additional terms, provided that a period of at least six years will have elapsed between the completion of their previous term on the Council and the beginning of any subsequent term.

RATIONALE

In the Articles of the Constitution of the Association, at Article 7C, an amendment adopted in the recent past deserves to be revisited. Council was, at that time, concerned to ensure a better rotation of members from across Canada and was hoping to avoid (although this had not been a real problem) the possible situation where a colleague remained for too long on Council. Yet, it appears that the reality is quite different. The need to recruit new members in these last years, the difficulty of identifying new, interested candidates in certain regions (Atlantic, Quebec), and the immediately recent problem of the resignation of a Council Member representing precisely the Atlantic region complicates the task of nominations according to the aforesaid article 7C. One could add that this article is also responsible for the fact that no one representing the 2014 AGM (McGill) currently sits on Council.

As has been done in the past for members of the Executive, Council will create a template of the tasks expected from a member of Council. As an example, the following suggestions come to mind immediately: members of Council must, as much as possible, participate in all meetings of Council, that is the two during the academic year (in the fall – at the end of October/beginning of November, and winter – at the beginning of March) and the two meetings during the AGM (one before the conference begins and one after the AGM). In addition, Council regularly establishes sub-committees, often comprising three individuals, in order to investigate specific questions before the questions are debated in Council; members of Council must be prepared to take part in some of these sub-committees.