



***Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015, 4:00 p.m.***

***Emmanuel College, room 119  
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario***

**Agenda:**

0. Word of welcome / Mot de bienvenue
1. Agenda / Ordre du jour
2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Assembly / Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2014
3. Business arising / Affaires en découlant
4. Reports / Rapports
  - 4.1 President / Présidente
  - 4.2 Past President / Président sortant
  - 4.3 Vice President / Vice-Président
  - 4.4 Secretary / Secrétaire
  - 4.5 Treasurer / Trésorière
  - 4.6 Editor of *Phoenix* / Directrice de *Phoenix*
  - 4.7 Editors of *Mouseion* / Directeurs de *Mouseion*
  - 4.8 Editor of the *Bulletin* / Rédacteur du *Bulletin*
  - 4.9 Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus / Président du Caucus des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs
5. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members / Rapport du comité de nomination et élection des membres du Bureau et du Conseil
6. Motions to amend the Constitution and By-laws / Propositions d'amendement des statuts et règlements
  - 6.1 Motion to amend Article 4 of the Constitution / Motion pour amender l'article 4 des Statuts
  - 6.2 Motion to amend Articles 1 and 2 of the Bylaws / Motion pour amender les articles 1 et 2 des Règlements
7. Award of Merit / Décernement du Prix du Mérite
8. Any other business / Divers
9. *Gratiarum actio*
10. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

**Minutes:**

**0 Word of Welcome**

The President, Bonnie MacLachlan, welcomed the members. She invited them to observe a minute of silence for Symphorien Van de Maele, who had passed away on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.

## 1 Agenda

**Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated. Moved by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Louis L'Allier. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 2 Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be approved. Moved by Bruce Robertson; seconded by Allison Keith. **Discussion:** Point 4.2: read Jim Russell; 4.5: delete "Our total assets were at about \$225,000". **Vote:** Carried with one abstention.

## 3 Business arising

None.

### 4.1 Report of the President

Bonnie MacLachlan formally thanked the outgoing Treasurer, Ingrid Holmberg, for her careful stewardship of the Association's finances. She also thanked Christer Bruun for three years of service on Council and for a wonderful conference, Suzanne Paszkowski whose term as Chair of the GSC was completed, and the Local Representatives on whom she relied to obtain data on enrolments in Greek and Latin classes; the CAC could play a role in gathering data to figure out how to improve numbers.

The President mentioned the difficult employment situation for new PhD holders and the role the Association has been playing, for example by organizing panels on possible career paths outside academia.

Bonnie MacLachlan was planning for a Presidential Session in 2016 on the state of Classics in Canada, and asked the members to send her feedback and advice.

### 4.2 Report of the Past President

Patrick Baker reminded the membership that the Past President chairs three committees: the Award of Merit Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Committee adjudicating the Prize for the Best PhD Dissertation. The committee for this last Prize was composed of Brad Levett, Susanna Braund, Judith Fletcher, Helena Fracchia, and Patrick Baker as Chair *ex officio*. Four dissertations were submitted. The winner in 2015 is Robert McCutcheon (Toronto) for his dissertation *An Archaeology of Cicero's Letters: A Study of Late Republican Textual Culture* under the supervision of Eric Gunderson. The next committee will be chaired by Bonnie MacLachlan; the prize will be adjudicated for a thesis successfully defended between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The Past President will return later to report on the activities of the Nominating Committee and Award of Merit Committee.

### 4.3 Report of the Vice President

Mark Joyal thanked the members of the Equity Committee, which he was chairing *ex officio*: Judith Fletcher, Liz Klaassen, Suzanne Paszkowski, and Thierry Petit. An online survey was designed (using SurveyMonkey) to collect data more systematically in the future.

The Committee for the Grace Irwin Memorial Award was composed of Maggie Rogow, Philip Snider, and Mark Joyal as Chair *ex officio*. Mark Joyal reported that the recipient of the Award was Ms. Lindsay Welbers, of Sisler High School in Winnipeg.

There were eight strong applicants for the Desmond Conacher Scholarship, all anglophones. The winner had not yet been decided. As usual, the name will not be released until formal confirmation of registration in an M.A. programme in the Fall.

There were 11 applicants for the Graduate Student Paper Prize, all in Canadian, US, and UK Universities. There were six males and five females, and three francophones. Four papers were selected. The Committee unanimously agreed to give the prize to Emilio Capettini (Princeton) for his paper “Nero the Viper: Zoological Lore and Political Critique in the Life of Apollonius of Tyana”.

#### 4.4 Report of the Secretary

Guy Chamberland thanked the following for their reports throughout the year: Conor Whately, Kathy Simonsen, David Meban, Ben Kelly, and Christer Bruun. Their reports were presented by the Secretary at Council meetings over the year. The tours and the winners of the various competitions were announced in the *Bulletin*.

#### 4.5 Report of the Treasurer

Ingrid Holmberg thanked the membership for their generous donations in 2014. She then presented the Financial Statement for the year 2014, pointing out that our short-term investments were doing fairly well. The donations for the Conacher Fund were going slightly down; a fund drive would be a good idea. The Grace Irwin and Geysen Funds were doing quite well.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer’s Financial Statements be approved. Moved by Lisa Hughes; seconded by Patrick Baker. **Discussion:** Mark Joyal pointed out that the signatures were not those of accountants; this should perhaps be made clear. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

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

Michele George thanked the staff and the members of the Editorial Board, and in particular those whose term had ended in December 2014. She invited the members in attendance to submit their manuscripts to *Phoenix*. She pointed out that a new agreement had been articulated and ratified between the University of Toronto Press and Les Presses de l’Université Laval for the submission of French manuscripts. The SHHRC grant was renewed in December. Out of 37 applicants *Phoenix* was ranked first.

**Motion:** That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Phoenix* be approved. Moved by Michele George; seconded by Ingrid Holmberg. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

The Editor added that 323 subscribers opted for the hard copy, and 307 for the electronic version. While the latter costs about 4\$ per person, the hard copy costs about \$23/year per person (printing and mailing), but *Phoenix* receives only about \$15 per CAC member. This situation will need to be addressed in the future.

A member pointed out that *Phoenix* should be open access since it is financed with public (SHHRC) money. Michele George answered that SHHRC actually contributes only 23% of the journal’s revenues and invited members to consult the Financial Statement.

The winner of the Mary White Prize for 2014 was Lindsay Driediger-Murphy (Calgary) for her article “Theology as a Historiographic Tool in Dionysius of Halicarnassus”, in *Phoenix* 68, pp. 330–349.

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

Because of the switch to a new Press, only two fascicles were produced this year. The volume year is still several years behind the actual publication year and the board is investigating possibilities of catching up, such as double-year volumes. Brad Levett pointed out that the submission rate was modest but stable; he invited members to submit their manuscripts to *Mouseion*.

The first *Mouseion* colloquium will be held this summer in St. John’s. The theme is “Moralizing Strategies in Early Greek Lyric”; the organizers are Laura Swift, William Allen, and Brad Levett.

The Editor pointed out that *Mouseion*, like *Phoenix*, was looking at alternative funding models for the future. The SHHRC application for funding over the next three years was successful.

**Motion:** That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Mouseion* be approved. Moved by Brad Levett; seconded by Ingrid Holmberg. **Discussion:** Altay Coskun was concerned about the backlog of four issues currently being in preparation, as per the written report. Brad Levett answered that the manuscripts were overall well edited and that he expected that the four fascicles would take about one to one and a half years to publish. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

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

Guy Chamberland asked members to make sure that obituary notices were forwarded to him. Ideally, a short statement about the scholarly/academic contribution of the deceased should accompany any funeral home notices since they are aimed primarily at family and friends, not scholars. The Editor also reminded members to forward the report of new books published in their departments, changes in local programmes, new hires, etc.

#### **4.9 Report of the Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus**

As Co-chair, Suzanne Paszkowski reported that the new executive had been elected the day before, including the new Chair, Riccardo Bertolazzi (Calgary), who could not attend this meeting. The Facebook page was growing; the number of “likes” had doubled in one year, which is significant because those people who “like” the GSC receive updates.

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

Patrick Baker, Vice-President and Chair *ex officio*, thanked the members of the Award of Merit Committee for 2014/15: Adam Kemezis, Debra Nousek, and Alison Barclay. He pointed out that if the list of candidates (distributed to the membership) was approved, there will be seven women and seven men on the next Council representing all the regions of the country. Next year’s committee will be composed of Adam Kemezis, Debra Nousek, and Kathy Simonsen. The Chair pointed out that the members of this committee had also been chosen to represent all regions of Canada.

**Motion:** That the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved. Moved by Patrick Baker, seconded by Louis L’Allier. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 6.1 Motion to amend Article 4 of the Constitution

The President introduced the following motion:

**Motion:** That Article 4 of the Constitution be modified thus, *from*:

4. The Association shall:
  - A. encourage the formation of local associations;
  - B. make arrangements for lectures and meetings in various centres;
  - C. publish two national journals of Classical Studies;
  - D. maintain an electronic site with newsletter;
  - E. administer and fund an awards programme;
  - F. administer and fund competitions for undergraduates and high school students.

*to*:

4. The Association shall:
  - A. **promote the diffusion of knowledge through the organization of an Annual Conference coinciding with the Annual General Meeting, where members may have the opportunity to present their current research;**
  - B. encourage the formation of local associations;
  - C. make arrangements for lectures and meetings in various centres;
  - D. publish two national journals of Classical Studies;
  - E. maintain a **website**;
  - F. **publish a monthly newsletter;**
  - G. administer and fund an awards programme;
  - H. administer and fund competitions for undergraduates and high school students.

**Rationale:** The Constitution does not record the need for the Association to organize both an annual general meeting and an annual conference. The term “Annual General Meeting” is used somewhat loosely to refer to both parts of the program.

In point 4D, “electronic site” is outdated and should be replaced with “website”. In addition, it would be desirable to distinguish the maintenance of the website from the publication of the Bulletin, which are two different duties of the Association.

Moved by Bonnie MacLachlan (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary).

**Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 6.2 Motion to amend Articles 1 and 2 of the Bylaws

The President introduced the following motion:

**Motion:** Modify Sections **7A** and **7B** thus, *from*:

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall normally be held at a date in the first half of May, or at such other date as the Council may determine.
2. The annual meeting of the Association shall normally be held at the invitation of one or more Canadian universities with a Classics programme in a place of its/their choice, or, in special circumstances, in such other place as the Council may determine.

*to:*

1. The **Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting** of the Association shall normally be held at a date in the first half of May, or at such other date as the Council may determine.
2. The **Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting** of the Association shall normally be held at the invitation of one or more Canadian universities with a Classics programme in a place of its/their choice, or, in special circumstances, in such other place as the Council may determine.

**Rationale:** The By-laws do not record the need for the Association to organize both an annual general meeting and an annual conference. The term “annual meeting” is used somewhat loosely to refer to both parts of the program.

Moved by Bonnie MacLachlan (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary).

**Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

## 7 **Award of Merit**

The Past President, Patrick Baker, asked for a round of applause for outgoing and incoming Council members. He thanked the members of the Award of Merit Committee, Léopold Migeotte, Allison Glazebrook, and Selina Stewart, and invited Alison Keith to present the Award to Elaine Fantham. Among other things, A. Keith recalled E. Fantham’s long standing membership in the Association, her service as Vice President (1996–98) and Honorary President (2001–06) of the Association, her eighteen years of service as Professor in the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto, and her numerous publications, including seventeen books. The presentation of the award by Patrick Baker was received with a round of applause.

## 8 **Any other business**

None.

## 9 **Gratiarum actio**

Bonnie MacLachlan invited Adam Kemezis to deliver the *gratiarum actio*, which he did in elegant Latin.

## 10 **Adjournment**

**Motion:** That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved at 6:07 p.m. by Bruce Robertson, seconded by Mark Joyal.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy Chamberland  
Secretary  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016