



*Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting
May 16th 2013, 2:00 p.m.*

*Robert B. Schulz Lecture Theatre, St. John's College
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba*

Agenda:

0. Word of welcome / Mot de bienvenue
1. Agenda / Ordre du jour
2. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Assembly / Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2012
3. Business arising / Affaires en découlant
4. Reports / Rapports
 - 4.1 President / Président
 - 4.2 Past President / Présidente sortante
 - 4.3 Vice President / Vice-Présidente
 - 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* / Directeur du *Bulletin*
 - 4.9 Editor of the website / Directeur du site internet
 - 4.10 President of the Graduate Student Caucus / Présidente 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. Motion to amend section 7c of the Constitution / Proposition d'amendement de la section 7c des statuts /
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, Patrick Baker, thanked the members for attending the meeting and proposed to add point “**0. Word of Welcome / Mot de bienvenue**” to the Agenda. He thanked the writers of the obituary notices and Guy Chamberland, who published them in the *CCB*. He then invited the members to observe a minute of silence for those who had left us in the past year: Jacques Desautels (†August 4th 2012); Robert J. Buck (†September 21st 2012); Michel Roussel (†December 29th 2012); and Kathryn G. Boscher (†March 23rd 2013).

1 Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended; moved by Ingrid Holmberg, seconded by Duncan Fishwick. **Discussion:** none. **Vote:** carried *nem. con.*

2 Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting be approved. Moved by Ben Akrigg; seconded by Greg Rowe. **Discussion:** none. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

3 Business arising

None.

4.1 Report of the President

Patrick Baker first reported on personnel changes. David Meban replaced Alison Barclay as coordinator of the Sight Translation competitions, and Christer Bruun took over the Undergraduate Essay competition from Bonnie MacLachlan. The President thanked them all and stressed the importance of the competitions as a means to promote the Association and its objectives. The adjudicators of the Sight Competitions were also thanked: Diana Pai, Jeremy Trevett, Luke Roman, Robert Nickel, and Aven McMaster. The President then expressed his gratitude to the organizers of the Tours: Kathy Simonsen, Sean Gurd, Ben Kelly, and James Chlup. Since S. Gurd had resigned, B. Kelly will now organize the Central Tour alone; the next speaker will be John Oleson (Victoria). J. Chlup will be replaced by Conor Whately as organizer of the Central Tour.

P. Baker expressed his gratitude to the members of Council whose term was ending: Kelly Olson, John Porter, and Kathy Simonsen. Leonna McLeod resigned earlier in the year and will also be replaced. He then thanked the organizers of this year's Annual General Meeting, James Chlup and Pauline Ripat, as well as Marilyn Loat and Diana Amey (Administrative Assistants), Jeffery Taylor (Dean of Arts), University College, St. John's College, and the student volunteers: Bianca Claudio, Lisa Halim, Hossam Meawad, Alistair Mowat, and Elizabeth Tabbenor. P. Baker had a personal word of thanks for our "anglophone" colleagues who presented papers in French this year: Susanna Braund (UBC), Chelsea Gardner (UBC), Dina Guth (Manitoba), and Florence Yoon (UBC).

The President then invited all the members to join him in thanking all those who had contributed to make this a wonderful Annual General Meeting. This was received with a round of applause.

The objective of accumulating \$10,000 as a start-up for the John Geysen Fund was reached thanks to the generosity of the members and revenues from the Annual Meetings in Halifax and London. Departments and programmes who need assistance to receive a Tour speaker will be able to apply for subsidies starting next year.

The Treasurer, Ingrid Holmberg, represented the Association at a FedCan teleconference. One of the changes which has already been implemented is the termination of the fund for assistance with travel to conferences. Last year the Association received \$8535 and assisted 19 students. P. Baker pointed to another area of concern: the data published by SSHRC with regard to successful grant applications. The presentation of the data is now so opaque that it is very difficult to determine what the success rates in Classics were. P. Baker wrote a letter to express his concerns; he is still waiting for a reply.

The APA will change its name, but some of the suggestions were a concern to our Association, especially “Classical Association of North America”. P. Baker wrote a letter to the President of the APA about this. In the end, however, the APA opted for “Society for Classical Studies”. APA members will vote on the name change in July.

Since 1998, when the Association decided to organize its Annual General Meetings independently of the Learned (now “FedCan”), efforts were made to hold the annual meeting in different parts of the country, on rotation. It should be pointed out, however, that no university in the Atlantic region came forward for 2015, when the University of Toronto will host the event. The President was pleased to report that Tana Allen and Kathy Simonsen have now come forward and offered to host the 2017 Annual General Meeting at the Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Talks are currently underway with the Department of Classics of the University of Calgary to host the event in 2018.

Motion: That the report of the President be approved. Moved by Léopold Migeotte; seconded by Alban Baudou. **Discussion:** No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.2 Report of the Past President

Alison Keith reported on the activities of the new committee to adjudicate a Prize for the best PhD dissertation at a Canadian university, which was created last year by Jonathan Edmondson. The Committee was composed of Andrew Faulkner, Brad Levett, Lea Stirling, Léopold Migeotte, and herself as Chair *ex officio*. (Helena Fracchia had to recuse herself because her department nominated her doctoral student.) For the first adjudication of the Prize, theses successfully defended between July 1st 2010 and June 30th 2012 were considered; three nominations were received from department chairpersons and program directors: Ilaria Battiloro (Alberta), Marie-Pierre Krück (Toronto), and Michael Snowdon (McMaster). While all three submissions were very strong, the Committee unanimously recommended that the prize be awarded to M.-P. Krück for her thesis, *Discours de la corruption dans la Grèce classique* (2011), supervised by Victoria Wohl. This was received with a round of applause.

A. Keith will return later to report on the activities of the Nomination Committee.

4.3 Report of the Vice President

Bonnie MacLachlan thanked the members of the Awards Committee: Guy Chamberland, Ingrid Holmberg, Kathy Simonsen, and Gaétan Thériault. There were eight candidates for the Desmond Conacher Scholarship; the winner will be announced in the fall in the *Bulletin* and on the CAC website. There were six eligible candidates for the Prize for the best graduate paper at the Annual General Meeting (GSPP); the winner was Andrew McClellan (UBC), whose paper was entitled “Vergil on the Treatment of the Dead in the Aeneid”. The Vice President then thanked Maggie Rogow and Phil Snider, members of the Grace Irwin Award Committee. There was a single applicant this year, Matthew Skinner of Humber College, who will receive the award of \$500.

Motion: That the report of the Vice President be approved. Moved by Iain McDougall; seconded by Susanna Braund. **Discussion:** No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.4 Report of the Secretary

Guy Chamberland thanked, for their reports throughout the year: Alison Barclay, James Chlup, Ben Kelly, Bonnie MacLachlan, John Serrati, Kathy Simonsen, and Conor Whately. These reports were presented by the Secretary at Council meetings during the Annual Meeting in May, in the fall, and in the spring. The tours and the winners of the various competitions were announced in the *Bulletin*. The Secretary also started to digitize Annual General Meeting programmes which had not yet been uploaded on the website.

Motion: That the report of the Secretary be approved. Moved by Ingrid Holmberg; seconded by Bonnie MacLachlan. **Discussion:** No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.5 Report of the Treasurer

Ingrid Holmberg distributed the Financial Statement to the membership through the website. The first page provided a breakdown of all our assets. The Treasurer also pointed out that she had invested \$11,500 of the John Geysen Lecture Tour Fund in a GIC; \$500 in liquid were left that could be disbursed if necessary, starting with the next series of Tours in the Fall. As for the Grace Irwin Memorial Award, the fund will eventually be paid down and disappear. Altogether, the financial situation of the Association was relatively good.

Motion: That the report of the Treasurer be approved. Moved by Christer Bruun; seconded by Brad Levett. **Discussion:** The Treasurer pointed to the list of donors for 2012 and thanked them all for being so generous. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.6 Report of the Editor of *Phoenix*

M. George thanked the members of the Editorial Committee: Ben Akrigg (Secretary-Treasurer), Allison Glazebrook (Review Editor), Andrew Faulkner (Review Editor, francophone reviews); Rachel Barney, Andreas Bendlin, Judith Fletcher, Ben Kelly, and Rebecca Nagle (Associate Editors); Jonathan Edmondson and Alison Keith (Editors of the Supplementary Series). She then thanked the members of the Editorial Board: Alban Baudou, Sean Corner, Dominique Coté, David Creese, Fanny Dolanksy, Jane Francis, Shane Hawkins, David Meban, Jack Mitchell, Frances Pownall, Bruce Robertson, and Greg Rowe. She also thanked the Corresponding Members: Alessandro Barchiesi, Mireille Corbier, Hans-Joachim Gehrke, Edith Hall, and David Konstan. Finally, she extended her thanks to the Managing Editor, Judith Schutz, and the other personnel: Philippa Matheson, Tommaso Leoni, Yuri Lozynsky, and Marie-Pierre Krück.

Issue 66.3-4 (Fall/Winter 2012) was about to go to press. Currently, 26 articles were accepted for ulterior publication. As for the Supplementary series, three volumes appeared in the past several months.

CAC members were asked on their membership renewal form to chose between the printed or electronic version of the journal. There was, so far, a slight majority of members who still preferred print (195) over electronic (183), while 177 had not yet expressed their wish. Accordingly, issue 66.3-4 was going to be printed, but eventually the journal will be an electronic-only publication.

Motion: That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Phoenix* be approved. Moved by Michele George; seconded by Pauline Ripat. **Discussion:** M. George pointed

out, in answer to Susanna Braund, that the time for response to a submission was approximately six to eight weeks. She added that the first Mary White Prize for best annual article published in *Phoenix* (vol. 66), and worth \$500, had been awarded to Emma Aston (University of Reading) for her article “Friends in High Places: The Stereotype of Dangerous Thessalian Hospitality in the Later Classical Period”. This was received with a round of applause. The Editor thanked the members of the committee: Dominique Côté, David Meban, and Jack Mitchell. The President then called for the vote on the report.
Vote: Carried *nem. con.*

4.7 Report of the Editors of *Mouseion*

Brad Levett planned for five issues during the academic year 2013/14. He thanked Craig Maynes for producing the financial report, and Don Walsh and Slavko Manojlovich of the Digital Archives Institute of Memorial University for the digitization of the second series of *Échos du monde classique/Classical Views* (1982–2000). Due to a backlog at Project Muse, the issues will unfortunately not be uploaded until about 2017.

Our current print publisher, the University of Calgary Press, will cease publishing academic journals at the end of 2013. B. Levett thanked the press generally, and especially Judy Powell, the journal’s main contact at the Press. *Mouseion* will now be published by the University of Toronto Press.

The new logo, adapted from a design by Sherry Hardin, will start to be used in volume 11.

Motion: That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Mouseion* be approved. Moved by Brad Levett; seconded by Kathy Simonsen. **Discussion:** No further discussion.
Vote: Carried *nem. con.*

4.8 Report of the Editor of the *Bulletin*

Guy Chamberland reported that everything was going well with the *Bulletin*. He pointed out that there were some 750 subscribers, not all of whom were members of the Association. It is not uncommon, however, for *Bulletin* subscribers to eventually become members; presumably, they learn about the activities of the Association, especially the Annual General Meeting, and discover the advantages of joining.

Following a member’s remark at the last Annual General Meeting in London, that it was more difficult to save a copy of the *Bulletin* now that it was web-based rather than emailed, the Editor pointed out that the header of every issue from 18.09 (May 2012) had included a link to a PDF version of the same.

4.9 Report of the Editor of the website

Since Claude Eilers had sent his regrets, Patrick Baker reported briefly on the state of the website of the Association. The site will be improved over the next several months with regard to bilingualism and overall structure and appearance. One of the important changes will be that the position of Website Editor will be eliminated. The President will have overall supervision of the site, and a professional will be hired to take care of the maintenance. He invited members to send their comments to help improve the site.

4.10 Report of the President of the Graduate Student Caucus

As the new Chair of the Caucus, Patricia White, had sent her regrets, the previous Chair, Alin Mocanu, addressed the members. He pointed out that the number of student members

in the Caucus had increased and that a Facebook page had been created. He thanked P. Baker, J. Chlup, and P. Ripat for speaking at the Caucus' panel on professionalization.

A. Mocanu deplored the end of the SSHRC travel fund; this accounted for the fact that a number of students had to cancel their plans of attending and presenting a paper this year. Out of the 30 students who were attending, however, ten had received a subsidy from their own university.

P. Baker reminded attending members that the Caucus was still in its probationary period for another year before their representative (currently a guest) would become a full member of Council. This will be submitted to the members' vote at the next Annual General Meeting, McGill University, in 2014. The President then thanked A. Mocanu and all those who were contributing to the outstanding performance of the Caucus.

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

Alison Keith thanked the members of the Award of Merit Committee for 2012/13: Catherine Bolton, Cedric Littlewood, and Peter O'Brien. She pointed out that Bruce Robertson, who had been expected to join the Committee, had to recuse himself as he was nominated for a position on Council.

The Past President then presented the slate of candidates for election: Fanny Dolansky, Andrew Faulkner, Bruce Robertson, and Selina Stewart (Council members), and Florence Yoon (Equity Committee). Since a seat had been left vacant by a resignation, there were four candidates submitted for membership on Council, instead of three.

Motion: That the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved. Moved by Alison Keith, seconded by Susanna Braund. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

A. Keith announced the composition of the Committee for 2013/14: C. Littlewood will stay on, while Alban Baudou and Alison Barclay will join; A. Keith will be Chair *ex officio*.

6 Motion to amend the Constitution

Patrick Baker presented the following notice of motion (which was posted on the website a month before the meeting):

Motion: To amend Section 7C of the Constitution from:

7C 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.

to:

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 re-election for additional terms, provided that their candidature is approved by the Nominating Committee.

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 (late October/early November and early 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.

Moved by Patrick Baker (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary).
Discussion: none. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

7 Award of Merit

Patrick Baker invited the Honorary President, Duncan Fishwick, to present the Award of Merit to Iain McDougall. In his allocution, D. Fishwick mentioned, *inter alia*, highlights of I. McDougall's career at the University of Winnipeg, his main publications, and his invaluable service to the Association over 23 years: 17 as Treasurer (1979–1996), and six as Vice President, President, and Past President (1996–2002). The awarding was received with a round of applause.

8 Any other business

None.

9 *Gratiarum actio*

Patrick Baker invited Matthew Carter to deliver the *gratiarum actio*, which he did in elegant Latin.

11 Adjournment

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved at 3:49 p.m. by Michael Sampson, seconded by Reyes Bertolín.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy Chamberland
Secretary
April 09th 2014