



*Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting
May 9th 2014, 4:00 p.m.*

*Leacock 232
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec*

Agenda:

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7. Award of Merit / Décernement du Prix du Mérite
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9. Installation of the new President / Installation de la nouvelle présidente
10. *Gratiarum actio*
11. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Minutes:

0 Word of Welcome

The President, Patrick Baker, welcomed the members. He invited them to observe a minute of silence for the colleagues who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting: Elizabeth “Bettye” Bongie († May 18th 2013; CAC Secretary 1979–1981); Sally Haag († July 18th 2013); Peter Kingston († August 18th 2013); Ivars Avotins (October 18th 2013); Kathleen Ann Dusing (November 28th 2013); and Marie-Odile Jentel († December 8th 2013). The President then asked members to send death notifications to Guy Chamberland for publication in the *CCB/BCÉA*.

1 Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved as circulated; moved by Ben Akrigg, seconded by Christian Raaschle. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

2 Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved. Moved by Alison Keith; seconded by Mark Joyal. **Discussion:** Point 4.1, line 10: read **Western** Tour. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

3 Business arising

None.

4.1 Report of the President

Patrick Baker formally thanked Duncan Fishwick *in absentia* for his three years as Honorary President. The Executive and Council have decided to appoint Anne Carson as Honorary Patron for 2014–2017.

The President thanked retiring Council members James Chlup (organizer of the 2013 AGM in Winnipeg) and Gaétan Thériault for their service. He had special words of thanks for Alison Keith who was now completing her term as Past President (2012–14) after serving as Vice President (2008–2010) and President (2010–2012) of the Association. This was received with a round of applause.

Patrick Baker reported on the activities of the Canadian Institute in Greece (CIG), and in particular on the digitalization of the Frederic Winter archives, the development of the on-line “Portal to the Past”, and the project of a Canadian dig at Kalymna (Dodecanese).

The President attended the annual SSHRC conference at McGill University, Montreal, on March 28th. There were panels on MOOCs, on the renewal of the SSHRC programme architecture, on the future of the PhD programmes in our disciplines, etc. It was stressed, among other things, that departments need to prepare their PhD students for a career outside academia by focusing on the skills they acquire during their PhD research, such as writing skills and critical thinking. SSHRC President Chad Gaffield spoke about our need to remind the general population of the importance of research in the Social Science and Humanities for the collective good.

As this was his last meeting as President, Patrick Baker thanked the members for their confidence and spoke about his attachment to the Association and to the people who

devoted their time and energy to make it what it is. He pointed out that it was our duty to leave a healthy and thriving Association to the next generation of scholars, particularly the members of the Graduate Student Caucus.

4.2 Report of the Past President

Alison Keith 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. This last Prize is biennial and was awarded in 2013, so that Patrick Baker will Chair the next Committee. Department and programme Chairs were invited to submit the best dissertation defended in their department between July 2012 and June 2014. Beside Patrick Baker, the next committee will be composed of Susanna Braund, Helena Fracchia, Judy Fletcher, and Brad Levett.

A. Keith will return later to report on the activities of the Nominating Committee and Award of Merit Committee.

As this was her last report as Past President, Alison Keith thanked the colleagues with whom she had served the Association over the years, in particular Treasurers Craig Cooper, Annabel Robinson, and Ingrid Holmberg; Secretaries Patrick Baker, John Serrati, and Guy Chamberland; Honorary Presidents Elizabeth Fantham, Léopold Migeotte, and Duncan Fishwick; Presidents Iain McDougall, Jim Russel, Catherine Rubincam, Martin Cropp, Jim Murray, Patrick Baker, and Jonathan Edmondson.

4.3 Report of the Vice President

Bonnie MacLachlan thanked the members of the committees she was chairing as Vice President: Guy Chamberland, Ingrid Holmberg, Gaétan Thériault, Bruce Robertson, Maggie Rogow, and Phil Snider. She reported that 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. Unfortunately, there were no candidates this year for the Grace Irwin Award. There were four eligible candidates for the Prize for the best graduate paper at the Annual General Meeting (GSPP). The Vice President presented the Prize to Adriana Brook (UofT), whose paper was entitled “Ritual Structure, Narrative Structure: The Poetics of Progression in Sophocles’ *Ajax*”.

4.4 Report of the Secretary

Guy Chamberland thanked for their reports throughout the year: Christer Bruun, Ben Kelly, David Meban, John Serrati, Kathy Simonsen, Conor Whately, and also the adjudicators of the Sight Translation Competition: Patricia Fagan, Craig Maynes, Rebecca Nagel, Robert Nickel, and Diana Pai. 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*. Several pages on the website were updated, and a new page was created to publish the CAC Financial Statements over the past five years.

4.5 Report of the Treasurer

Ingrid Holmberg thanked the membership for their generous donations in 2013. She then presented the Financial Statement for the year 2013, pointing out that our cash and short-term investments added up to \$194,574. This compared favourably to the figure of about

\$154,000 for the year 2009. Our total assets were at about \$225,000. The John Geysen fund has now been mostly invested.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Financial Statements be approved. Moved by Ingrid Holmberg; seconded by Jonathan Edmondson. **Discussion:** Jonathan Edmondson asked what the procedure was to apply for a Geysen subvention. Ingrid Holmberg answered that an announcement would be posted in the *CCB* early in the Fall to encourage small departments to apply and to explain how; no one applied this year. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.6 Report of the Editor of *Phoenix*

Michele George thanked the staff and members of the Editorial Board, and in particular those whose term had ended in December 2013: Alban Baudou, Dominique Côté, David Creese, Fanny Dolansky, Frances Pownall, and Bruce Robertson. She pointed out that Ben Akrigg would be stepping down as Secretary-Treasurer and be replaced by Ben Kelly. Ben Akrigg presented the Financial Statement, pointing out that the printing and distribution of paper copies remained the greatest expense.

Motion: That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Phoenix* be approved. Moved by Michele George; seconded by Alison Keith. **Discussion:** None at this point. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

Michele George pointed out that the manuscript rejection rate was fairly high. This was due in part to the poor quality of the English of many manuscripts, as the journal is increasing its reach internationally. She then invited the Editors of the Supplementary Series to address the issue of French submissions to the UofT Press. Jonathan Edmondson answered that the Press was currently not able to accept French manuscripts, which is unconscionable for our Association. He and Alison Keith were in contact with the Presses de l'Université Laval to hopefully create a partnership.

The Editor of *Phoenix* then pointed out that the number of institutions which subscribed to the e-version only was growing, including those who did so through JStor's Current Scholarship Program. There were now 271 CAC members who were subscribing to the e-version only and 286 to the print copy; the cost of printing and mailing paper copies was approximately \$30 per year per member. Since SSHRC is very keen on electronic delivery, the journal will be moving towards e-only delivery, but of print quality.

Michele George then announced that the second winner of the Mary White Prize for the best paper published over the past year in *Phoenix* (\$500) was Carolynn Roncaglia for her paper "Client Prefects? Rome and the Cottians in the Western Alps". This year's judges were David Meban, Jack Mitchell, and Rob Tordoff.

4.7 Report of the Editors of *Mouseion*

Brad Levett thanked the Mouseion Board. He then pointed out that the transfer from the University of Calgary Press to the UofT Press had required some ground work so that fewer issues were published than expected. Members were sent two copies of fascicle 11.1; this was because of the poor quality of the pictures in the first printing, but there was, unfortunately, no noticeable improvement with the second printing. Members should expect four fascicles next year, including a special issue in memory of John Geysen edited by Alison Keith.

The process of digitizing back issues was almost completed, but a few issues were still missing.

Craig Maynes presented the Financial Statement. The financial situation looked good though many of the funds were earmarked since the publication schedule was two years behind.

Motion: That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editor of *Mouseion* be approved. Moved by Brad Levett; seconded by Judy Fletcher. **Discussion:** Mark Joyal pointed out that the investment interest seemed rather low. Craig Maynes answered that GICs would produce returns only when they mature. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.8 Report of the Editor of the *Bulletin*

Guy Chamberland reported that the number of subscribers was over 700, not all of them members of the Association. He then asked members to make sure that obituary notices were forwarded to him. It has happened in the recent past that he had to Google the name of deceased classicists to find their obituaries; unfortunately, such obituaries as are found on the websites of funeral homes are general and do not report on scholarly accomplishments.

4.9 Report of the Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus

As Patricia White could not attend the meeting, Patrick Baker pointed out that the Council had created a travel-assistance fund to support students who are presenting a paper at the Annual General Meeting; the fund will also support recent PhD graduates who have not yet secured a position.

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 2013/14: Alison Barclay, Alban Baudou, and Cedric Littlewood. She then presented the slate of candidates for election: Mark Joyal (Vice President), Guy Chamberland (Secretary), Craig Maynes (Council member and MUN representative for the 2017 AGM), Thierry Petit (Council member), and Liz Klassen (Equity Committee).

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

6.1 Motion to amend Section 6A of the Constitution (in French only)

The President presented the following motion:

Motion: Change one word in Section 6A of the Constitution (in French only) to adjust both versions (English and French):

6A Le bureau de la Société comprend :

[...]

- le ou les directeurs de chacune des revues **officielles** de la Société, *ex officio*

Rationale: An inconsistency of phrasing has been observed between the French and the English versions. The French version is: “[...] le ou les directeurs de chacune des revues **nationales** de la Société, *ex officio*” while the English version reads: “[...] The Editor or Editors of each of the Association’s **official** journals, *ex officio*”.

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

6.2 Motion to amend Sections 7A and 7B of the Constitution

The President presented the following motion:

Motion: Modify Sections 7A and 7B thus:

7A The Council of the Association shall consist of the officers specified in section 6a, nine other members elected at the annual meeting of the Association **and one member representing the Graduate Student Caucus.**

7B The Council shall include representation at all times from the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, and the Western Provinces, with an overall representation that reflects the national character of the Association. One member of the Council shall represent the locality chosen for the annual meeting of the Association. One member of the Council shall represent secondary school teachers and pre-university professors of Classics in Canada. **The member representing the Graduate Student Caucus is chosen by the latter at its Annual General Meeting.**

Rationale: The Graduate Student Caucus (GSC) of the Classical Association of Canada (CAC) was founded in May 2010 during the Annual General Meeting in Quebec City. The Caucus is governed by its own constitution and has expressed the wish to receive a seat on the Council. It was decided to welcome the Senior Co-Chair of the Caucus as a guest (non-voting) member for a three-year probationary period, starting at the 2011 AGM. This three-year period, during which the Caucus has made a significant and skillful contribution to Council meetings, will be completed at the 2014 AGM. The Assembly will be presented at that time with this motion to grant the Caucus a seat on Council.

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

6.3 Motion to add Section 7F to the Constitution

The President presented the following motion:

Motion: Add Section 7F:

7F The Editor of the *Canadian Classical Bulletin* is a non-voting member of Council for an indefinite term (as long as he/she wishes to take in charge this official publication of the Association and enjoys the confidence of the Executive). In the course of his/her indefinite term, the Editor of the *CCB* may hold concurrently another office (e.g. member of Council, Secretary, etc.), which confers on him/her a voting right during the aforementioned period.

Rationale: The position of the Editor of the *CCB* on Council needs to be clarified. In addition, by maintaining the Editor's non-voting status, s/he can serve an indefinite term, unlike voting members.

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

6.4 Motion to amend Section 10c of the By-laws

The President presented the following motion:

Motion: Change two words in Section **10c** of the By-Laws (in English only) to adjust both versions (English and French):

10c The official publications shall also include a **website** with an electronic **bulletin**.

Rationale: An inconsistency of phrasing has been observed between the French and English versions. The French version reads: “Les publications officielles de la Société comprennent également un **site Internet** avec un **bulletin** électronique” while the English version reads: “The official publications shall also include an electronic site with an electronic **newsletter**”. The *CCB* is now more a bulletin rather than a simple newsletter. Moreover, the appellation electronic site seems outdated.

Moved by Patrick Baker (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary).

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

6.5 Motion to add Section 10d to the By-laws

The President presented the following motion:

Motion: Add Section **10d** to the By-Laws:

10d The website of the Association is supervised by the President who is in charge of the relations with the public. A competent person from the professional environment is annually hired by the Association as webmaster. He/she works in association with the President and the members of the Executive (according to the responsibilities of each) to maintain the site up to date and bilingual.

Rationale: The President will now act as overseer of the website; a webmaster will be hired on contract to update and maintain the site. These changes require some updating of the By-laws.

Moved by Patrick Baker (President), seconded by Guy Chamberland (Secretary).

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

7 Award of Merit

Alison Keith thanked the members of this committee, Helena Fracchia, Kathy Simonsen, and Gaétan Thériault, and announced that the recipient of the Award of Merit for 2014 was Jonathan Edmondson. She then invited Léopold Migeotte to present the Award. Among other things L. Migeotte recalled J. Edmondson’s many services to the Association, including his term as President (2008–2010) and his numerous publications. The presentation of the award was received with a round of applause.

8 Any other business

None.

9 Installation of the new President

Bonnie MacLachlan was invited by Patrick Baker to chair the meeting as the new President of the Association. She said a few words about the increased bilingualism of the Association over the years, but also expressed concerns about the future of our discipline: few positions available for new graduates, decreasing resources, and increasing difficulty in offering small upper-year language courses.

10 *Gratiarum actio*

Bonnie MacLachlan invited Léopold Migeotte to deliver the *gratiarum actio*, which he did elegantly in the form of a Greek decree of the Hellenistic period.

11 **Adjournment**

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved at 5:42 p.m. by Michele George, seconded by Ingrid Holmberg.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a diamond shape, likely representing the name Guy Chamberland.

Guy Chamberland
Secretary
April 26th 2015