



Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting May 11th 2017, 4:00 p.m.

*Memorial University, Innovation Hall
St. John's, NL*

Agenda:

0. Word of welcome / Mot de bienvenue
1. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Assembly / Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2016
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
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 - 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 Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus / Président du Caucus des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs
5. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers, Council Members, and Committee Members / Rapport du comité des candidatures et élection des membres du Bureau, du Conseil et des comités
6. Motions to amend the Bylaws / Motions pour amender les règlements
 - 6.1 Addition of Article 4d to the Bylaws: Investment Advisory Committee / Addition de l'article 4d aux Règlements: Comité consultatif d'investissement
 - 6.2 Revision of Article 7a of the Bylaws: Addition of the category "Classics enthusiast" / Révision de l'article 7a des règlements: Addition de la catégorie « passionné d'études classiques »
 - 6.3 Revision of Article 7d of the Bylaws: Increase of membership fees for institutional members / Révision de l'article 7d des règlements: Augmentation des cotisations pour les membres institutionnels
 - 6.4 Revision of Article 13b of the Bylaws: Award of Merit deadlines / Révision de l'article 13b des Règlements: Dates limites concernant le Prix du mérite
7. [ex 8.] Prize for the best graduate paper / Prix pour la meilleure présentation par un étudiant
8. [ex 7.] Award of Merit / Prix du Mérite
9. Any other business / Divers
10. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Minutes:

0 Word of Welcome

The President, Mark Joyal, welcomed the members and congratulated the organizers for a remarkably well-run conference.

1 Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved as circulated; moved by Michele George, seconded by Leanne Bablitz. **Discussion:** Mark Joyal suggested that points 7 and 8 be reversed. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

2 Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting be approved. Moved by Kathy Simonsen; seconded by David Mirhady. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

At this point the President asked for a minute of silence for the colleagues who had passed since the last meeting: Elaine Fantham, Ronald Shepherd, Joan Bigwood, Dennis Brearley, Ilse Mueller, Michael Parker.

3 Business arising

None.

4 Reports

4.1 Report of the President

Mark Joyal thanked the Past President, Executive, and members of Council for their work and assistance during his first year as President. He also thanked outgoing members of the Executive and Council: Guy Chamberland (Secretary), Thierry Petit (Council member and member of the Equity Committee), and Craig Maynes (Council member and contact person for the Conference).

The President then thanked the organizers of the contests and tours for their important work: Rob Nau (sight translation contests), Elizabeth Greene (undergraduate essay contest), Kathy Simonsen, Ben Kelly, and Conor Whately (organizers of the tours). Mark Joyal stressed the importance of these activities which are the main way for the Association to reach students. The President also thanked the local representatives for their crucial work at the departmental or program level, for example in collecting data for the surveys of the Equity Committee. He hoped that the data collected could eventually be used to identify trends shaping up. The annual national surveys of enrolments in Greek and Latin courses should serve the same purpose.

The President wrote a letter of welcome to each of the forty new members who had joined since late May 2016.

The Canadian Institute in Greece purchased a new and larger property in Athens which will remove the need to rely on the other schools to organize lectures. In addition, David Rupp's term as Director was renewed.

One of the challenges of the Association is to find adequate funding for its activities. One of the projects which is a priority of Council is to increase the funds made available to un- and underemployed graduate students and recent PhDs to attend the Annual Conference. With that in mind a new category of donations was created, and many members have already contributed.

4.2 Report of the Past President

Bonnie MacLachlan thanked the members of the committees over which she presided: Léopold Migeotte, Judith Fletcher, and Regina Höschele (Award of Merit Committee); Kathy Simonsen,

Adam Kemezis, and Debra Nousek (Nominating Committee); David Mirhady, Rebecca Nagel, Peter Toohey, and Dominique Côté (Prize for the Best PhD Thesis Committee).

There were nine submissions for the Prize for the Best PhD Thesis. The winner is Nathan Gilbert, University of Toronto, for his thesis “Among Friends: Cicero and the Epicureans”. An Honorable Mention was awarded to Émilie-Jade Poliquin (Université Laval) for her thesis, “Les textes astronomiques latins: un univers de mots. Enquête épistémologique, logique et rhétorique”.

The Past President thanked Elizabeth Greene (Brock University) for organizing the Undergraduate Essay Contest for the last time this year. Bonnie MacLachlan invited the members to talk with her if they were interested in taking over this important task.

The Association is looking for a host for the 2020 Annual Conference. Since the next two conferences will be hosted at the University of Calgary (2018) and McMaster University (2019) respectively, the Past President was looking ideally for a host from Quebec or the Maritimes.

4.3 Report of the Vice President

Allison Glazebrook thanked the members of the Executive for their guidance in her first year as Vice President. She then thanked the members of the Equity Committee which she chaired *ex officio*: Sean Corner, Lisa Trentin, Allison Surtees, Cassandra Tran, and Sandra Fleury. The results of the Equity Survey have now been posted on the web site. A new survey will be undertaken around June–July and members and colleagues will be encouraged to complete it. The Equity Committee has also written up a Statement of Professional Ethics which has been posted on the website.

The Vice President also thanked the members of the Awards Committee: Florence Yoon, David Mirhady, Thierry Petit, and Pauline Ripat. There were twelve applications for the Conacher Award. The winner will be announced in September once s/he provides evidence of pursuing graduate studies. Members were encouraged to inform their students of this award. The deadline for submission of applications is April 1st. There was a good number of submissions for the Graduate Student Paper Prize. The winner will be announced later at this meeting.

4.4 Report of the Secretary

For their reports throughout the year Guy Chamberland thanked: Kathy Simonsen, Ben Kelly, Conor Whately (Lecture Tours); Liz Greene (Undergraduate Essay Contest); and Rob Nau (Sight Translation Contest). All those reports were presented by the Secretary at Council meetings over the year. As this was his last report, he also thanked the members of the Executive and Council over the past six years.

The secretary then invited the members to inform him of any changes in the list of graduate programs posted on the web site of the Association. Likewise, they should let him know whether there is any update to be made on the list of Local Representatives.

4.5 Report of the Treasurer

Pauline Ripat thanked the members for their generous donations in 2016. The list of donors was posted on the website. Donations are important in fulfilling the activities of the Association.

The deadline to submit a request for assistance from the Geysen Fund was extended to the end of June.

The Treasurer then went over the financial statement for 2016.

Motion: That the Treasurer’s Financial Statement be approved. Moved by Bonnie MacLachlan; seconded by Kristin Lord. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.6 Report of the Editor of *Phoenix*

Michele George thanked the staff and members of the Editorial Committee and Board. She welcomed the new members who had started their term in January. She then discussed the publication schedule

and the fact that the number of foreign submissions was increasing, a sign that the international profile of *Phoenix* was increasing. The Editor went over the sub-report of the Review Editors (Sarah Blake and Katherine Blouin) and pointed out that a volume to honour Elaine Fantham would be published in the supplementary series edited by Alison Keith and Jonathan Edmondson. The Editors of the French language supplements, Patrick Baker and Thierry Petit, were also looking at a possible first volume in the series.

The Editor went over the financial statement for 2016. Unlike the previous year, there was a nice surplus which was largely due to the American dollar exchange rate.

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

Michele George announced that the committee to find the next editor, composed of Jeremy Trevett (Chair), Mark Lawall, and Katherine Blouin, had completed their work. The next editor of the journal will be Ben Akrigg. She then announced that the fifth winner of the Mary White Prize for the best paper published over the past year in *Phoenix* (\$500) was Jeremy Swift (University of Iowa) for his paper “Pagan Altars and Monarchic Discourse in Libanius *Declamation 22*”, *Phoenix* 70 (2016) 170–189.

As she had completed her final report, Michele George was rewarded with a round of applause from the membership. Mark Joyal thanked her and invited Ben Akrigg to say a few words. The new Editor pointed out that, among Michele George’s most important accomplishments, was the transition to online publishing and the creation of the Mary White Prize. He proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Motion: That a formal vote of thanks be extended to outgoing *Phoenix* Editor Michele George. Moved by Ben Akrigg; seconded by Alison Keith. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.7 Report of the Editors of *Mouseion*

Peter O’Brien thanked the members of the Board in his and Kathy Simonsen’s name: Myles McCallum, Guy Chamberland, Craig Maynes, and Hans vanderLeest. The publication of fascicles, including special issues and Festschriften, continues to be on schedule. *Mouseion* now includes a revamped “*varia*” section entitled “*Échos du monde classique / Classical Views*”. This was a feature of the journal when it was called by that same name.

Kathy Simonsen mentioned the book reviews owed to her as well as the challenge posed by the decreasing number of books sent to the journal for review. She encouraged Canadian scholars with new books to have a copy sent to the journal.

Peter O’Brien mentioned the setting up of a new online submission platform. He pointed out that unlike *Phoenix*, *Mouseion* does not have a managing editor; it is therefore advisable to reduce the weight of the editors’ work.

Kathy Simonsen pointed out that the whole of *Mouseion* would soon be available through ProjectMUSE. The earlier volumes will be a great resource for the history of Classics in Canada.

SSHRC announced that it would not be holding a competition for journal funding for 2017, but provide funding for all the journals currently in receipt of grants for an additional year, which included *Mouseion*.

Craig Maynes then presented the financial statement.

Motion: That the Report and Financial Statement of the Editors of *Mouseion* be approved. Moved by Peter O’Brien; seconded by Michele George. **Discussion:** None. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

4.8 Report of the Editor of the *Bulletin*

Guy Chamberland will report the winners of the sight translation contests in the next issue. He asked members to keep sending him notices of publication of new books. Subscribers should also make

sure to contact him if their email address changes, for example at the start of the next academic year in a new institution.

4.9 Report of the Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus

Cassandra Tran described the role of the GSC: organize a panel at the annual conference and do outreach. The number of “likes” on the Caucus’ Facebook page continued to increase. The number of followers of the Twitter account was also increasing.

At the GSC lunch the new board for 2017/18 was elected, including the new Chair, Fae Amiro (McMaster University).

Cassandra Tran thanked Craig Maynes and the Memorial technicians for their help in organizing the GSC panel.

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

Bonnie MacLachlan thanked the members of the Award of Merit Committee for 2016/17: Adam Kemezis, Debra Nousek, and Kathy Simonsen. She announced that the committee for 2017/18 would be composed of Adam Kemezis, Kathy Simonsen, and Florence Yoon. She called for volunteers from the floor, but no-one came forward.

The Past President then presented the slate of candidates for election on the Executive and Council: James Chlup (Secretary), Christian Raschle (Council member for Quebec), Reyes Bertolín Cebrián (Council member for the West and representative for the 2018 Conference), and Catherine Tracy (member-at-large to serve on the Equity Committee).

Motion: That the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved. Moved by Bonnie MacLachlan, seconded by Mike Sampson. **Discussion:** Christer Bruun asked that the nominees who were present in the room stand up. Only Reyes Bertolín was present; her nomination was received with a round of applause. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

6 Motions to amend the Bylaws

6.1 Addition of Article 4d to the Bylaws: Investment Advisory Committee

Mark Joyal went over the rationale for this motion.

Motion: That Article 4d be inserted in the Bylaws:

4d A standing Investment Advisory Committee shall be established and be composed of the Treasurer as Chair, two members of Council, and one member at large from the membership of the Association. Terms of tenure will not exceed three years. Vacancies arising from the retirement of members from Council or the expiration of tenure shall be filled by the Treasurer in consultation with Council Executive. This committee will advise the Treasurer on investment strategies to perpetuate the Association's financial stability and growth.

Moved by Pauline Ripat, seconded by Guy Chamberland.

Rationale: As of January 2017, the CAC’s investments are being moved from the options available through the branch to those available through TD Direct Investing. With the increased investment options this move offers comes greater autonomy in investing and hence greater responsibility for investment decisions. It is therefore desirable to establish an Investment Advisory Committee to ensure that the CAC’s investment decisions are informed and responsive to the priorities of the Association.

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

6.2 Revision of Article 7a of the Bylaws: Addition of the category “Classics enthusiast”

The President explained that the document submitted to the membership was missing a second new category, that of pre-university teacher, that had been approved by Council as well. He asked for members to move and second a friendly amendment to insert that category. Moved by Sean Corner, seconded by Lisa Hughes, that the revision to Bylaw 7a be amended to include the category of “pre-university teacher” as well. Tana Allen asked whether the term “pre-university” could be improved upon. Kathy Simonsen pointed out that a term such as “high school” would not correspond to anything in the Quebec education system with its CEGEP. Alison Keith added that we have been using the term “pre-university representative” for a number of years; so the new category would match our practice. The motion in its revised form read thus:

Motion: That Article 7a of the Bylaws be amended to insert two new categories at the bottom:

from

7a Fees shall be set as follows, as of January 1st, 2012:

[...]

to

7a Fees shall be set as follows, as of January 1st, **2018**:

[...]

Classics enthusiast	\$25
Pre-university teacher	\$25

Moved by Pauline Ripat, seconded by Guy Chamberland.

Rationale: As the priorities of universities administrations continue to shift away from the maintenance of permanent positions, increasing numbers of graduates in Classics are pursuing professions outside of the academy. At the same time, the general public continues to be interested in ancient Greece and Rome. These two categories of membership are meant to encourage non-academic classicist, pre-university teachers, and members of the general public to join our association or to maintain membership.

Discussion: No further discussion. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

6.3 Revision of Article 7d of the Bylaws: Increase of membership fees for institutional members

The President went over the rationale for this motion. He added that he would write to Department Chairs in order to explain the activities of the Association and how beneficial they are to the departments across the country.

Motion: That Article 7d of the Bylaws be amended thus:

from

7d [...]

• B.A. granting department	\$50
• M.A. granting department	\$100
• Ph.D granting department	\$150

to

7d [...]

• B.A. granting department	\$75
• M.A. granting department	\$150
• Ph.D granting department	\$200

Moved by Pauline Ripat, seconded by Guy Chamberland.

Rationale: Institutional memberships were put in place some years ago and are available for purchase through the CAC's financial website. The purpose of this motion is to increase the rates for the first time since they were instituted in 2012.

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

6.4 Revision of Article 13b of the Bylaws: Award of Merit deadlines

Mark Joyal went over the rationale for this minor change.

Motion: That Article 13d of the Bylaws be revised thus:

from

13b The Award of Merit shall be made according to the following procedure. Each year before September 15th, the Association shall issue a call for nominations to all members, with a deadline for submissions of December 15th. [...]

to

13b The Award of Merit shall be made according to the following procedure. Each year before **October** 15th, the Association shall issue a call for nominations to all members, with a deadline for submissions of **February** 15th. [...]

Moved by Bonnie MacLachlan, seconded by Guy Chamberland.

Rationale: In light of the fact that the academic term is just getting underway in mid-September it has proven difficult to draw attention to the call for nominations for this award by September 15th. The Past President and the Secretary therefore propose that the call be issued by mid-October.

In recent practice the deadline for submitting nominations for this award has been extended from December 15th to February 15th because few (or no) names had been proposed by the earlier date. Council, therefore, proposes that the deadline for submissions be moved to February 15th, providing more opportunity to send out reminders to the membership.

Discussion: Alison Keith, as a former Past President herself, pointed out that it was a very practical thing to do. **Vote:** Carried *nem. con.*

7 Prize for the best graduate paper

Allison Glazebrook pointed out that the Awards Committee had been very impressed with the papers short-listed for this award. She presented the award to the winner, Emmanuel Aprilakis (Rutgers University), for his paper, "XOPOY Identity in Menander's *Dyskolos*". This was received with a round of applause. An honourable mention was awarded to Gillian Glass for her paper, "'All Shook Up': Erotic Emotion and Epiphanic Elation in Joseph and Asenath".

8 Award of Merit

Mark Joyal called on Bonnie MacLachlan, Chair of the Awards Committee, to present the Award of Merit for 2017 to Ian Storey, Professor Emeritus at Trent University. Among many other achievements, the Past President highlighted Professor Storey's publication of the fragments of Eupolis in the Loeb Classical Library. The presentation of the award was received with a round of applause.

9 Any other business

Mark Joyal reminded the members present that the 2018 Conference would be hosted by the Department of Classics of the University of Calgary. The dates will be May 8th-10th. He then announced that in 2019 the Conference would be hosted by the Department of Classics at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Ian Storey pointed out that his long-time colleague at Trent, David Page, would be celebrating his seventy-fifth birthday the following day.

On behalf of the Classics Department, Tana Allen acknowledged the financial contribution of the University towards the organization of the Conference.

10 Adjournment

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved at 4:33 p.m. by Michael Carter, seconded by Leanne Bablitz.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy Chamberland
Secretary
April 9th 2018