

# Canadian Historical Association

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

### 28 May 2002 • University of Toronto

1. Dr. Mary Vipond, President, called the meeting to order.

Dr. Vipond thanked Mr. Clément for his leadership.

2. Dr. Vipond asked for a minute of silence for deceased members:

Dr. Vipond also stated that our site contained a link to a Canadian history portal created in partnership between the CHA and Chinook Multimedia. The Millennium Foundation grant is now complete. Dr. Vipond thanked Chad Gaffield and José Igartua for their leadership on this dossier.

Robert Surtees, Robert Cuff, Lewis G. Thomas.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Vipond announced that the short-list of prize winners is available on the site. Thanks to Council members Bob Young and Cheryl Warsh for overseeing these important portfolios. The winners will, of course, be announced at the Gala.

Dr. Vipond asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.  
Dr. Gerald Friesen moved its adoption. Seconded by  
Dr. Greg Kealey. Adopted.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Dr. Vipond thanked the following departing members of the Executive and the Council: Béatrice Craig, Donald Wright, Donald Fyson, Dominique Clément, Colin Howell, Wendy Mitchinson and Chad Gaffield.

Dr. Vipond asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 26 May 2001 Annual General Meeting. Dr. Chad Gaffield moved their adoption. Seconded by Dr. Del Muise. Adopted.

5. President's Report

Finally, Dr. Vipond thanked Joanne Mineault and Marielle Campeau for their always ongoing commitment to the CHA and its many activities.

Dr. Vipond used the CHA Web site to guide her report: it is a succinct, bilingual summary of our many activities.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Register of Dissertations is now on our Web site. Dr. Vipond thanked Paul Aubin and Joanne Mineault for their incredible work on the ROD.

Dr. Moorman thanked Marielle Campeau, the Assistant Treasurer. He tabled his good news/bad news report. The good news is that the CHA has assets totaling \$727 000.00. The bad news is that CHA continues to run a deficit. In 2001 it was \$28 000.00. Most of the money was spent on one-time costs associated with moving towards an on-line membership renewal system. The good news is that he anticipates a surplus in 2002.

The *Bulletin* is now posted on our site in PDF format.

Dr. Moorman moved that Kathy Greenlaw, CA, be re-appointed as the CHA's auditor. Seconded by Dr. Kealey. Passed.

The programme for the annual meeting is also posted. Dr. Vipond thanked Arthur Silver and Laurel MacDowell for their hard work and commitment to making this year a record year: 420 people have registered.

The CHA continues its two booklet series: both are advertised on the Web.

On-line membership renewal is proceeding apace.

7. SSHRC

The Web site has several links, including one to the remarkably busy Graduate Student Committee.

Laurent Messier of SSHRC briefed the Annual General Meeting on the results of this year's competition. The History, history of science, technology and medicine committee received 109 applications: 43 grants (or 39.4%) were awarded; 21 grants (or 19.3%) were recommended but not funded; 45 grants (or 41.3%) were not recommended.

On this note, Dr. Vipond invited Dominique Clément to speak to the annual meeting.

Mr. Clément announced the many activities of the Graduate Student Committee, including a survey of travel grants available to students and a vigorous membership drive.

#### 8. Report of the Nominating Committee

Dr. David Frank, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the ballot, in effect, was the Committee's report.

#### 9. Election Results

Treasurer: David Moorman  
English-language Secretary: John Willis  
French-language Secretary: Peter C. Bischoff

Council: Sarah Carter, Catherine Desbarats, \*Cecilia Morgan

Graduate Student: Dominique Clément

Nominating Committee: Nancy Forestell and Bill Waiser

***\*The results as announced were in error. The three Councilors elected are Sarah Carter, Catherine Desbarats and Beverly Lemire. Cecilia Morgan has been appointed Special Project Director.***

#### 10. Other Business

Dr. Jim Miller moved that whereas legal expenses associated with residential schools abuse litigation have created a financial crisis for several Christian churches and religious orders; and whereas these religious organizations have had, as a consequence, to reduce service to researchers or to suspend services to researchers; and whereas prospects for the future, according to archivists, are for even more

restricted archival services for researchers; therefore the Canadian Historical Association records its grave concern at these developments and asks its president and executive to work with archivists, genealogists, and historical researchers to lobby the government of Canada to take expeditious action to resolve former students' claims where justified, and to provide relief to the churches and religious organizations whose archival services have been adversely affected.

Seconded by Dr. Brian Beaven. Adopted.

Dr. Greg Kealey informed the Annual General Meeting that SSHRC Council has voted to suspend its grant competitions for 2002-2003 unless the government makes a stronger funding commitment to research in the social sciences and humanities. Council has made this decision after serious deliberation and with reluctance. Dr. Kealey urged individuals to complete the postcard provided to all delegates at registration, urging the government to increase its commitment to SSHRC.

#### 11. Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Vipond asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Linda Kealey moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Greg Kealey. Adopted.

