



Société canadienne des études classiques

Classical Association of Canada

Annual General Meeting 2009

Minutes of the Classical Association of Canada Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2009 in the Dodson Room, IBLC, University of British Columbia, at 3:30pm.

Ordre du jour – Agenda

1. Ordre du jour/Agenda
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3. Affaires en découlant/Business arising
4. Rapports/Reports
5. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members
6. Award of Merit to Professor Catherine Rubincam
7. Motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws
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9. *Gratiarum Actio*
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Minutes

0. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed for those who had left us in the past year: C.W.J. Eliot (CAC President, 1992-94; President Emeritus, University of Prince Edward Island; †20 May 2008); Alan Samuel (University of Toronto; †15 August 2008); Malcolm B. Wallace (Editor of *Phoenix*, 1985-1989; University of Toronto; †17 August 2008); Grace Irwin (Humberside Collegiate; †16 September 2008); Daniel Geagan (McMaster University; †6 February 2009); D.F.S. Thomson (University of Toronto; †18 February 2009).

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as is (proposed by C. Eilers and seconded by G. Chamberland)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

2. Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14 May 2008, held at the Université de Montréal, be adopted as is (proposed by A. Barclay and seconded by B. MacLachlan)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

3. Business Arising

No business arising.

4. Reports

4.1. President

The President conveyed the regrets of the Past President and the Treasurer for their absences. He then thanked R. Gagné for the work he had done on the website and the *Canadian Classical Bulletin (CCB)*, F. Pownall for her work on the essay competition, and announced that J. Trevett had volunteered to be interim organiser for this in 2009-2010. He furthermore announced that M. Fronda has given notice that he is to step down next year as editor of the website and co-editor of the *CCB*, thus the CAC was seeking a successor. Outgoing Council members L. Bablitz, A. Barclay, A. Roman, and J. Serrati - finishing his term as Pre-University representative but remaining on Council as Secretary - were also thanked. The President reserved particular appreciation for A. Robinson, outgoing Treasurer, for her two terms and tireless efforts. The finances of the Association were in very good stead thanks to her. Finally, he congratulated J. Fletcher of Wilfred Laurier University on winning the Gildersleeve prize, offered by the *American Journal of Philology* for the best paper published in the journal in 2008.

The President announced the creation of the Grace Irwin Memorial Award (GIMA) for high school teachers. The inaugural competition for the Award would be held in 2009-2010.

The success of the outreach programme of 12 May at Vancouver Public Library was then related by the President. He thanked all speakers involved (Katherine Blouin, Susanna Braund, Mark Golden and Leona MacLeod) as well as local organizer Leanne Bablitz.

It was then announced by the President that Université Laval was to host the Annual Meeting in 2010 and that Jean-Louis Ferrary (Centre G. Glotz, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, and Membre de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres) would be the keynote speaker. Dalhousie University was to host in 2011 and the University of Western Ontario in 2012. The CAC Council would be selecting the location of the 2013 meeting (projected to take place in the Prairies or West) during the next year.

The President then reported that the graduate student meeting at the current event had been fruitful and that they were looking to form a graduate student caucus. Council would be addressing this issue at its meeting on 14 May.

The membership was then informed by the President about how Council had developed new procedures for archiving material both on paper and on line. The process will begin this summer. He thanked C. Rubincam and M. Cropp for their efforts towards this.

The President then thanked M. Cropp and A. Robinson for putting together local representatives scheme.

Finally, the President related the details of how CAC had been named a third/fourth party defendant in a class action suit brought by Heather Robinson against ProQuest and others. He informed the membership that Council had spoken extensively about this and had sought advice from lawyers, the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences/Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines (FedCan), and the Canadian Association of Learned Journals/L'Association canadienne des Revues Savantes (CALJ/ACRS). He announced that Dr Roger Fisher has agreed to represent the CAC *pro bono* provided we pay for his errors and omissions insurance. The President related the gravity of matter, but was nonetheless hopeful that the Association would emerge unscathed.

4.2. Past-President

The President reported that Past President chaired the Award of Merit Committee and the Nominating Committee.

4.3. Vice President

The Vice President announced that a unanimous decision had been reached concerning the Conacher Scholarship. The Awards Committee had received many good submissions this year. She thanked the Awards Committee for their excellent work.

4.4. Secretary

The Secretary related how he had taken over from P. Baker and thanked him for helping with the transition. He was now in possession of the CAC bookmarks, stationary, and logo.

As well, in a cooperative effort between M. Fronda, J. Edmondson, H. Beck (former Council member), and the Secretary, the National Sight Translation Contest, the CAC lecture tours, and any lectures sponsored by or affiliated with the CAC were henceforth to be advertised in the *CCB* and on the website.

The Secretary then reported that he was in possession of the electronic archive and was to begin work this summer with the Association's archivist in order to establish a regular procedure for submitting materials.

Contests continued to be overseen by the Secretary and he was participating in the search for a successor to Frances Pownall to coordinate the CAC essay competition. He then thanked the organisers of the tours and contests.

A. Barclay called for volunteers to adjudicate Sight Translation Competitions.

4.5. Treasurer

The President drew attention to the financial statements distributed beforehand.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as is (proposed by P. Baker and seconded by C. Cooper)

Discussion: The President drew attention to fact that the Association ran a deficit for 2008. This was because membership was down and arrears were up; he hoped that the new local representatives scheme could go some way towards alleviating this. Corseair Design, who worked on the logo and website, took up a large chunk of funds from 2008. He announced that P. Bonnechère had contacted him to say that last year's Annual Meeting had turned a profit and a cheque was being mailed to the Treasurer in June. He thanked those who had made donations to the Association, its prizes, and awards, drawing members' attention to the list of donors that formed part of the Treasurer's report.

Vote: carried unanimously

4.6. Editor of *Phoenix*

V. Wohl thanked A. Glazebrook for her service as Secretary Treasurer. She is being replaced by B. Akrigg (University of Toronto). Also thanked was J. Schutz for her work as Managing Editor. She then reported on the publication schedule and the contents of upcoming volumes. Submissions remain steady, though Francophone offerings are down. She called for the membership to continue to submit articles and to encourage colleagues to do so as well. An account was then given concerning the upcoming volumes of the supplementary series.

V. Wohl reported that, financially, the journal is healthy and that income from subscriptions and JStor were up.

In relation to the ProQuest lawsuit (*supra* 4.1), she related how a letter had been drafted asking authors from the last six years to retroactively cede copyright of their articles and reviews to the Association. A letter was being drafted as a copyright waiver for future authors. She then announced that *Phoenix* was to pay 50% of Errors and Omissions Insurance for R. Fisher, sharing the costs with the CAC.

Motion: That report of Editors of *Phoenix* be accepted as is (proposed by V. Wohl and seconded by M. George).

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

4.7. Editors of *Mouseion*

J. Geysson reported that the transition from the University of Manitoba was now complete. He thanked the previous editor, M. Joyal, for his great help with this. A website was to be put up this summer. The journal was financially healthy and had received \$8000 from Project Muse. Although not involved in the ProQuest lawsuit (*supra* 4.1), the Editors were nonetheless drawing up a copyright waiver form for authors.

Motion: That report of the Editors of *Mouseion* be accepted as is (proposed by J. Geysson and seconded by S. Gurd)

Discussion: Some of the membership called for more reviews of books by Canadian authors in both *Phoenix* and *Mouseion*. V. Wohl and J. Geysson responded that they consistently do their absolute best to make sure that all works by Canadian authors are indeed reviewed.

Vote: carried unanimously

4.8. Editors of the *Canadian Classical Bulletin*

The President related how M. Fronda had updated many aspects of the *CCB* and the Association's website. He had furthermore done a great deal of work in correcting errors and streamlining processes.

4.9. Editor of the Website

Supra 4.8.

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

B. MacLachlan read out the names of the Executive & ordinary members who were to continue on Council. She then read out the names of those the Nominating Committee was recommending.

Motion: That those so recommended by the Nominating Committee be elected (proposed by B. MacLachlan and seconded by A. Barclay).

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

The President announced that B. MacLachlan and L. Bowman were to continue to serve on the Nominating Committee and that he was in communication with a member to serve as the representative for Québec. He then called for volunteers to serve. As none came forward, he announced that he would formally ask the member from Québec to serve.

6. Award of Merit to Professor Catherine Rubincam

The President called upon the Honorary President to present Award of Merit to C. Rubincam. The Honorary President came forward and delivered a resume of C. Rubincam's achievements and of her great service both to the CAC as well as to the discipline as a whole. C. Rubincam rose and accepted the award to a standing ovation.

7. Motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws

Motion: MOTION 1. To modify the wording of Section 7a. of the Constitution from "*The Council of the Association shall consist of the officers specified in section 6a and **seven** other members elected at the annual meeting of the Association*" to "*The Council of the Association shall consist of the officers specified in section 6a and **nine** other members elected at the annual meeting of the Association.*"

Rationale. To allow better representation on Council of the various regions of Canada and of sub-disciplines within Classics, as well as a greater balance in terms of junior, mid-career, and senior scholars.

MOTION 2. To modify the wording of Section 7b. of the Constitution from “*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 of Classics in Canada.***” to “*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.***”

Rationale. To reflect more accurately the portfolio of the Council member responsible for the pre-university sector, as it has evolved over the past five years.

MOTION 3. To modify the wording of Section 7c. of the Constitution from “*All members of the Council not serving as officers of the Association shall normally be elected for a single term of **two** 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 “*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.*”

Rationale. With the present two-year terms, members of Council are required to retire from Council just as they become fully conversant with the business of Council and familiar with the issues facing Council. The proposed extension of the term of Council members to three years would allow Council and the Association to benefit from councillors’ greater accrued experience (proposed by A. Keith and seconded by J. Serrati)

Discussion: The Vice President explained the rationale behind motions. M. Cropp asked about the cost of having more Council members. The President responded that Council had discussed the financial ramifications of this and was leaving several options open, including having certain meetings being only of the Executive. These might be enacted should the implementation of this motion prove too expensive.

Vote: carried unanimously

Motion: MOTION. To establish a standing Equity Committee as Bylaw 4c: “*A standing Equity Committee of the Association shall be established with a mandate (1) to promote equal opportunity, diversity, and equity in all aspects of the profession in Canada and, in furtherance of these goals, (2) to track and report on the social, ethical and professional contexts of the discipline of classical studies in Canada, by supervising the collection of data concerning equity*

in the social, ethical and professional contexts of the discipline of classical studies in Canada (especially in connection with faculty, graduate studies, and research). The Equity Committee shall be composed of the Vice-President as Chair, a member of the Council, the President (or President's delegate) of the Association's Women's Network, a graduate student member of the Association, and a member at large of the Association. At least one member of the committee will normally be francophone. The Equity Committee shall report the results of its data collection annually to Council, to the annual meeting of the Association, and via the Association's electronic bulletin (CCB) following each annual meeting."

Rationale. Many of our peer learned societies have long had committees that oversee the social, ethical, and professional contexts of their disciplines, with the goal of promoting equity in all aspects of the profession through

- promulgation of ethical standards,
- collection and interpretation of data, and
- support for programs under threat.

The establishment of this standing committee would bring the Association into line with other scholarly associations both nationally and internationally and contribute to the efforts taken by the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS/FedCan) to promote such issues nationally. These efforts have led CFHSS recently to ask all scholarly associations to nominate an Equity representative. By establishing this committee, the Association will be able to respond more efficiently to equity issues (proposed by A. Keith and seconded by J. Serrati)

Discussion: The Vice President explained rationale behind motion.

Vote: carried unanimously

Motion: To amend Bylaw 10b as follows: (1) to replace the sentence "*Half of the annual membership fee shall be allocated to the Journals.*" with the sentences "*A percentage of the income received from annual membership fees shall be paid to the journals in each year. The percentage shall be determined by the Council every three years, to be valid for the next three-year period.*"; and (2) to delete the sentence "*The balance of the funding required from the Association shall be drawn from its other sources of revenue other than grants received by the Association as aid to support its administrative operations or any specific function.*"

Rationale. The proposed changes reflect more accurately the current realities regarding the transfer of funds from the Association to *Phoenix* and *Mouseion* and provide a more flexible model for the future determination of the level of support that the Association can provide its Journals. The second sentence of the current Bylaw 10b. needs to be deleted since it is no longer applicable, as the Association no longer receives grants to support its administrative operations or any specific function (proposed by A. Keith and seconded by J. Serrati)

Discussion: The Vice President explained rationale behind motion.

Vote: carried unanimously

8. Any Other Business

A. Barclay thanked her adjudicators for the Sight Translation Competition.

9. Gratiarum Actio

The President called upon B. MacLachlan to deliver the *Gratiarum Actio*. She did so in elegant Greek.

Afterwards the President thanked L. Bablitz for the tireless work of her and her colleagues in putting together and running a splendid Annual Meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourn (proposed by S. Gurd and seconded by A. Roman)

Discussion: none

Vote: carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

J. Serrati

Secretary

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