



## *Minutes of the CAC Annual General Meeting*

*May 13, 2010*

*2:30 p.m., Amphithéâtre Alfred et Naomi Neumann in the École d'architecture, Université Laval, Quebec City, Qc*

### **Agenda:**

1. Ordre du jour / Agenda
2. Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle 2009 / Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Assembly
3. Affaires en découlant / Business arising
4. Rapports / Reports
  - 4.1 Président / President
  - 4.2 Président sortant / Past President
  - 4.3 Vice-Président / Vice President
  - 4.4 Secrétaire / Secretary
  - 4.5 Trésorière / Treasurer
  - 4.6 Directeur de *Phoenix* / Editor of *Phoenix*
  - 4.7 Directeurs de *Mouseion* / Editors of *Mouseion*
  - 4.8 Directeur du *Bulletin* / Editor of the *Bulletin*
  - 4.9 Directeur du site internet / Editor of the website
5. Rapport du comité de nomination et élection des membres du Bureau et du Conseil / Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Council Members
6. Proposition d'amendement des statuts et règlements / Motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws
7. Décernement du Prix du Mérite / Award of Merit
8. Divers / Any other business
9. *Gratiarum actio*
10. Levée de l'assemblée / Adjournment

### **Minutes:**

#### **0 *In memoriam***

The President, Jonathan Edmondson, invited the Assembly to observe a moment of silence for those who had left us since the last AGM: Virginia Brown (†4 July 2009); Sabine Grebe (†13 December 2009); Margaret Reesor (†21 January 2010); George Paul (†15 February 2010); Colin Wells (†11 March 2010); Martin Ostwald (†1 April 2010); Bryan Reardon (†16 November 2009).

The President then announced that the Secretary, John Serrati, was unable to attend the AGM and had sent his regrets. Guy Chamberland agreed to serve as Acting Secretary.

## **1 Agenda**

Moved by John Geysen, seconded by Bonnie MacLachlan, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Discussion: none. Carried *nem. con.*

## **2 Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Assembly**

Moved by Ingrid Holmberg, seconded by John Geysen, that the minutes of the 2009 AGM be approved. Discussion: corrections in §4.5, Corsaire Design; in §4.7, Geysen (*ter*). Carried *nem. con.*

## **3 Business arising**

None.

### **4.1 Report of the President**

Jonathan Edmondson pointed out that a number of important affairs had taken place since the last AGM. First, there was the class action suit brought by freelance authors, represented by Heather Robinson, against ProQuest (and others), for not being remunerated fairly for the electronic distribution of their work. ProQuest in turn named the CAC, *Phoenix*, and others as third and/or fourth-party defendants. Dr. Roger Fisher, LLB, very kindly represented the Association *pro bono*. He worked with Peter Jervis of Davis LLP to extricate the Association and *Phoenix* from this situation. Meanwhile, the Editor of *Phoenix*, Jeremy Trevett, and the Managing Editor, Judith Schutz, worked at producing a waiver for authors to assign *Phoenix* a licence to distribute their work, including electronically. A motion was eventually made to remove academic journals from the suit given the significant differences between freelance and volunteer authors. By the end of November we were extricated from this legal problem. For his service, Dr. Fisher received an honorary CAC membership. The President expressed his gratitude to Jeremy Trevett, Victoria Wohl, Judith Schutz, Alison Keith, and especially to Roger Fisher. This was received with applause.

The President thanked the local representatives, especially for their assistance in increasing membership. He then pointed out that the *ad hoc* Equity Committee would become a standing committee and that the first prize for the best graduate student paper would be awarded at this AGM.

The graduate students have now formally constituted their caucus; the constitution was drafted by 38 of them at their meeting on Wednesday. There will be five regional representatives. The Acting Chairs, Donald Sells and Anna Irish, were thanked.

A sub-committee headed by Leanne Bablitz has written Guidelines for the organization of AGMs. This is currently being translated.

The President attended the FIEC Congress held in Berlin in August, 2009. He remarked that there was not much Canadian representation. The new President is Averil Cameron (for a five-year term); the next congress will be organized by Pascal Arnaud in Nice in 2014.

The next AGM will be hosted by the Department of Classics at Dalhousie University, May 10–12, 2011. The 2013 meeting will be jointly organized by the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg. The chief organizer will be James Chlup (Manitoba).

On behalf of all the speakers and attendees, Jonathan Edmondson then thanked Patrick Baker, who is hosting this AGM, Mathieu Rocheleau and the other Laval students who volunteered their time and effort, and Professors Ferrari and des Courtils for their splendid lectures. The President also expressed his gratitude to the speakers in the special session to honour Elaine Fantham; he related her gratefulness for this honour.

Retirements: Michael Fronda has stepped down as Editor of the CCB and Webmaster. He was replaced by Guy Chamberland (CCB) and Claude Eilers (website). The President has sent M. Fronda a letter of thanks for his service, which he CCed to his Dean.

Alison Glazebrook and Louis L'Allier were thanked for having organized the Central Tour for five years. The Association is still looking for a replacement. The President was also grateful to Jeremy Trevett for having organized the Essay Competition this past year, and to three members of Council who completed their two-year term: Guy Chamberland, Claude Eilers, and Shawn Gurd.

Especial thanks were expressed by Jonathan Edmondson, on behalf of the Association, for Jim Murray, after six years of service as Vice President, President, and Past President. This was received with well-deserved applause.

The three-year term of the Honorary President, Léopold Migeotte, will expire in the course of the summer. L. Migeotte provided very valuable insight and support to the Council during those three years. The president thanked him on behalf of Council, and again, this was received with well-deserved applause.

J. Edmondson then invited John Davidson, President of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, to address the audience. J. Davidson brought greetings from his Society and its members. He invited CAC members, or a representative, to attend their conference in January or February, 2011. The keynote speaker will be the Director of the British School at Rome, Christopher Smith. He then pointed out that the Editors of *Antichthon* would be delighted to receive submissions from CAC members.

## **4.2 Report of the Past President**

Jim Murray drew the attention of the assembly to the Report of the Nominating Committee, which he chaired *ex officio*. He said he would return to it later (item 5 in the agenda).

The Past President represented the CAC, in lieu of J. Edmondson, at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences (FedCan) held in Ottawa, March 27–28. FedCan ranks its member Associations into three categories based on size: large, medium, and small, with 8, 13, and 49 member associations respectively. Interestingly, the CAC falls in the medium category, which goes against the general perception that we are a rather small association. The CAC is therefore in a position to exert some influence inside FedCan. The meeting was very informative, with plenary sessions on mentoring and engaged scholarship. A congress on equity issues was about to be held a few days after our AGM.

J. Murray also mentioned a “members’ renewal system” developed by FedCan for any of its member associations. There is a one-time modest set-up fee (something like \$350) and a licensing fee of \$150/year. The system can be customized and even integrated into our own website so that the set-up for payments takes our webpage design. Note that only authorized CAC officers would have access to the data.

J. Murray attended the Board meeting of the Canadian Institute in Greece (CIG) held at Wilfrid Laurier University on March 20<sup>th</sup> (as CAC representative, for J. Edmondson who was not available). Things are running very smoothly at the CIG. In addition, last year’s financial crisis was virtually reversed. The funds are very strong. The building fund got lower, but this is due to building and renovation activity. The Thompson Fellowship was increased from \$9000 to \$12,000. There are also discussions to make *Mouseion* the official venue of the Annual Report of the CIG.

### **4.3 Report of the Vice President**

Alison Keith went over her Report (distributed to the Assembly). The Awards Committee will announce the winner of the Conacher scholarship on the CAC website. The winner of the first Graduate Student Paper Award is Michael Snowdon (McMaster).

There were three strong applications for the Grace Irwin Memorial Award. In the absence of Catherine Mori, Chair of the Committee, A. Keith reported that the winner was Marion Hensel of the Waterloo Collegiate Institute.

The *ad hoc* Equity Committee, which will now become a standing committee, collected data especially from departmental websites (in the Report, read “E.-J. Poliquin” instead of “E. Jade-Poliquin”). This was the first such collection of data, and it is therefore somewhat inaccurate, but it shows quite clearly an imbalance in favour of white, Caucasian, and male, particularly in Full Time positions. The second such census will take place in 2012/13. The 2010/11 Equity Committee will be composed of Patrick Baker (VP, *ex officio*), Allison Glazebrook (President of Women’s Network, *ex officio*), Cat Wilson (GSC member), Noreen Humble (Council member), and Beert Verstraete (CAC member-at-large).

The Vice President then proposed a formal vote of thanks to Patrick Baker and the Organizing Committee of the AGM, which was received with well-deserved applause. She also proposed a formal vote of thanks to Jonathan Edmondson for his wonderful service as President of the CAC, which was received as well with well-deserved applause.

### **4.4 Report of the Secretary**

In John Serrati’s absence, the President thanked, on behalf of the Association, John Serrati and Sylvia Lassam (the Archivist at Trinity College, University of Toronto) for their work on the CAC archives. He also thanked Alison Barclay, Coordinator of the sight translation competitions, and on her behalf her adjudicators: Catherine Mori, Rebecca Nagel, Eleanor Irwin, Wade Richardson, and Patricia Fagan. The results of the Sight Translation competition were announced in the April issue of the *Bulletin*. Jeremy Trevett was thanked for having organized the Essay competition for 2009/10. B. MacLachlan (UWO) will be running it this year.

CAC Lecture Tours. In 2009 the lecturers were Mark Lawall (Central) and Patrick Baker (Western); there was no Atlantic Tour. In 2010, the guest lecturers will be Jitse Dijkstra

(Ottawa), Margriet Haagsma (Alberta), and Randall Howarth (Mercyhurst College, PA) for the Western, Central, and Atlantic tour respectively. The guest lecturers for 2011 will be Craig Cooper (Atlantic), Susanna Braund (Central), and Victoria Wohl (Western). The Association is still seeking volunteers to organize the Central Tour. A new feature this year was that the itineraries of P. Baker and M. Lawall were posted on the website.

#### **4.5 Report of the Treasurer**

Ingrid Holmberg thanked the membership for having paid their dues. She went over her report (circulated to the Assembly), stressing that the Conacher fund had received a larger-than-usual donation from the family and that an amount of money received from the OCA had been applied to the Grace Irwin fund; in addition, the surplus received from the organizers of the Université de Montréal AGM was put in the Conacher fund. The investments were wise and some more surplus cash in the operating account will be moved into some conservative investments. The Treasurer then thanked all those who had made a donation to the CAC, in particular Ms Conacher. Moved by Ingrid Holmberg, seconded by Noreen Humble, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried *nem. con.*

#### **4.6 Report of the Editor of *Phoenix***

J. Trevett went over his report (circulated to the assembly). He thanked Victoria Wohl, who stepped down as co-Editor after the last AGM. He went over the recently published and forthcoming issues of *Phoenix*, as well as the submissions for 2009 and 2010 so far. He summarized the reports of the Review Editors (M. George and M.-P. Bussièrès) and Editors of the Supplementary Series (J. Edmondson and A. Keith).

He then went over the financial statement for 2009 and pointed to a surplus of \$3785. This is explained largely by a raise in the subscription fee for the first time in eight years and by the fact that less money was spent on board meetings.

In addition, there were improvements made to the website, and a new publication agreement was drafted whereby authors now grant *Phoenix* a distribution license while they retain copyright of their work.

Moved by Jeremy Trevett, seconded by John Geysen, that the Report of the Editor of *Phoenix* be approved. Carried *nem. con.*

#### **4.7 Report of the Editors of *Mouseion***

John Geysen thanked Kathryn Simonsen for joining the editorial board. Moved by John Geysen, seconded by Claude Eilers, that the Report (circulated to the assembly) be approved. Carried *nem. con.*

#### **4.8 Report of the Editor of the *Bulletin***

Guy Chamberland reported that he took over from Michael Fronda on March 16, and then briefly went over his work since then. He has been looking at web-based programmes for sending the Bulletin.

#### **4.9 Report of the Editor of the website**

Claude Eilers pointed out that he was going to rethink the website over the next few months and asked members to send him their suggestions. He will collaborate with the

Treasurer to develop and implement an on-line payment system for membership dues. It would also be possible to move to on-line submission for the competitions, rather than use traditional mail or email.

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

J. Murray (whose report was circulated) mentioned the names selected by the Nominating Committee and now submitted for election: as Vice-President, Patrick Baker, for 2010–2012; as members of Council, five names were submitted, which is more than in the past since the Constitution was amended at the 2009 AGM to increase the number of members. Since it was also decided to move from 2- to 3-year mandates, in the transition period, three of the five candidates will be submitted for a 3-year term (2010–2013): Kelly Olson (Ont., and UWO Representative for the 2012 AGM), John Porter (Sask.), and Kathryn Simonsen (Nfld & Lab.), while the two other candidates will be submitted for a 2-year term (2010–2012): C.W. Marshall (BC) and Catherine Bolton (Québec). The Past President thanked the members of the Nominating Committee: Laurel Bowman, Bonnie MacLachlan, and Pascale Fleury.

Moved by Jim Murray, seconded by Bruce Robertson, that the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved. Carried *nem. con.*

J. Edmondson, who will now head the committee *ex officio*, as Past President, thanked P. Fleury as continuing member. She will be joined by Bruce Robertson and Selina Stewart. The constitution allows for two more members to be nominated from the floor, but none came forward.

## 6 Motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws

The following Notice of Motion was circulated:

**MOTION:** To modify the wording of Section 3 of the Constitution from “*3.a. Membership in the Association shall be open to anyone interested in the objects of the Association. b. English and French are the official languages of the Association*” to “*3.a. Membership in the Association shall be open to anyone interested in the objects of the Association. b. English and French are the official languages of the Association. c. The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.*”

*Rationale:* To state explicitly within the Constitution the Association’s non-profit and charitable status; included upon advice from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Moved by Ingrid Holmberg (Treasurer), and seconded by Alison Keith (Vice President). Discussion: none. Carried *nem. con.*

## 7 Award of Merit

Jonathan Edmondson invited the Honorary President, Léopold Migeotte, to present the Award of Merit for 2010 to Martin Cropp (University of Calgary). In his allocution, L. Migeotte recalled, *inter alia*, M. Cropp’s career of some 31 years, his being *Emeritus* since his retirement in 2005, and his invaluable service to our discipline, including his term as President of the CAC in 2004–2006. Martin Cropp accepted the Award to a standing ovation.

## 8 Any other business

Margaret-Anne Gillis reported that the Ontario Ministry of Education was reviewing the Classical Studies and International Languages Document this summer. Professors will be given a chance to provide feedback when the rough drafts are ready. Every Department Chair should have received a letter from the Ministry in January letting him/her know the timelines for the process. The OCA will be contacting professors to facilitate the process. Additionally, the Ontario Government has just passed the Ontario Labour Mobility Act in response to the First Minister's resolution to tear down the bureaucracy which exists in the certification of professionals between provinces. This means that teachers of Classical languages can move to other provinces and be considered qualified immediately. In the larger scheme of the things, it means that we can look to re-building Latin programmes at the secondary, and perhaps even elementary level, in other provinces now that barriers have been removed, if we have the collective will to begin looking at this seriously as a Classical community. Jonathan Edmondson invited M.-A. Gillis to send a message through the *Bulletin*.

Leanne Bablitz announced that the Association of Ancient Historians was collecting data for a new Directory of Ancient Historians which, unlike the previous one, will include Canadian scholars. The deadline for submission is July 31. Details will be provided in the forthcoming issues of the *Bulletin*.

*At this point Jonathan Edmondson invited the new President, Alison Keith, to take over and chair the assembly.*

## 9 *Gratiarum actio*

Alison Keith, invited Hugh Mason to deliver the *gratiarum actio*, which he did in both elegant Latin and Greek.

## 10 Adjournment

At 4:13 p.m. the President pronounced the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Guy Chamberland  
Acting Secretary  
March 23, 2011