

CSECS
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday October 20, 2012

Westin Hotel, Leduc Room, Edmonton, Alberta
5:15- 6:15 p.m.

Presents: Tiffany Potter, Claire Grogan, Betty Schellenberg, Mary Helen McMurrin, Gwendolyn Davies, Joël Castonguay-Bélanger, Katherine Quinsey, Paul F. Rice, Brijraj Singh, Julie Murray, Emily West, Antonio Carlos Dos Santos, Andreas Motsch, Sante A. Viselli, Alison Scott, Natalie LaFleur, Marilyse Turgeon-Solis, John D. Baird, Johanna Danciu, Swann Paradis, Sébastien Charles, Ray Stephanson, Allison Muri, Frans de Bruyn, Katherine Binhammer, Alison Conway, Don Nichol, Marie-Laure Girou Swidersky, Nicole Pellegrin, David Oakleaf

Regrets: Marc-André Bernier, April London

1. Welcome and approval of agenda (Sante A. Viselli / Don Nichol)
2. Approval of minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting (Ray Stephanson / Frans de Bruyn)
 - Marie-Laure Girou Swidersky mentioned that her name was omitted from the minutes.
 - Armelle said that she will make the change.
 - a. Business arising from 2011 minutes
 - i. Earmarking donations for specific purposes
 - Pam gives the details of this business. The question was raised during the 2011 GA and it was in the context of adjuncts professors and the refund of their travel expenses: those who make donations to the society should have the possibility to earmark their donations for specific purposes, such as refund of travel expenses for adjuncts professors.
 - Pam mentioned that the earmarking donations could also be a mean to encourage donations.
 - There was a discussion :
 - Susan gave a precision: the donations go to the general funds of the society.
 - John D. Baird suggested adding lines to specify to whom the donation is to go: graduates students and or adjuncts professors.
 - He suggested offering three possibilities, among which the donator could choose: general donation, donation for the graduate students, and donation for adjuncts professors.

A motion (John D. Baird/Paul F. Rice) is adopted unanimously to add to the form mentions to assign donations to specific purposes with the funds to be disbursed as appropriate.

3. Report of 2012 conference organizer: Katherine Binhammer

- a. Katherine thanked all the presenters who were numerous: 150 papers were presented.
- b. Katherine mentioned the “connection” grant she received from SSHR, the first received by the society in the new programs of SSHRC.
- c. The assembly thanked warmly Katherine for the organization of the conference.

4. Report of President: Pam Perkins

- Pam thanked Katherine for the organization of the conference.
- Pam recalled major changes that were voted during the last General Meeting.
 - o Alison Muri has continued the process of revamping the website by setting up an online membership database.
 - There have been a few hitches at the beginning with PayPal, but now the system is working.
 - There is still an option for payment by cheque.
 - The database makes job of the treasurer much easier.
 - o The digitization of *Lumen* is completed:
 - It is being printed and disseminated in print by the University of Montreal. The digital archive and subscriptions are being handled by Érudit.
 - Pam thanks Joël Castonguay-Bélanger for handling the negotiations with both institutions and getting the new system up and running.
- Pam informed the assembly that this summer SSHRC has cut the Aid and Attendance Grants to Scholarly Organizations.
 - o The Society usually receives \$3,500 from this program
 - o The amount has been used to fund graduate student travel.
 - o This year’s grant, the last, was \$3,735.
 - o The CFHSS held a teleconference on the subject in July, in advance of the budget submissions, but there was no expectation that the programme would be reinstated.
- Pam ended her report by reminding that this will be Susan Paterson Glover’s last meeting as treasurer.
 - o Pam thanks Susan for the wonderful job that she has done not just in handling our finances but also in spending so much time and energy in helping her figure out how the organization works.

5. Treasurer's Report: Susan Paterson Glover

- Susan made some comments regarding the Financial Statements and explains a few discrepancies reported on the « Notes to Financial Statements ».
 - o The amount of the Assets at the end of last year compared to this year amount.

- The decline in the assets reflects the year's loss for 2011-2012
 - The actual figure for the GIC is slightly higher than indicated on the balance sheet.
 - Liabilities
 - The accounts are kept on a cash system, rather than an accrual system
 - The balance sheet maintains a liability of \$6,100 for a possible expense arising from *Lumen* or a conference
 - Profit and Loss Statement
 - Income
 - The dues remain unchanged.
 - The \$3,735 annual SSHRC travel grant
 - Publisher's contributions towards the ASECS reception in 2011.
 - Expenses
 - *Lumen*. Charges for vol 29 : \$5975.90. Vol.30 : \$6,201.30
 - 5 630\$ pour la numérisation des anciens numéros seront comptabilisés en 2012-2013.
 - Travel: disposition of the SSHRC travel grant \$3,735 and a delegate reimbursement.
 - Profit and loss previous year comparison
 - The 2010-2011 net loss of \$6,765.79 resulted from: ASECS conference, additional bursaries to ISECS (Grasz conference), double filling of HSSFC fees.
 - The 2011-2012 net loss of 6,755.15\$ reflect the billing for two issues of *Lumen*, the ASECS reception in Vancouver, the transformation of *Lumen* to an electronic publication.
- This lost should not cause any worries.
 - Two GICs are due for renewal; therefore the next interests on these investments will be next to zero.
 - The expenses related to PayPal are not important and they worth it, since the system help greatly the work of the treasurer.

- Susan ended her report thanking Allison for the online membership database and payment system.

The report of the treasurer is adopted unanimously (Allison / Katherine)

6. *Lumen* editors' report: Castonguay-Bélangier et Claire Grogan
 - a. *Lumen* digitization

- Issue number 1-30 are available on Erudit
- Issue number 31 is in the last stage of revisions and the members should receive it shortly with the new cover.
- b. Number of print copies
 - For the last issues, 500 copy papers were printed and the society has more or less 150 members. 75 copies are for the library subscription (this number will probably decrease, once the libraries will realize that *Lumen* is also electronically available).

A motion (Allison / Katherine) is adopted unanimously to reduce the number of print copies to 300 for this year.

The report of the editor of *Lumen* is adopted unanimously (Don Nichol / Tiffany Potter).

7. Report of webmaster: Allison Muri

- a. Online membership database and payment system
 - Allison presented excuses to the assembly for the problems at the beginning with PayPal
 - She mentioned that now the system is working well.

The report of the webmaster is adopted unanimously (Alison Conway / John D. Baird)

8. Delegate reports

- a. ASECS: Don Nichol
 - Don mentioned that he took part to the conference of this year. 20 societies were represented.
 - He underlined the fact that he made the announcement of our conferences on their website.
 - The next conference will take place in Cleveland.

Don's report is adopted unanimously (Ray Stefanson / Sébastien Charles)

- b. ISECS: Sébastien Charles
 - Sébastien mentioned that the appearance of the website has now improved.
 - There is a surplus in the budget.
 - A change was made to the status to limit to 12 the number of years a member can be part of the EC. A certain flexibility remains nevertheless at the level of the national society.
 - The next conference will take place in Rotterdam in 2015.
 - ISECS has coopted a new member: Mme Maria Das Graças de Souza of Brazil
 - a. Argentinian Eighteenth-Century Society
 - Sébastien informed the assembly that this society will have its first conference in 2014 and that the German and French societies, as well as ISECC had offered or have the intention to offer their financial support for the conference.

- Sébastien presented to the assembly the request of financial support of 1,000 Euros of the Argentinian society.
- A motion (Allison / Franz) is adopted unanimously to give to the Argentinian society 1,000 Euros to fund a Canadian scholar who is participating at their conference.

Sébastien's report is adopted unanimously (Joël Castonguay-Bélanger / Claire Grogan)

9. Graduate Student Representative's report: Emily West

- Emily mentioned that about 20 students participated at the round table.
- The expenses are about \$250.
- Pam asked the students to not hesitate to enter in contact with her if they have suggestions for improving their participation at the conferences of the society.

Emily's report is adopted unanimously (Betty / Katherine).

10. Future Conferences

a. 2013 -- Alison Conway, University of Western Ontario

- Alison mentioned that the conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel.
- The theme is: « Enlightenment Constellations ».
- The dates of the conference are earlier than usually.
- The grant offered by SSHRC is higher.

b. 2014 -- Pascal Bastien, UQAM, joint meeting with Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society (ECSS)

c. 2015, the place is not yet set. We hope it will be West.

There was a general discussion regarding the funding of graduate students.

- Betty asked if the executive has discussed the question.
- Susan mentioned the funds invested in the GIC and said that a discussion is certainly necessary at the level of the executive to decide to use them for that purpose.
- Katherine underlined the gap in financing from one year to another and asked if the executive could discuss an adequate support for the graduate students.
- Pam mentioned that the question will be discussed at the level of the executive and that a motion will be presented at the next GA.

11. Prizes and Honorary Memberships

a. D.W. Smith Fellowship: 2012 winner: Rose Logie (Toronto) for her project "Masculinities in French Painting"

- Pam thanked Betty, Marie-Laure and Armelle for their work on that committee.

-Pam encouraged the graduate students to submit an application for the prize and she encouraged also the advisors to mention the prize to their students.

b. Honorary Member:

- Rob Merret is suggested by Katherine Binhammer
- His nomination will be officially announced during the banquet

12. Secretary's report

a. Treasurer

- Julie Murray is elected as new treasurer by acclamation by the assembly (John / Betty)

b. *Lumen* editor

- The second position to fill is the one of Claire Grogan, the co-editor of *Lumen*
- Chantel Lavoie is elected as co-editor of *Lumen* by acclamation by the assembly (David / Sante)

The report of the secretary is adopted unanimously (Andreas / Paul).

13. Other business

a. Place for announcements on the web-site.

i. Pam informed the GA that there is a place for announcements on the web-site and the announcements should be sent to Allison.

b. The bilingual nature of the society

- Marie-Laure requested that endeavours be made to encourage more papers in French. She regretted the low number papers presented in French during the conference.
- Pam reaffirmed the bilingual identity of the society. She also mentioned that the question will be discussed at the executive level in order to find an answer to Marie-Laure's suggestion.
- Swan thanked the organizer for having put together a program that has avoided parallel French sessions..

The meeting ended at 18h05

(Tiffany Potter / Alison Conway)

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13. Bienvenue et adoption de l'ordre du jour / Welcome and approval of agenda
14. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale 2011 / Approval of minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting
 - a. Affaires découlant du procès-verbal de 2011 / Business arising from 2011 minutes
 - a. Fonds de voyages pour les professeurs auxiliaires / Travel money for adjuncts
 - b. Assignations des dons à des fins particulières/ Earmarking donations for specific purposes
 - c. L'envoi de lettres de renouvellement par la poste / Sending renewal letters by mail
15. Rapport de l'organisateur du congrès 2012 / Report of 2012 conference organizer: Katherine Binhammer
16. Rapport du présidente / Report of President: Pam Perkins
17. Rapport du trésorière / Treasurer's Report: Susan Paterson Glover
18. Rapport des éditeurs de *Lumen* / *Lumen* editors' report [Joël Castonguay-Bélangeur et / and Claire Grogan
 - a. *Lumen* digitization
19. Rapport du webmestre / Report of webmaster: Alison Muri
 - a. Online membership database and payment system
20. Rapports des délégués / Delegate reports
 - a. l'ASECS / ASECS: Don Nichol
 - b. FCHSS / CFHSS: April London
 - c. SIEDHS / ISECS: Sébastien Charles
 - a. Argentinian Eighteenth-Century Society
21. Rapport de la représentante des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs / Graduate Student Representative's report: Emily West
22. Congrès futurs / Future Conferences
 - a. 2013 -- Alison Conway, Western

- b. 2014 -- Pascal Bastien, UQAM [joint meeting with / congrès conjoint avec Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

23. Des prix et des membres honoraires / Prizes and Honorary Memberships

- a. Bourse D.W. Smith / D.W. Smith Fellowship: 2012 winner / gagnant: Rose Logie (Toronto)

24. Nominations and Elections / Mises en Candidature et elections

- a. Treasurer / trésorière
- b. *Lumen* Editor / éditeur de *Lumen*

25. Varia / Other business

- a. Espace pour des annonces dans le site-web / Place for announcements on the website.