

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
4 JUNE 2004, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

MINUTES

1. President Gerald Friesen called the meeting to order.
2. Dr. Friesen requested a minute of silence to honour deceased members:  
David DeBrou, René Jetté, David McGinnis, S.R. Mealing, Jean-Marc Paradis,  
Ed Rea, Michael Sydenham, Robin W. Winks and Angela Mattiacci
3. Adoption of the Agenda  
Dr. Friesen called for a motion to adopt the agenda.  
G. Kealey so moved. A. MacLennan seconded. Carried.
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 30 May 2003  
Motion by M. Martel, seconded by M. Conrad. Carried.
5. President's Report
  - G. Friesen thanked the Board members for the impressive work they carried out this year. The terms of Denise Angers, Sean Cadigan and Cheryl Krasnick Warsh have come to an end. The President thanked them for the good work they accomplished during their three years on the Board.
  - Mary Vipond was a great help with several files and on a number of occasions. She graciously agreed to continue to follow the copyright file.
  - The President also thanked Dominique Clément for his remarkable work as the Graduate Student Representative.
  - The President highlighted Bill Waiser and Terry Cook's successful campaign to make the 1906 nominal census accessible, as well as the work of those responsible for the different prizes offered by the CHA.
  - The President also thanked in particular Joanne Mineault and Marielle Campeau for their efficiency and their long association with the CHA.
  - The President presented the proposition, published in the last *Bulletin*, intended to transform the *Journal* by publishing it twice a year. The first issue will be published in both hard copy and electronic versions. The second will be published in an online format only.  
Motion by J. LaPierre, seconded by D. Moorman. Carried.
6. CHA Committee on Internet Communication Report  
John Lutz reported on behalf of the committee. He explained that the committee's mandate was to repatriate the CHA's resources contained on the Chinook Canadian History Portal, to trace the progress of the digitization of the *Booklets* and the *Journal*, as well as to rethink the presentation and the organization of the CHA's web site.  
John Lutz appealed to members for ideas and recommendations.
7. Treasurer's Report  
David Moorman presented the association's financial status. As of December 31, 2003, expenditures slightly overtook revenues (by \$7,369): The purchase of computers for the office and travel expenses for the Annual General Meeting explained this shortfall. For the year 2004, overall revenue and expenditure are stable. With more than \$700,000 in reserve, the CHA has money on hand.  
J. Lutz proposed adopting the treasurer's report. Seconded by B. Bradbury. Carried.  
D. Moorman proposed the name of Ms. T. Bastarache, chartered accountant, as the CHA's auditor.  
Seconded by Peter Bischoff, unanimously adopted.

8. Canadian Census  
Bill Waiser reported on the intense campaign that finally led Statistics Canada to transfer the 1901 and 1906 censuses to the Library and Archives Canada. The CHA now has to mobilize to demand access to the censuses of 1911 and 1916. Currently, a case brought by a genealogical society is before the courts, in Calgary, to have Statistics Canada conform to the terms of the act concerning the preservation and accessibility of censuses.
9. Report of the Nominating Committee  
Bill Waiser, Chair of the Nominating Committee, indicated that the Ballot constituted the committee's report.
10. Election Results  
Treasurer : David Moorman  
French Language Secretary: Peter C. Bischoff  
English Language Secretary: John Willis  
Council : Pierre Lanthier, Steve Lee, Joan Sangster and Robert H. Dennis  
Nominating Committee: Judith Fingard and Peter Gossage  
Vice-President: Margaret Conrad
11. Library and Archives Canada. Gabrielle Blais, Director General Client Services and Access Branch.  
Mrs. Blais represented Ian Wilson, who was unavailable, and gave an update on the process of change at the institution. Mr. Wilson was appointed to lead the organization during this restructuring period. A significant part of the Archives' holdings will be moved to Gatineau. Client Services will, however, remain at 395 Wellington. The CHA office will also move to 395 Wellington.  
  
Following interventions from interested members, who expressed concerns about the delays in the access to information procedures at LAC, an informal subcommittee of LAC and CHA under the direction of Sarah Carter and Gabrielle Blais will address these concerns and report back to the CHA Council meeting in November and to the membership in a subsequent issue of the *Bulletin*.
12. Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Laurent Messier, Program Officer and Training Officer.  
L. Messier gave an account of the results of the 2003-2004 competition. 249 grant applications were submitted. Of these, 43% were financed. On average, the applications sought assistance (over three years) of \$76,000. The projects financed received on average \$56,000.
13. Other Business  
Announcement of the President's Gala from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., Hanley Hall, St. Paul's College
14. Adjournment