

CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

University of Alberta

28 May 2000

1. Dr. Greg Kealey, Past-President, introduced Dr. Irving Abella, President.
2. Dr. Abella delivered his Presidential Address.
3. Dr. Abella called the Annual General Meeting to order.
4. Moment of silence for deceased members: Paul Bouchard, James K. Chapman, William Kaye Lamb and Ivo Lambi.
5. Adoption of the Agenda.
6. Adoption of the minutes of 7 June 1999.
7. **President's Report**

Dr. Abella explained that the CHA constitution requires that the auditor be re-appointed. He asked for a motion to re-appoint Kathy Greenlaw, CA. Moved. Seconded. Passed.

Dr. Abella reported that the CHA, in partnership with Chinook Multimedia, had received a large Millennium Fund grant to create the Canadian History Electronic Resource Centre, a gateway to historical material available on the Web. The CHA has submitted a funding application to Historica for the same project; however, no decision has been made. Dr. Abella thanked Dr. José Igartua for his hard work on this file.

Dr. Abella explained that the CHA has increased its lobbying efforts. One crucial file has been access to post-1901 name-specific census material. Dr. Abella met with the editorial board of the *Globe and Mail* and received a sympathetic hearing and a supportive editorial. In February, Dr. Abella and Council member Dr. Bill Waiser presented a brief to the Expert Panel on Access to Historical Census Materials. The panel has completed its report and it is due to be released in the near future. As well, Dr. Abella and Dr. Waiser met with the new National Archivist, Ian Wilson, to urge that the English Report be implemented. Dr. Abella thanked Dr. Waiser for his hard work.

Turning to the future, Dr. Abella stated that the CHA Council has created two sub-committees. One is to study the current and future mandate of the CHA. The other is to study the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* and its future. Members of the CHA will be kept abreast of the recommendations that come out of these committees. Finally, Council member Dr. Peter Baskerville will be continuing his membership drive. Please tell your colleagues to take out a membership!

Dr. Abella thanked David Mills, Claude Couture, Robynne Healey and the entire programme committee for their work in making this year's programme so strong.

He thanked outgoing treasurer Dr. Claude Beauregard for his "unrelenting efforts to control the profligate tendencies of Council." Dr. Beauregard will be very much missed.

Finally, Dr. Abella thanked Joanne Mineault and Marielle Campeau, "the backbone of the Association."

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Beauregard tabled the CHA's financial statement prepared by Kathy Greenlaw, CA. It is re-printed in this *Bulletin*.

9. **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Dr. Gerry Friesen apologized for the fact that the initial ballot contained errors which required the mailing of a second ballot. He thanked everyone for their patience. In any event, the ballot is in effect his report.

10. **Prizes**

Dr. Cynthia Neville announced the prize winners. The complete list of prize winners is re-printed in this *Bulletin*.

11. **Clio Awards**

In the absence of Dr. Ian McKay, Dr. Neville presented the Clio Awards for Regional History. The complete list of Clio Award winners is re-printed in this *Bulletin*.

12. **Hilda Neatby Prizes**

Dr. Shirley Tillotson announced the Hilda Neatby Prize winners. See the list of prize winners re-printed in this *Bulletin*.

13. **Election Results**

Treasurer: Dr. David Moorman
Council: Drs. Penny Bryden, John Hutchinson and Marcel Martel.
Nominating Committee: Drs. Denyse Baillargeon and David Frank.

14. **Turning over the presidency**

Dr. Abella introduced Dr. Chad Gaffield. Dr. Gaffield spoke briefly about how he looked forward to the many challenges ahead. And he reminded Council members that there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 am.

15. **Meeting Adjourned**