

CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC

7 June 1999

1. Dr. Judith Fingard, Past-President, introduced Dr. Greg Kealey, President.
2. Dr. Kealey delivered his Presidential Address.
3. Dr. Kealey called the Annual General Meeting to order.
4. Moment of silence for deceased members: Sister Begnal, Robin B. Burns, Roger Comeau, William John Eccles, J. F. Leddy, G. E. Panting, Dan Pemberton, Barbara Roberts, Gordon Oliver Rothney, Richard M. Saunders, Pierre Savard, Wilfred I. Smith and Irene Spry.
5. Adoption of Agenda.
6. Adoption of minutes from 31 May 1998.
7. **President's Report**

Dr. Kealey reported that the CHA Executive and Council decided to use the revenue generated by the special sale of CHA booklets to the International Council of Canadian Studies in order to increase the Stanley Ryerson Fund to \$85,000. In addition, the interest generated by this fund will now have three purposes: to fund a graduate student's attendance at the quinennial meeting of the International Congress of Historical Sciences; to fund the participation of the Canadian representative to the ICHS; and to increase funding for graduate students attending the annual meeting of the CHA. Dr. Kealey thanked Council member Dr. Phyllis LeBlanc for arranging the sale of CHA booklets to the ICCS.

Dr. Kealey announced the imminent publication of *Becoming a Historian*. Dr. Franca Iacovetta started this manual for graduate students a few years ago when she was on Council and it is now at the printer.

Dr. Kealey informed members that the CHA co-sponsored the conference, The Future of the Past, held at McGill University in January 1999.

Coming out of the McGill conference were student heritage minutes. Dr. Kealey invited Ann Dadson of the CRB Foundation to present two student heritage minutes.

The CHA, in association with Chinook Multimedia, Dr. Kealey reported, has made a very large grant application to the Millennium Fund. The goal is to create The Canadian History Electronic Resource Centre, a gateway to historical material available on the Web.

The CHA has continued to lobby the various levels of government on matters relating to history. Primarily led by Council member Dr. Bill Waiser, the CHA has attempted to ensure the preservation of manuscript census material for the 20th century; it has sought changes to access to information legislation in order to promote better access; and it has continued to monitor proposed amendments to copyright legislation.

Dr. Kealey announced that Dr. Ruby Heap, CHA Council member, has completed a survey on the status of women in the historical profession. It will be made available to CHA members through the *Bulletin* and the CHA Web-site. (www.yorku.ca/research/cha/cha-shc)

Speaking of the Web-site, Dr. Kealey congratulated Council member Dr. José Igartua for improving the CHA's site immeasurably.

Finally, the CHA will be launching a membership drive in the fall. He asked that all members assist Council member Dr. Peter Baskerville in this project.

8. Length of the Presidency

Dr. Kealey explained that Executive and Council have decided to lengthen the president's term from one year to two years in order to allow for more long-range planning and leadership.

"Moved that the CHA approve in principal a two-year term for the president. Starting in 2000, the president will serve one year as vice president, two years as president, and one year as past-president."

Moved by Dr. Igartua. Seconded by Gerry Hallowell.

Drs. Julian Gwyn and Elizabeth Smythe requested clarification on a president's term. Dr. Kealey explained that there will now be a four-year, as opposed to a three year, flow through for the president. In addition, there will be a presidential address every second year.

Motion carried by a clear 2/3 majority.

9. Treasurer's Report

In Dr. Claude Beauregard's absence, Dr. Kealey tabled the report. The CHA enjoyed a surplus of \$14,000 in 1998. However, membership dues have decreased significantly. (The statement is printed in this edition of the *Bulletin*.)

10. Report of the Nominating Committee

Dr. Brian McKillop stated that the ballot was, in effect, his report. He thanked his fellow committee members and whatever God invented e-mail.

11. Clio Awards

Gerry Hallowell announced the 1998 Clio Awards. See list of prize winners in this edition of the *Bulletin*.

12. CHA Prizes

Dr. Cynthia Neville announced the 1998 winners. See list of prize winners in this edition of the *Bulletin*.

13. Election Results

Dr. Kealey called for nominations from the floor for vice president. There were none. Dr. Mary Vipond was acclaimed.

The three new Council members are: Colin Howell, Wendy Mitchinson and Stephen Randall. Dr. Kealey reminded the new members that they have a Council meeting tomorrow morning at 8:45.

Tina Loo and Keith Walden were elected to the Nominating Committee.

14. Other Business

There was none.

15. Thanks!

Dr. Kealey thanked outgoing Council members Ruby Heap, Gerry Hallowell and Peter Bailey. He also thanked Joanne Mineault, Marielle Campeau and Ray Barker for their hard work and commitment to the CHA. He thanked the Historical Society of Sherbrooke for hosting the Council meeting and a reception. Peter Gossage and Christine Métayer and their committee were thanked for organizing an excellent annual meeting. Oxford University Press kindly hosted the President's Reception.

16. Turning over the Presidency

Dr. Kealey passed the presidency to Dr. Irving Abella. Dr. Abella thanked Greg Kealey for his tireless commitment to the CHA.

17. Meeting Adjourned