

MINUTES OF THE CHA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1 JUNE 1996, BROCK UNIVERSITY

1. Past-President Jim Leith introduced President Nadia Fahmy-Eid.

2. Professor Nadia Fahmy-Eid delivered her presidential address.

3. Moment of silence for deceased members.

4. Prof. Greg Kealey moved adoption of agenda. Prof. Denyse Baillargeon seconded. Agenda adopted.

5. Prof. Jim Leith moved adoption of minutes from the 1995 Annual General Assembly. Prof. Andrée Lévesque seconded. Minutes adopted.

6. President's Report

Prof. Fahmy-Eid began her report with details of the CHA's efforts to protest cuts to the federal budget. Cuts to the SSHRC have most notably affected grants to the Journal of the Canadian Historical Association. Our grant went from \$21 750 to \$6 473. However, the CHA with the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada successfully lobbied SSHRC to reconsider its decision. SSHRC has reversed its decision but has not yet announced the amount of its subventions to journals.

Prof. Fahmy-Eid reported that starting in the 1997 election there will be two categories for candidates to Council: Canadianists (from which two will be selected) and non-Canadianists (from which one will be selected). The list for candidates to the nominating committee will also include one non-Canadianist.

With the respect to the History Channel, Prof. Fahmy-Eid noted that the Executive decided not to support the application to the CRTC of one company over the other. Rather it sent a letter to the CRTC supporting the idea of a History Channel in principal. The letter also stated that any History Channel must have a Canadian content of at least one third; that content must reflect Canada's Anglophone, Francophone and multicultural reality; and that programming must be based on historical expertise.

The issue of the Molson Prize was brought to Council's attention. Prof. Fahmy-Eid stated that rather than accept the nomination of a single candidate, Council has moved to create a committee to consider the matter of how the CHA ought to nominate its members for this prestigious award.

She asked the Assembly to vote on the formation of a committee to study the issue of the Molson Prize. Seconded. Adopted.

Finally, Prof. Fahmy-Eid thanked the National Archives for its generous assistance. In particular, she thanked Jean-Pierre Wallot. She thanked the Directorate of History at National Defence and its director Serge Bernier. And she thanked Marielle Campeau and Ray Barker for their tremendous help.

7. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Claude Beaugard stated that the CHA had a surplus of \$35,000 for the year ending 31 December 1995.

Prof. Bettina Bradbury asked why the CHA had such a large surplus.

Dr. Beaugard stated that UQAM did not bill the CHA for the use of its facilities for the 1995 Annual Meeting.

Prof. Jean-Claude Robert explained that the International Congress negotiated with UQAM for the cost of hosting the CHA to be included with the cost of the IC.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee announced that Greg Kealey will be the next Vice President. It called for nominations from the floor. There were none. It also reported that in the future biographies of candidates for Council will be standardized.

9. Announcement of Prize Winners

See separate list in this Bulletin.

10. Election Results

Greg Kealey will be next Vice President. Peter Bailey, Gerald Hallowell and Ruby Heap were elected to Council. Claire Dolan and Patricia Roy were elected to the nominating committee.

11. Other Subjects

Profs. José Igartua and Greg Kealey moved that the General Assembly congratulate Profs. Dave De Brou and Tony Gulig for their efforts in creating and maintaining H-Canada. Adopted.

12. Turning over the Presidency

Prof. Miller thanked Brock University, the Brock University History Department and Prof. Wesley Turner for a successful conference. He also thanked Prof. Fahmy-Eid for her work as President of the CHA.

13. Meeting Adjourned

