

Minutes of the CHA Annual General Meeting Held in Kingston June 4, 1991

1. Call to Order

President J.E. Rea called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Minute of Silence for Deceased Members of the Society

The President asked the members to rise and observe a minute of silence for members of the society who have died since the last meeting. In particular he named Monseigneur Albertus Martin, Bishop of Nicolet; Howard Palmer; Eugene Forsey; John R.N. Palmer, Mayor of Orillia; Dr. S. Alex Saunders; Dr. Dorothy E. Long; Ester Clark Wright.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

(Linda Kealey/Greg Kealey). Carried.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Victoria on May 28, 1990. (Cornelius Jaenen/Graeme Wynn). Carried.

5. President's Report

President Ed Rea reported a successful but not untroubled year. One of the most unsettling developments was that several members of our society had been sued for engaging in their professional activities. In response to their request the CHA followed the procedures for determining eligibility and agreed to assist them with the association's Defence Fund. So far the case has not come to court.

The president was pleased to announce that since our last meeting the CHA has been selected as the host for the next meeting of the International Committee of the Historical Sciences which will be held in Montreal in 1995. This meeting which will attract thousands of historians from around the world is a matter of major importance for the profession. It will expose Canadian scholarship to the rest of the world and Canadian Scholars to international scholarship.

In terms of the activities of the association he announced that a new directory of members will be available in September. He told the members that the provisional council portfolio on the status of women in the profession has been made into a permanent portfolio. Portfolio holders continue to lobby government, funding agencies and institutions on the subjects of copyright, access to information, museum and archive policy on the members' behalf.

The Association has a new committee to help with this lobbying, namely the Committee for History and Computing which has been made a regular committee of the CHA. In addition he reported that the society proceeds with its regular work on behalf of members through the work of the secretariat.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Serge Bernier apologized to the members for the fact that the budget was unaudited. The society has lost the services of its regular auditor who had performed the audits on an honorarium basis and has been unable to find a replacement. He said that the society may have to move to an accounting firm and pay the going rate.

The Treasurer reported a budgetary surplus of \$33,285 for 1990-1991.

The present travel policy appears to be working well, in spite of a number of late submissions of requests for reimbursement. He told the audience that one of the society's biggest expenses is the travel budget. Some of the money that SSHRC gives for the operation of the society has been saved for the conference in Charlottetown next year, a meeting which will probably consume the whole of the SSHRC budget to the society.

The treasurer asked for questions. There were none.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

In the absence of a member of the nominating committee the president made a report. This year's committee consisted of Ernest R. Forbes, Louise Dechêne, Terry Copp and Barry Ratcliffe. He reported that the committee has produced a slate of nine candidates for the elections to council and four for the nominating committee itself, for which four and two, respectively, would be selected. The committee recommended the nomination of Veronica Strong-Boag as vice-president for 1992-1993. In accordance with the CHA by-laws the president asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none.

President Rea thanked the nominating committee for its hard work.

8. Prizes

The president asked the chair of the Prize Committee, Graeme Wynn to award the society's prizes for excellence.

The John A. Macdonald Prize for the best book in Canadian history was awarded to Joy Parr for *The Gender of Breadwinners: Women, Men and Change in Two Industrial Towns, 1880-1950* and honourable mention was made of Eric W. Sager and Gerald E. Panting for *Maritime Capital: The Shipping Industry in Atlantic Canada, 1820-1914*.

The Wallace K. Ferguson Prize for the best book by a Canadian scholar on a non-Canadian subject was awarded to Elizabeth Rapley for *The Dévotes. Women and Church in Seventeenth Century France* and honourable mention was made of Ian K. Steel for *Betrayals. Fort William Henry and the "Massacre"*.

President Rea told the members that the society was awarding a new prize for the best doctoral dissertation in Canadian history for the first time. He asked Catherine Craig-Bullen to make the award of this prize. The first John Bullen Prize was awarded to Tina M. Loo for her dissertation "Law and Authority in British Columbia, 1821-1871". Honourable mention went to Royden Loewen for "Family, Church and Market: a History of a Mennonite Community Transplanted from Russia to Canada and the United States, 1850-1930".

The chair of the regional History Committee, Ted Regehr was called by the president to announce the winners of the association's regional awards.

The certificates of merit for the Maritimes went to W. Gordon Handcock for *Soe longe as there comes noe women: Origins of English Settlement in Newfoundland* and to La Société historique Nicholas-Denys, Shippagan, New Brunswick. The Québec regional awards were won by André Beaulieu and Jean Hamelin for *La presse québécoise des origines à nos jours* and by l'Institut québécois de recherche sur la culture. For the Prairie region the awards went to Sarah Carter for *Lost Harvests: Prairie Indian Reserve Farmers and Government Policy* and to the Eagle Creek Historical Society for the Bents Bear Hills Project. The Ontario regional awards went to Joy Parr for *The Gender of Breadwinners: Women, Men and Change in Two Industrial Towns, 1880-1950* and to the Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto. For ... Minutes, p. 8



Prizes and Scholarships

The City of Ottawa annual *Heritage Day Prize* is awarded for original research essays or studies involving investigations of the built historic environment of Ottawa. The 1991 Prize is set at a value of \$2000. The competition is open to students officially registered in a degree or diploma program credit (full-time or part-time) with the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, la Cité collégiale, and Saint Paul University. Qualifying students must attend one of these institutions during the 1991 calendar year. Research essays and studies must focus on the built environment within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ottawa, but may involve broader interpretation, such as the built environment as a product of, or influence on, patterns of cultural, social, political, military or industrial history.

Foreign Speakers Program. The International Council for Canadian Studies, using funds provided by External Affairs and International Trade Canada, will be offering, on an experimental basis, a new program of aid to Canadianists. The program's objective is two-fold: first to organize speaking tours in Canada for foreign Canadianists who will not only interact with their academic peers but also give a wider audience the benefit of their wisdom; and secondly, to help associations and groups abroad identify Canadian Specialists in a given field, who could then be invited to give a lecture or participate in a conference outside Canada. This program will be administered on behalf of the ICCS by the Association for Canadian Studies. It is anticipated that the program will begin in the Fall of 1991. The establishment of this new program will complement the existing Canadian Studies programs of External Affairs and International Trade Canada in an area which required reinforcement.

Veronika Gervers Research Fellowship in Costume and Textile History. The Royal Ontario Museum announces the annual *Veronika Gervers Research Fellowship in Textile and Costume History* of up to \$9000 CAN to be awarded to a scholar working on any aspect of textile or costume history whose research makes direct use of, or supports, any part of the ROM collections that cover a broad range of time and geography. For information, contact: Chair, Veronika Gervers Memorial Fellowship, Textile Department, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C6, Canada. Tel. (416) 586-5790. Deadline for applications is November 15, each year.

Mount Saint Vincent University Scholarship in Canadian Studies. A prestigious new scholarship will be available to Mount Saint Vincent students beginning in the 1992-93 academic year. *The Andrea M. and Charles R. Bronfman Scholarship in Canadian Studies* will provide to a student majoring in Canadian Studies or Political Science a year's tuition and travel costs for a research trip to Ottawa. In 1976, the Mount established a Canadian Studies Program intended for students wishing to increase their knowledge and understanding of Canada. The program also attracts students from areas like the humanities, sciences, public relations, education and business administration. For any additional information, please contact Dr. Della Stanley, Co-ordinator Canadian Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3M 2J6. Tel. (902) 443-4450 local 336.

The History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme is designed to help First Nations Band Councils and non-profit organizations and institutions, such as historical societies, museums, libraries and LACACs (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees), in their efforts to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the history of the diverse peoples of Ontario. Financial assistance will be available for projects that raise public awareness of the history in Ontario of a particular culture or cultures. Successful applicants will be eligible for grants up to \$5000. All applications to be considered for a grant in October, 1991 must be postmarked no later than Friday, August 30, 1991. For further information please contact: Rob Leverty, Programme co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5. Tel. (416) 226-9011.

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British Columbia and the Yukon the awards went to Cyril E. Leonoff for *An Entering Life: Leonard Frank Photographs, 1895-1944* and to the Yukon Historical and Museums Association.

To award the Hilda Neatby Prize for the best article on Women's History the president called upon Linda Kealey, chair of the Canadian Committee on Women's History. The Neatby Prize for best article in English went to Ruth Roach Pierson for "Gender and the Unemployment Insurance Debates in Canada, 1934-1940". The prize for the best article in French went to Marie-Aimée Cliche for "L'infanticide dans la région de Québec (1660-1969)".

9. Results of Elections

The president announced that as a result of the voting for the society's elective positions that the following had been elected to council: Donna T. Andrew, Naomi Griffiths, Tim LeGoff, Marlene Shore. The two new members of the nominating committee will be Margaret Conrad and Linda Kealey. Phillip Buckner is elected vice-president.

10. Turning over the Presidency

President Ed Rea announced that his term had come to its end and he invited incoming president Gail Cuthbert Brandt to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Gail Cuthbert Brandt thanked Ed Rea for his work over the course of his term. She also took the opportunity to thank the invited guests of the society, Jean-Pierre Wallot and Alison Prentice for their presence. She thanked the outgoing members of council John Weaver, Gérard Bouchard, Dianne Newell; past-president Cornelius Jaenen; and English-language Secretary John Lutz for their hard work on behalf of the society. She especially thanked Christopher Crowder, the programme chair, for taking on the arduous task and producing such a well run meeting. Finally, she informed the audience of Lyne St-Hilaire Tardif's departure as Office Manager and wished her well, on behalf of Council and CHA members, in her new endeavours.

11. Adjournment

President Gail Cuthbert Brandt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting (Denise Rioux/John Lutz). Carried. She invited the members to join her at the president's reception which was to follow immediately.