

**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**October 14, 2010**  
**Sheraton Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland**  
**5:00-6:30 pm**

**Presents:** Frans de Bruyn, Peter Walmsley, Marc-André Bernier, Claire Grogan, Marie-Laure Girou Swiderski, Arby Ted Siraki, Swann Paradis, Joël Castonguay-Bélanger, Allison Muri, Ray Stephanson, Jay Macpherson, Don Nichol, John D. Baird, Sébastien Côté, Susan Paterson Glover, Peter Sabor, Catherine Dubeau, Betty Schellenberg, Sören Hammerschmidt, Vincent Godin-Filion, Byron R. Wells, Kathryn Ready, Ronald Rompkey, Richard Semmens, Armelle St-Martin, Sarah Benharrech, Christina Ionescu, Llyod Bennett, James MacLean, Sante A. Viselli, Katherine Quinsey, Gwen Davies.

**Regrets:** Allison Muri, Pascal Bastien, April London.

Before the beginning of the meeting, the members hold a minute of silence in memory of Raymond Joly.

**1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda**

Betty Schellenberg / John Baird

All in favour, no item added to Other business.

**2. Approval of minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting**

Betty Schellenberg / John Baird

a. Business arising from the minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting: M.A. Bernier

- Marc-André mentions that all business arising from the minutes of the minutes will be addressed in the report of the President.

No correction to be brought to the minutes. Adopted unanimously.

**3. Report of 2010 conference organizer: D. Nichol**

- Don Nichol informs the members that approximatively 150 delegates are attending the Conference.

Marc-André warmly thanks Don for the organization of the Conference and for the program. He thanks also the committee in charge of the program.

**4. Report of President: M.A. Bernier**

- Marc-André starts his report by mentioning that the Society is doing very well. He adds that the year has been very busy for the Executive. He then moves to the following items:

- ASECS.

1. Marc-André says a few words about the letter sent to the President of ASECS, Peter Reill. The subject of the letter was about the need to better circulate information when ASECS is holding its Conference in a Canadian city. Marc-André mentions to the members Peter Reill's very positive and kind response.

2. ASECS in Vancouver: Marc-André give the members some details about the context surrounding the reception that Betty Schellenberg, helped by Joël Castonguay-Bélanger, is organizing. Marc-André mentions that the reception will include a book display on works by Canadian Eighteenth-Century scholars and on Canadian publishers who publish works on 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Also Marc-André explains that the aim of the reception is to underline the collaboration between the two Societies and to help open new venues of collaboration that go beyond the organization of joint sessions. Marc-André ends by mentioning some of the numerous institutions, journals and publishers who have financially supported the reception. He informs the members that the project has the approval of the Executive.

- Digitalization of *Lumen*.

1. Marc-André underlines the fact that the digitalization of *Lumen* is a priority for the journal and it should be done as quickly as possible so the issues currently under press can benefit from the digitalization.

2. He informs the members that, under item 6 on the agenda, Joël Castonguay-Bélanger will make a presentation on the approach on which the Bureau agrees for the digitalization of *Lumen*.

3. Marc-André follows up by saying that the members will be asked to ratify that approach which is approved by the Executive. The approach is summarized by 4 proposals and the members will have to vote on these 4 proposals, written by Claire, Joël and himself.

- Website.

Marc-André mentions the remodeling of the website done by Allison Muri ; Marc-André thanks her warmly. He thanks also the members of the Executive and other members, for example Marie-Laure Girou-Swidorski, for the writing of new texts. Also Marc-André informs the members that the website has a new secure and password protected space where the archives of the Society are kept. This part of the website will be operational in one or two weeks.

Marc-André Bernier warmly thanks the members his Executive.

## 5. Report of Treasurer: S. Paterson Glover

1. Susan thanks the members who responded to her reminder to renew their dues. She also thanks her predecessor for the transition period. She started her position in February.

2. Susan comments and explains the financial statements of the Society, distributed to the members:

- Membership dues are down.
- There is an increase in total income; it is the result of the Montréal Conference.
- Increase in the total assets.
- There is \$ 6 000 as total liabilities.
- The total equity (assets minus liabilities) is higher.
- Up to date, there are no expenses outstanding.

Frans de Bruyn / Sante A. Viselli

The report of the treasurer is adopted unanimously.

## 6. *Lumen* Editor's report: C. Grogan/J. Castonguay-Bélanger

- Claire presents the schedule of the publication of *Lumen*: the 2007 proceedings are published and the proceedings of McGill and Ottawa are in preparation.
- Marc-André Bernier reads the 4 proposals on which the members will have to vote. He then asks Joël to explain the rationale behind the choice of Erudit as platform.

### a. Digital *Lumen*: J. Castonguay-Bélanger

1. J. Castonguay-Bélanger makes a presentation on the platform Erudit which is the choice of the Executive for the digitalization of *Lumen*.
2. Marc-André Bernier adds a few details about the financial advantages of digitalization with the platform Erudit. Also he mentions the invitational letter that he will send the guest editors of *Lumen* to ask them to seek funding for the issue that they were responsible for.

Frans de Bruyn offers his congratulations for this project and adds that the financial situation of the Society should allow for the digitalization of the past issues of *Lumen*.

John Baird warmly supports the project.

The members adopted unanimously the 4 proposals.

## 7. Report of Webmaster: A. Muri

Allison Muri sends her regrets; Catherine Dubeau presents her report *in absentia*. Catherine mentions the cost of the two domain names, scecs et scedhs : \$146.22 for 10 years for each domain. Catherine provides also the total costs for this year which are \$534.93.

## 8. Delegate reports

### a. ASECS: D. Nichol

- Don informs the members that he had participated in ASECS in Albuquerque in March. He made announcements for our future conferences.
- He mentions the lack of communication between ASECS and CSECS in 2009 when ASECS organized its Conference in Canada without informing us.
- Don makes a reminder about future ASECS Conferences: Vancouver in 2011, then San Antonio, then Cleveland and finally Williamsburg (Virginie).

### b. ASECS Conference in Vancouver: B. Schellenberg.

- Betty Schellenberg provides some details about the reception that she is organizing, with the collaboration of Joël Castonguay-Bélanger : concert of baroque musique by musicians from British-Columbia, wine, organic cheeses, organic chocolates, book display to inform about research done by Canadians.

Marc-André thanks Betty for her generosity in organizing this event.

### c. FCHSS/CFHSS: A. London

- April sends her regrets; her report is done *in absentia*. Marc-André reads her report:

1. The General Assembly of the FCHSS in Ottawa included brief reports on research dissemination and policy, on the Aid to Scholarly Publications, on equity issues and on the next Conference in 2010.
2. There were two plenary sessions, one on Mentoring, the other on Engaged Scholarship.
3. The Business Meeting ended with a vote of solidarity for the people of Chile and Haïti.

**d. SIEDS: P. Bastien**

- Pascal Bastien sends his regrets; his report is done *in absentia*. Marc-André reads the report which contains a reminder regarding deadlines (proposals, registrations) for the Graz Conference. The report mentions also the schedule for mailing of the newsletter.

Marc-André reminds the members that the International Society will have elections for its Executive. The elections will take place between May, 1 and June, 30 2011. It will be an electronic vote and the list of the candidates is posted on the website of ISECS.

**9. Graduate Student Representative's report: Arby Ted Siraki**

- Arby Ted Siraki mentions that the Grad Students Round table took place Friday and it was a big success.
- He said that 25 students participated, the same number as last year.
- He mentions that we should think of changing the name of this meeting: « round table » sounds like a formal discussion panel. He suggests something like « Grad Students Meet and Greet ».
- Because of the high costs associated with accommodation, Arby suggests that the next conference find a way for students who wish to share a room to contact each other.

**10. Honors and prizes: Marc-André Bernier**

- a. Honorary member: Marc-André mentions that there is a break in the nominations for this year, but next year there will be a proposal for a name.
- b. D.W. Smith Price: Marc-André informs the members that this year he was not part of the committee. The members of the committee were: Betty Schellenberg, Marie-Laure Girou-Swidorski and Chantel Lavoie.  
The winners are: Yunko Akamatsu, University of London and Sören Hammerschmidt, Ghent University.

Sören, present, is warmly congratulated.

**11. Future conferences**

a. 2011. Peter Walmsley, Hamilton, McMaster U. With the Aphra Behn Society

- Peter Walmsley gives some details about the Hamilton Conference: 3 plenary speakers, show at the planetarium, activity at the Art Gallery.

b. 2012 – Katherine Binhammer, Edmonton, U. of Alberta

c. 2013 – Alison Conway and Mary Helen McMurrin, London, U. of Western Ontario

d. 2014 – Pascal Bastien, Université du Québec à Montréal. With the *Eighteenth Century Scottish Society* (ECSS)

**12. Nominations committee report and Elections: C. Dubeau**

- Catherine mentions that only one position has to be filled, that of secretary.
- Armelle St-Martin is elected by acclamation.
- Catherine reminds the members that next year, there will be two positions to fill: President and delegate to the ISECS.

**13. Constitutional amendments: M.A. Bernier**

- Marc-André reads the two constitutional amendments.
- The first change is voted: all in favor, 1 against and no abstention.
- The second change is voted: all in favor, no one against and 1 abstention.

**15. Other business**

The meeting ends at 6:30pm.

Peter Sabor / Marie-Laure Girou-Swidorski