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To be approved

**FEAC Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 14 May 1994**

**Victoria College
Old Building, University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario**

Peter Colenbrander, outgoing national president, calls the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

1. Approve agenda.

MOTION

MOVED (Martin Ahermaa/Riça Night) that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried unanimously

2. Approve Minutes of 24 April 1993.

MOTION

MOVED (Robyn Packard/Barb Schon) that the minutes of the national Annual General Meeting of 24 April 1993 be accepted as presented.

Carried, one abstention

3. Approve annual reports.

MOTION

MOVED (Rosemary Tanner/Gilda Mekler) that the year-end reports be accepted.

Carried unanimously

4. Approve Auditor's Report.

Eddie Franks, about a note in the annual report: This was a year of transition and leaning up Toronto.

No figure in this year's report is difficult to understand. The change of name will mean substantial costs for stationery and PR. Eddie feels happy with the current (new) format and dealing with the auditor Roger Mehta (Woods Cowperthwaite Mehta).

Elizabeth Reid: The auditor's report is now easier to read.

MOTION

MOVED (Eddie Franks/Lee d'Anjou) that the Auditor's Report for the end of 1993 be accepted as tabled.

Carried, 3 abstentions

5. Appoint auditor for FEAC's 1994 books.

Edie Franks: The auditor for the year 1994-95 must be appointed and she recommends Roger Mehta be appointed again.

MOTION

MOVED (Edie Franks/Elaine Freedman) that the auditor Roger Mehta (Woods Cowperthwaite Mehta) be appointed to audit FEAC's books for the fiscal year 1994-95.

Carried unanimously

Dennis Mills to Edie: What were the royalties from *Editing Canadian English*?

Edie: These were reported in the Sept. 93 issue of *Active Voice*.

6. Fairley Award.

Peter reports in Heather Ebbs absence.

There were 11 nominees, all but 2 of whom came from Ontario.

Items submitted included a professional newsletter, training manuals, career planners, trade fiction, and trade non-fiction. The judges were Lee d'Anjou, last year's Fairley Award winner, Gil Croome of the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences, and Denise Schon, managing editor at Macmillan.

The short list in alphabetical order is:

Heather Lang-Runtz for *The Best of the Raven* (Algonquin Park, ON: Friends of Algonquin Park); Jane McNulty for *The Career Connections Series* (Toronto: Trifolium); and Avivah Wargon for Peter Larisey, *Light for a Cold Land* (Toronto: Dundurn Press).

The winner will be announced in early June and the award will be presented at the CBA banquet in Toronto on 18 June.

Thanks to judges and applicants who submitted manuscripts. [applause]

Lee d'Anjou: Too bad Heather Ebbs is absent. She really did a fantastic job.

7. Elections.

Peter Colenbrander mentions that salaried members cannot vote for table officers. Peter presents the names of four (4) candidates standing as table officers:

Ruth Pincoe, as president; Phillipa Rispin, as vice-president; Rosemary Tanner, as treasurer; Louis Majeau, as secretary.

Peter calls three (3) times for other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Peter declares the four (4) above nominees elected by acclamation.

The remainder of the executive members and chairs of committees standing for election are:

Shaun Oakey, publications; Ruth Chernia, professional development; Jonathan Paterson, technology; Elizabeth Reid, membership; Claudette Reed Upton, newsletter; Madeline Koch, directory; Jean Cochrane, public relations/industry liaison.

Peter Colenbrander calls three (3) times for other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Peter declares the seven (7) above nominees elected by acclamation.

Peter [*breathing a jubilant sigh of relief as outgoing president*] wishes the new executive well.

MOTION

MOVED (Olive Koyama/Sandra Lafortune) that the outgoing national executive members be warmly thanked and congratulated for their outstanding contributions.

Carried unanimously

Madeline Koch takes this opportunity to thank the national executive members for their support.

8. Other.

Dennis Mills encourages the national executive to return to the Ryerson Politechnical Institute for future FEAC AGMs.

Peter Colenbrander mentions that the think tank is, like the AGM, a forum for national discussion.

Lee d'Anjou calls for volunteers for Standards for the self-test, to do ^{handwork} ~~check with Lee~~ for exact request].

Madeline Koch, about volunteering/Toronto versus other areas: She recently made a call for volunteers but got very little response from outside Toronto. She encourages everyone from outside Toronto also to get involved.

Robyn Packard encourages the national executive to show in-house members that they have a voice in the organization.

Dean Askin, on behalf of Claudette Upton Reed, urges more people to write articles for *Active Voice*.

Martin Ahermaa mentions an article published in today's *Globe & Mail* re. producing magazines from computers: business is changing and this should be discussed at the next think tank.

Janet (9 or Janis Barr?) re. voting members: Are voting members asked to requalify?

Elizabeth Reid: The problem is to find the mechanics for doing this.

Elizabeth Reid: 500 hours editorial experience still applies with the change of name for voting members and, according to FEAC's constitution, one should requalify every 3 years.

Olive Koyama: In the early days, the so called "shoe-box" times [*NOT a misspell for "Schubert" times*] when there were few members, we reviewed membership. When the records were computerized, significant blocks [~~or boxes???~~] of data were lost.

Dennis Mills: This is a good opportunity to correct this problem, whether this means starting the data base from scratch or using the existing one.

Jim MacLachlan says he would be glad to offer his services at his regular rate of \$30 per hour to restore the database to its "shoe box state". It would take about 30 hours.

Ruth Chernia: We could do one year this year, a second and third next year, and the last on the following year.

Suzanne Lawrence wonders if in reality the editorial experience forms are important?

Dennis Mills, Peter Colenbrander, Elizabeth Reid: It is a constitutional requirement.

Peter Colenbrander: If these forms are a genuine policy concern, they first should be discussed at branch level rather than here.

Lauren Walker: It may be a moot point because of the amendment of the constitution.

Kathleen Wright: Wants it to be on record that she agrees with Lauren Walker on this issue.

9. Adjournment.

MOTION

MOVED (Halyna Koba/Martin Ahermaa) that this annual general meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously

Adjourned around 14:50

[HISTORICAL RECORD: THIS MEETING LASTED ONLY 50 MINUTES.]

Ruth Pincoe
President

Louis Majeau
Secretary