

Editors' Association of Canada

Annual General Meeting

Stirling Hall
Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario

24 May 1997

1. Call to order

Rosemary Tanner, President, called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

MOTION (Fraser Sutherland/John Eerkes)

That the agenda be approved

Carried

3. Approve Minutes of May 4, 1996

MOTION (Greg Ioannou/Elizabeth d'Anjou)

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 4 May 1996 be approved

Carried

4. Approve Annual Reports

MOTION (Olive Koyama/Lee d'Anjou)

That the 1996/97 Annual Reports be approved

Carried

5. Approve Auditor's Report

There were no questions concerning the Auditor's Report of 20 February 1997.

MOTION (Susan Wilson/Fraser Sutherland)

That the Auditors' Report of 20 February 1997 be approved

Carried; no abstentions

Joan Irving asked whether the auditors had raised their fee by \$50. Susan Wilson said they had not.

6. Appoint auditor for EAC/ACR's 1997 books

MOTION (Susan Wilson/Joan Irving)

That the firm of Woods Cowperthwaite Mehta, Chartered Accountants, be approved as auditor for the 1997 books

Carried; no abstentions

7. Fairley Award

Ruth Pincoe, Past President, was not present. Rosemary reported that there were 16 entries for the Fairley Award, which is to be presented at the Canadian Booksellers Association (CBA) dinner in Toronto on 23 June 1997. Jane Broderick reported that this year's judges are Phyllis Aronoff, Geneviève Boutry and Marilyn Nault, all of Montreal.

It was suggested that if the winning candidate is not able to attend the CBA dinner there be some sort

of formal acceptance of the award. Lee d'Anjou suggested that every attempt be made to have the winner attend or to have a speech prepared and read.

8. Elections

Table Officers

Jonathan Paterson reported for the nominating committee that several candidates had agreed to stand for election but that the committee did not have an entire slate. There were no nominations for the position of Treasurer, Professional Development Chair or Publications Chair.

Jonathan said that the deadline for Directory applications for French listings was considerably later than the English applications, which caused some confusion in Montreal, and that this was a good reason to have a Francophone Affairs Chair.

MOTION (Jonathan Paterson/Olive Koyama)

That Louis Majeau be nominated for the position of Francophone Affairs Chair

Carried; no abstentions

Jonathan requested that full voting status be granted to this position, so that the Francophone Affairs Chair would be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend National Executive meetings.

MOTION (Jonathan Paterson/Vivian Elias)

That the Francophone Affairs Chair be made a full voting member of the National Executive

Carried; no abstentions

Jonathan read the list of nominees for table officer positions:

President: Rosemary Tanner

Vice-President: Claudette Reed Upton

Secretary: Jane Broderick

Francophone Affairs: Louis Majeau

Jonathan called three times for further nominations from the floor. There were none, so he declared

these four nominees elected by acclamation.

The positions of Treasurer, Professional Development Chair and Publications Chair were described by the incumbents.

Outgoing Treasurer Susan Wilson explained that the Treasurer does not have to sign and send out cheques, as the bookkeeper, Helen Reid, fulfils these functions after the Treasurer has approved payment. The Treasurer is not required to visit the office in Toronto; everything can be done by telephone and fax.

Outgoing Professional Development Chair Anne Bateson explained that when she took on the position she understood it involved arranging for National Executive meetings and the think tank, but then she discovered she was responsible for organizing the AGM conference as well. This was a big task but she found that people were very willing to help.

Rosemary reported that Madeline Koch, the outgoing Publications Chair, oversaw publication of the Directory, the Annual Report and various brochures; the position would also involve seeking a publisher for the revised edition of *Editing Canadian English*. Jonathan pointed out that Madeline did the desktopping work for all brochures, in both English and French, and that this is not always an ideal arrangement.

Jonathan again asked if there were nominations for any of these positions. There were none.

Chairs of Standing Committees

Jonathan announced that the nominees for the various positions were as follows:

Directory Chair: Susan Bridges

Membership Chair: Julia Cochrane

Newsletter Editors: Anita Jenkins and Heather Markham

Public Relations and Industry Liaison Chair: Pat Tolmie

Technology Chair: Scott Mitchell

Jonathan called three times for further nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared these five nominees elected by acclamation.

Lee d'Anjou cited Section 4.4 of the EAC/ACR Constitution as empowering the National Executive to appoint officers any time after the Annual General Meeting was held.

9. Other Business

9a. "National Executive Motion (Art Cuthbert/Tom Vradenburg): That the executive recommend to the membership at the next AGM that *Active Voice* accept paid advertising in certain circumstances, and that we ask the newsletter editor to present a draft guide for advertising policy."

Tom Vradenburg explained that the outgoing Newsletter Editor, Laurel Hyatt, had been approached by people interested in buying advertising. At the 8 February 1997 National Executive meeting it was decided to leave a certain amount of discretion to the *Active Voice* editor.

Tom said he believed there was the possibility of having a full page or a half page of advertising in each issue. The proceeds would go back into *Active Voice*.

Elizabeth d'Anjou pointed out that a couple of years ago Toronto Branch decided to accept advertising in its newsletter, with satisfactory results. However, there are tax implications. Greg Ioannou said that one way to avoid provincial sales tax is to request a donation in lieu of payment.

MOTION (Tom Vradenburg/Lee d'Anjou)

That *Active Voice* be permitted to accept advertising in certain circumstances, according to guidelines to be set by the National Executive, when the advertising is, in the judgement of the editor, of benefit to members

Carried

9b. "National Executive Motion (Ruth Pincoe/Jonathan Paterson): That the national executive set in motion the wheels that will bestow upon Lenore d'Anjou honorary life membership in EAC/ACR."

MOTION (Jonathan Paterson/Elizabeth d'Anjou)

That Lee d'Anjou be made an honorary life member of the Editors' Association of Canada

The following people presented testimonials in support of the motion:

Greg Ioannou
Pat Tolmie (reading a statement by Elizabeth Reid)
John Eerkes
Jane Morrison (reading a statement by Madeline Koch)
Terry Fannon (reading a statement by Jim Taylor — edited, because it was two pages long)
Katherine Zmetana
Glenn Clavier (reading a statement by Dennis Bockus)
Elizabeth Tyrwhitt
Marla Fletcher (reading a statement by Riça Night)
Elizabeth d'Anjou

Carried; no abstentions

Lee graciously accepted the honour a presentation of flowers by Rosemary. Lee's husband, Richard d'Anjou, offered a few remarks.

Anita Jenkins thanked Rosemary for shepherding Prairie Provinces Branch into the EAC fold last year, and presented her with a PPB t-shirt. Anita noted that eight members made the trip to the AGM from Edmonton.

10. Adjournment

MOTION (Susan Wilson/Tom Vradenburg)

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried

Rosemary Tanner adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Rosemary Tanner, President

Jane Broderick, Secretary