

**Minutes of EAC/ACR's May 15, 1999 Annual General Meeting
Lamoureux Hall, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario**

1. Call to Order

EAC/ACR President Nancy Flight called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Motion: To approve Agenda as distributed.

Moved by Louis Majeau, seconded by Tom Vradenburg.

Carried.

3. Nancy introduced the new Association Manager, Connie John, and outlined her background working with other organizations. Nancy pointed out that both she and Connie are from Cleveland! Nancy also introduced Jane Moore, our Administrator.

4. Motion: To approve Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 9, 1998.

Moved by Lee d'Anjou, seconded by Louis Majeau.

Carried.

5. Motion: To approve the Annual Report sent to the membership.

Moved by Käthe Roth, seconded by Robert Rodbourne.

Carried.

6. Motion: To approve the Auditor's Report (published at the end of the Annual Report).

Moved by Vivian Elias, seconded by Scott Mitchell.

Carried.

7. Motion: That Cowperthwaite Mehta act as EAC/ACR's auditor for the fiscal year 1999, with a fee to be approximately the same as that for 1998 (\$1700).

Moved by Vivian Elias, seconded by Olive Koyama.

Carried.

8. Motion: That the membership accept the Revised Standard Freelance Editorial Agreement as circulated on May 15, 1999.

Moved by Joan Irving, seconded by Louis Majeau.

Joan Irving explained that members will be able to request as many copies as needed, and that the contract will be copyable from the website so it can be modified as needed.

Jean-Louis Tanguay asked what changes had been made. Joan said the contract was mostly updated to accommodate technology and its impact on what editors do. The document looks similar to the previous one, and the committee considered changing it completely but decided that few changes were required. Paula Pike chaired the original committee. The contract includes using GST, and has different clauses in French and English specific to the laws in Quebec and other parts of Canada. Joan also mentioned that her committee wanted to make a generic, adaptable, and very useful contract. Two lawyers vetted it and both said it was a very good, clean contract.

Updating the form "How to Use the Standard Freelance Editorial Agreement" still has to be done.

Motion carried.

Lee d'Anjou complimented the committee, and said that the first time the contract was written, it took two long meetings to pass it.

Motion: That the national executive be empowered to update the Revised Standard Freelance Editorial Agreement when it deems necessary without requiring a membership vote (referendum or AGM).

Moved by Scott Mitchell, seconded by Tom Vradenburg.

In the ensuing discussion, Joan Irving said that draft changes could go to the membership and legal advice would also be sought before making any changes. It was suggested that the membership authorize the national executive to amend the contract and then have any changes confirmed by referendum or at the AGM. Some felt that having changes go through the membership would take too long. It was noted that it is not binding on the membership to use the contract.

Motion defeated.

Motion: To allow the executive to amend the Revised Standard Freelance Editorial Agreement during the year, but to present those changes to the next AGM for discussion.

Moved by Françoise Vulpé, seconded by Robert Rodbourne.

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that there is no permanent committee to work on the contract and therefore no mechanism to change it on an ongoing basis. It was suggested that the contract be reviewed occasionally, as led by the membership. It was also noted that changes don't have to be triggered by the membership, only ratified by it.

Motion defeated.

9. Motion: That the Public Relations/Industry Liaison Chair be made a full voting member of the National Executive.
Moved by Sheila Protti, seconded by Françoise Vulpé.

Pat Tolmie, past PRIL Chair, explained that every PRIL issue needed funding, but she had difficulty getting it because she didn't have a vote, and as a corresponding member, her travel was not paid to meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion: To give the national executive the authority to distribute copies of selected issues of *Active Voice/La Voix active* to non-members.

Moved by Anita Jenkins, seconded by Ruth Chernia.

Anita Jenkins noted that in the past, AV/LVa was used a discussion forum for members only, but much of that discourse now takes place on the e-mail fora. However, as there may still be some sensitive issues in the publication, the motion reads "selected" issues. *Active Voice/La Voix active* is a good public relations piece.

Jonathan Paterson noted that this motion means that the national executive could select an issue for distribution without requiring a membership vote. The audience for the selected issues would be mainly other organizations and to be used at events such as The Word On The Street.

Motion carried.

11. Report on logo

Krycia Lear reported that the logo investigation was in progress. The logo is only a part of the whole marketing issue, which involves making EAC/ACR more widely known. Much is being done to market the organization, e.g., Karen Virag and Peter Moskos were featured on the phone-in on Ontario Today (Friday, May 14th, 1999, 1 p.m.), and Rosemary Shipton was interviewed on Metro Morning (Friday, May 14th, 1999, about 6:50 a.m.).

Motion: That the national executive be asked to look into the issue of the EAC/ACR logo and corporate identity and report back to the membership at the next AGM.

Moved by Lee d'Anjou, seconded by Scott Mitchell.

Carried.

12. Elections

Rosemary Tanner read the positions open for nomination and explained that the branch chairs, who are voting members of the national executive, are elected by the branches. Past-President (herself) is a non-elected position. She then called for nominations from the floor. All positions were elected by acclamation.

President: Nancy Flight (BC)

Vice-President: Scott Mitchell (TO)

Secretary: Rana Nelson (BC)

Treasurer: Joan Irving (QAC)

Francophone Affairs: Louis Majeau (NCR)

Publications: Vivian Elias (PP)

Professional Development: Maureen Nicholson (BC)

Public Relations/Industry Liaison: Krycia Lear (TO)

Chairs of Standing Committees

Membership: Lynda Chiotti (TO)

Newsletter: Dawn Hunter and Karen Hunter (TO)

Technology: TBA

Directory: Franklin Carter (TO)

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Certification Committee: Jonathan Paterson

Mediator: Peter Moskos

ECE II Coordinator: Sheila Protti

In-house Recruitment Committee: Claudette Reed Upton

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Vivian Elias, seconded by Heather Ebbs.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



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