

**Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2010
Grande Bibliothèque, Auditorium
Montreal, Quebec
May 29, 2010**

1. Call to order

The annual general meeting of members of the Editors' Association of Canada was called to order by the president, Michelle Boulton, at 3:16 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

MOVED by Julia Cochrane, seconded by Mary Anne Carswell, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED with three abstentions.

3. Approval of AGM minutes of June 6, 2009

MOVED by Lee d'Anjou, seconded by Ann Firth, to approve the minutes of the 2009 annual general meeting. CARRIED with two abstentions.

4. Approval of the annual report

MOVED by Karen Virag, seconded by Debra Roppolo, to approve the annual report, as amended. CARRIED with four abstentions.

5. Approval of the auditors' report

MOVED by Arden Ogg, seconded by Karen Virag, to approve the auditors' report. CARRIED with ten abstentions.

6. Appointment of auditor for 2010–11

MOVED by Rosemary Tanner, seconded by Paul Payson, to retain the services of Cowperthwaite Mehta as EAC's auditor for 2010–11. CARRIED.

7. Organizational review (informational item)

Members were asked to read *Editing EAC* to prepare for discussion at the annual general meeting. The document is a preliminary report drafted by the national executive council to open discussion about branch structure, committees, finances and the composition of the executive, including the addition of a Francophone Affairs Director to the council.

Discussion focused on support for francophone members and promoting EAC to francophone editors. There are approximately 1,700 members in the association, 155 of which are identified as francophone in the membership database; however, members noted the number of francophones may be artificially low because the database does not give members the option of identifying as bilingual.

Members also discussed the need for improved communication and shared resources between communities, especially francophone members in different branches. Members discussed developing a francophone newsletter to link francophone members across the country.

Noted: The third director in the *Editing EAC* document is a Professional Editorial Standards Director (not a Certification Director).

Noted: Michelle Boulton is the unofficial chair of the *Editing EAC* group. Feedback on *Editing EAC* should be directed to her, but national executive council members, the committee chairs and the branch chairs will also accept feedback.

There was a round of applause and thanks to the national executive council for producing *Editing EAC* and giving the association time to discuss.

8. Motions from the floor

A. Motion to add a Francophone Affairs Director to the executive

MOVED by Greg Ioannou, seconded by Christa Bedwin, that EAC add a Francophone Affairs Director to the executive.

Discussion focused on whether the Francophone Affairs Director needs to be fluently bilingual. Most of the discussions at the national executive council are in English. Many members of the current executive can interpret for the rest of the executive, but there is no official mechanism in place to support ongoing interpretation within the national executive council. It was also noted that *Editing EAC* is a draft. There is no detailed job description for the Francophone Affairs Director yet.

CARRIED.

There was a round of applause.

B. Motion to replace the Secretary and the Treasurer with a Secretary/Treasurer

Noted: The motion requires a constitutional change so the membership was asked to elect the same person as secretary and treasurer during the elections (agenda item 8).

C. Motion to appoint newsletter co-editors who represent each of Canada's official national languages

MOVED by Gilles Vilasco, seconded by Anna Olivier, that EAC appoint two co-editors representing Canada's official national languages for the newsletter.

Discussion focused on the role of the francophone editor, the number of francophone members in the association and the possibility of not finding enough volunteers. It was noted that this is a possibility for every volunteer position in the association.

Friendly amendment MOVED by Elizabeth d'Anjou, that EAC entrust the editing of the newsletter to two editors in chief: one English-speaking and one French-speaking. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

The original motion CARRIED with one opposed and three abstentions.

d. Motion to strike a subcommittee to research developing a francophone trunk

MOVED by Christian l'Écuyer, seconded by Louis Majeau, that EAC strike a committee to study the feasibility of developing a pan-Canadian francophone trunk.

Noted: Formation of a francophone trunk is part of the *Editing EAC* discussion that will take place throughout 2010.

Friendly amendment MOVED by Christian l'Écuyer, "...and that the Francophone Affairs Director be appointed as the chair of that committee."

The amended motion CARRIED with 15 opposed and 7 abstentions.

8. Elections

Moira White introduced the elections.

a) National executive council

i) Elected positions

The following members were elected by acclamation:

President.....	Michelle Boulton (SK)
Vice-President.....	Greg Ioannou (TO)
Secretary	Sheila Mahoney (TO)
Treasurer	Sheila Mahoney (TO)
Member-at-Large	Jacqueline Dinsmore (QAC)
Member-at-Large	Debra Roppolo (TO)

NOMINATION from the floor: Anna Olivier nominated Christian l'Écuyer (NCR) for Francophone Affairs Director. Manon Viau seconded the nomination.

NOMINATION from the floor: Christian l'Écuyer nominated Carolyne Roy (QAC) for Francophone Affairs Director. The nomination was accepted without a seconder.

The membership cast their votes for the Francophone Affairs Director position. Carolyne Roy was elected.

ii) Appointed positions

The national executive council has seven voting members who are not elected at the AGM:

Past President.....	Moira White (NCR)
British Columbia branch representative.....	Theresa Best
Prairie Provinces branch representative.....	Arden Ogg
Saskatoon branch representative.....	Ursula Acton
Toronto branch representative	Rachel Stuckey
National Capital Region branch representative	Christine LeBlanc
Quebec/Atlantic Canada branch representative	Nancy Holland

b) Committee chairs

i) Elected positions that are not members of the national executive council

The following candidates were nominated for committee chairs.

List Monitor.....	Julia Cochrane (QAC)
Marketing and Public Relations Committee Chair.....	Anita Jenkins (PP)
Membership Committee Chair	no candidate nominated
Member Communication Committee Chair	Faith Gildenhuis (BC)
Newsletter Committee Co-Chair	Alethea Spiridon (TO)
Online Job Tools Committee Chair.....	no candidate nominated
Publications Committee Chair.....	Melva McLean (BC)
Training and Development Committee Chair	no candidate nominated

NOMINATION from the floor: Carolyne Roy nominated Anna Olivier (QAC) for Francophone Affairs Committee Chair. The nomination was accepted without a seconder.

NOMINATION from the floor: Louis Majeau nominated Gilles Vilasco (QAC) for Newsletter Committee Co-Chair. The nomination was accepted without a seconder.

All candidates were ACCLAIMED; the Membership Committee Chair, Online Job Tools Committee Chair and Training and Development Committee Chair positions remained vacant at the close of the meeting.

ii) Appointed positions

The following committee chairs were announced to be appointed at a subsequent meeting of the national executive council:

Certification (interim)	Krysia P. Lear (TO)
Conference	Theresa Best (BC)
Contract Collective	Alethea Spiridon (TO)
Forum Monitor	Joanne Haskins (TO)
Mediator	Michael Benedict (TO)
Professional Standards	Jan Walter (TO)
Website	Ken Weinberg (TO)
External Liaison	Executive director
Human Resources (ex officio)	President
Nominating (ex officio)	Past president

There was a round of applause for outgoing committee chairs and national executive council members.

Outgoing national committee chairs:

Jacqueline Dinsmore
 Cheryl Hannah
 Lysane Jacques
 Perry Millar
 Wilf Popoff
 Barbara Tomlin

Outgoing executive council members:

Barbara K. Adamski
 Mary Anne Carswell
 Beverly Ensom
 Ken Weinberg

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Elizabeth d'Anjou to adjourn. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.