

**Canadian Acoustical Association  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
30 October 1998**

Present: 19 voting members

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting approved as written. (Moved by C. Sherry, seconded by A. Warnock).

**President's Report**

J. Bradley reported that he had acted as interim editor for the September issue of the Journal and that Ramani Ramakrishnan will take over as the permanent editor beginning with the December 1998 issue. J. Bradley also reported that he had created an Operations Manual that listed CAA milestones, the by-laws, brief description of the duties of the officers, organizational time lines for the annual CAA conference, recommendations compiled from past CAA conference chair reports, listing of the CAA prizes and applications forms.

**Secretary's Report**

T. Nightingale reported that the number of paid members, 339, remains constant although the number in each category has changed. The number of student members was up by 12 over while the number of professional members was down. Overall the membership is still down by about 10% relative to FY96/97. Secretarial operating costs for the period October 97 to October 98 were \$857.04, comparable to the same period last year. The Secretary's report was accepted. (Moved R. Ramakrishnan, seconded by J. O'Keefe, carried).

**Treasurer's Report**

J. Hemingway reported that the finances are stable with revenues exceeding expenses by approximately \$13k for this fiscal year. This surplus has lead to a very large operating fund; minimum balance in 1998 was over \$39k. The Treasurer reported that his recommendation to transfer \$20k from the operations account to the capital account (where is can earn more interest) had been approved by the Board. The Treasurer's report was accepted. (Moved by H. Williamson, seconded by A. Warnock, carried).

**Membership Chair Report**

D. Jamieson reported his efforts to maintain the CAA web page. There was considerable discussion about improving "links" to other sites to increase the number of "hits". It was recognized by the membership at the meeting that each individual must do his/her part in promoting the organization and attracting members.

**Awards Coordinator**

A Cohen summarized each of the prizes: Shaw Postdoctoral: No applicants, Bell : M. Bagatto, Eckel: No applicants, Fesenden: No Applicants, Directors' Award Student Category: Jeff Jones, Professional Under Thirty: No Applicants, Professional Over Thirty: Tie, prize shared by S. Able and M Cheeseman. Recipients of the Student Presentation Award: S. Boucher, J. Carselloni, B. Grover, and M. Lantz.

A book prize in memory of Raymond Hetu was announced. It will be awarded for the best undergraduate project in the area of acoustics.

### **Editor's Report**

R. Ramakrishnan provided a report indicating his intention to broaden the scope and appeal of Canadian Acoustics. He reported a fair amount of success in soliciting papers for the coming year.

### **CAA Conference Meetings**

Windsor 1997: Final report issued and a \$2000 profit realized after all expenses.

London 1998: Conference Chair, Don Jamieson, thanked the organizing committee for their efforts. Early numbers indicated about 90 persons attended making it a very successful conference.

Victoria 1999: A written report from S. Dosso was read to the membership. Organization of the Victoria conference is well underway with the hotel selected and the conference dates set for October 18 and 19.

Sherbrooke 2000: It is reported that the conference in 2000 would be in Sherbrooke with Nouredine Atalla acting as conference chair.

### **Past President Nomination Report**

J. Hemingway announced the Committee's slate of candidates to replace directors D. Quirt, and S. Dosso who retired and Jean Nicolas who resigned. Forwarded were Douglas Whicker, Tim Kelsall and Nouredine Atalla. Nominations from the floor were invited. Kathy Fuller was nominated by A. Cohen. A vote was held for all eight board positions. The complete slate was nine persons (five existing members that had not retired or resigned, three forwarded by the Nominations Committee, and one from the floor). The following were elected members of the Board for FY98/99: N. Atalla, A. Cohen, D. DeGagne, K. Fuller, D. Giusti, T. Kelsall, W. Sydenborgh, D. Whicker. Regrets were extended to L. Cheng who was not reelected. J. Hemingway moved to destroy the ballots. Motion seconded by C. Sherry and carried.

### **Other Business**

C. Sherry moved that the membership fees and subscription rates remain unchanged for FY98/99. The motion was seconded by H. Williamson and carried.

There was considerable discussion regarding posting consultant's names at the CAA web site. It was finally agreed to post all sustaining subscribers at the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. (Moved by R. Ramakrishnan seconded by A. Warnock).