

**Indexing Society of Canada
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 5 June 2014
Emmanuel College, EM 119,
Victoria University in the University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario**

Members present (31): Arija Berzitis, Christopher Blackburn, Yvonne Brown, JoAnne Burek, Jan Collins, Margaret de Boer, Edwin Durbin, Heather Ebbs, Anne Godlewski, Jennifer Hedges, Boyd Holmes, Betty Ing, Christine Jacobs, Alison Jacques, Glenna Jenkins, Pierre Joyal, Barbara Kamienski, Marnie Lamb, Cheryl Lemmens, Elaine Melnick, Mary Newberry, Alexandra Peace, Ruth Pincoe, Frances Robinson, Thérèse Shere, Isabel Steurer, François Trahan, Stephen Ullstrom, Stephanie Watt, Gillian Watts, Patti Welsh

Guests present: Caroline Diepeveen, NIN and DNI; Mary Russell, ICRIS and ANZSI; Maureen MacGlashan, SI/*The Indexer*

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 by co-president Jennifer Hedges.

2. Selection of secretary

Heather Ebbs agreed to serve as secretary for this meeting.

3. Review of agenda and call for other business

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed.

Moved (Heather Ebbs/Stephanie Watt) to accept the agenda as presented. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM

Moved (Gillian Watts/Margaret de Boer) to accept the minutes of the 2013 AGM as written. **Carried with 8 abstentions.**

5. International Representatives

Caroline Diepeveen, Netherlands (representing DNI and NIN)

Both NIN and DNI are informal networks of indexers with no membership fees. They try to organize a meeting once a year; DNI meets annually at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Both networks were founded in 2004, so there are plans for a combined one-day conference in 2016 to celebrate their decade of existence; Netherlands and Flemish Belgium will be the theme countries of the book fair that year.

Maureen MacGlashan, Scotland (representing SI and The Indexer)

As in some other societies, membership in SI has been declining and there is some concern about the future of indexing. Many members were seriously affected by Elsevier's outsourcing of medical indexing. SI is planning to revisit its website soon, and the SI training course will be revised at some point in the future to include ebooks. SI's annual conference will be held in Cirencester in the fall of 2014 and in York in 2015; the latter will be held in conjunction with the Society for Editors and Proofreaders and will be the occasion of the Triennial meeting of the International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS) (the Triennial will be officially hosted by ANZSI).

As the editor of *The Indexer* for ten years, Maureen expressed her appreciation that ISC/SCI continues to include *The Indexer* as a member benefit.

Mary Russell, Australia (representing ICRIS and ANZSI)

As International Coordinator, Mary reported that an informal ICRIS meeting was held on June 4 (the day before this AGM) to discuss the forthcoming Triennials (2015 and 2018) and other issues of international import.

ANZSI is just slightly larger than ISC/SCI, with about 150–200 members currently, and has similar issues. Their bulletin comes out eleven times a year. They hold a conference every other year; the next one is in Canberra from 6 to 9 May 2015 and is combined with an editors' conference.

6. Executive and Other Reports

No questions came forward to the executive committee regarding their annual reports.

7. Committee Reports

Award Committee: Christine Jacobs reported on behalf of the Award Committee, which she chaired and whose other members were Ruth Pincoe, Noeline Bridge and Mary Sue Stephenson. The committee's recommendations for the ISC/SCI Ewart-Daveluy Indexing Award have been accepted by the executive committee, and submissions for the first award will soon be solicited. The deadline for submissions will be 1 January 2015, with submissions for the past three years being accepted. Full information will be posted on the ISC/SCI website soon.

8. Budget 2014

Gillian Watts presented the budget for 2014. She noted that the fee for Find an Indexer has increased by \$10 to offset the increased costs it requires of our website. The budget for 2014 is a deficit budget (~\$4,000), but it is hoped for a more realistic and balanced budget in 2015. In response to a question, Gillian explained that ISC/SCI's financial year is the calendar year and we operate on a cash accrual basis.

Moved (Gillian Watts/JoAnne Burek) to accept the budget as presented. **Carried unanimously.**

9. New Business

a. *Membership fees:*

Moved (Heather Ebbs/François Trahan) to raise the regular membership fee from \$90 to \$100 effective 1 June 2015. **Carried, with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.**

In discussion, it was noted that the fees for corporate and student members will also be raised proportionately.

b. *Conference 2015*

In open discussion, members considered the pros and cons of various options for the 2015 conference. About every second year, we hold a joint conference with the Editors' Association of Canada because there is an overlap in membership. Advantages include a vastly reduced workload for ISC/SCI conference planners and the ability for individuals who are members of both to attend both easily. A disadvantage is that the registration cost is higher than if we held our own conference. At the time of this AGM, the location of the next EAC conference was unknown.

There has been some thought of holding the 2015 conference in Victoria. In a straw poll of members present at this AGM, about half the people in the room indicated that they would probably attend a conference and AGM in Victoria.

There is also a possibility of sharing a conference with the American Society for Indexing in Chicago (or maybe Cleveland) in 2016. In a straw poll, a few more than half the people in the room indicated that they would be interested in attending.

No decisions were made at the current meeting.

10. Executive 2013–2014

- Co-presidents: Mary Newberry, Jennifer Hedges
- Vice president: Judy Dunlop (replacing John Barkwell; This position was vacant at close of meeting, but Judy stepped in before the end of the 2014 conference.)
- Treasurer: Gillian Watts
- Past president: inactive (Viv Cartmell has stepped down after many years of service.)
- Eastern Canada: Stephanie Watt (replacing Stéphanie Bilodeau)
- Western Canada: Isabel Steurer
- Central Canada: Margaret de Boer
- Prairies and Northern Canada: JoAnne Burek (replacing Judy Dunlop; Judy became VP and JoAnne stepped in to this role before the end of the 2014 conference.)
- Web administrator: François Trahan
- Bulletin: Moira Calder
- Publicity: Natalie Boon
- Membership: Frances Robinson (replacing Audrey McClellan)
- International Liaison: Heather Ebbs

11. Bouquets

Thanks were extended to the members of the Award Committee (Christine Jacobs, Noeline Bridge, Ruth Pincoe, Mary Sue Stephenson) and Archives Committee (Jennifer Hedges, Gillian Watts, Stéphanie Bilodeau), as well as to the conference helpers: Sara Beatty, Chris Blackburn, Iva Cheung, Jan Collins, Heather Ebbs, Judy Dunlop, Anne Godlewski, Jennifer Hedges, Betty Ing, Boyd Holmes, Christine Jacobs, Alison Jacques, Glenna Jenkins, Pierre Joyal, Marnie Lamb, Sergey Lobachev, Siusan Moffat, Mary Newberry, Ruth Pincoe, Frances Robinson, Isabel Steurer, François Trahan, Stephen Ullstrom, Stephanie Watt, Gillian Watts, Judy Weiner, Angela Wingfield, A round of applause and copious thanks went to Margaret de Boer as conference coordinator.

Tamarack Award

The 2014 Tamarack Award was given to Moira Calder. Moira goes above and beyond in her work as the sincere, responsible and hardworking editor of the *Bulletin*. She took over the *Bulletin* when it was struggling and has restored it to its three-times-a-year schedule. Because of her strong belief in protecting the environment, she did not travel to Toronto for this AGM, but she was informed about her win via Skype during the executive meeting on 4 June and sent her gracious thanks by email to the co-presidents.

Marnie Lamb and Chris Blackburn, who have worked with Moira on the *Bulletin*, each spoke a few words of praise, citing Moira's humility, her dedication and her passion for continuous learning.

12. Other Business

Jennifer Hedges reminded members that magpie pins were available for purchase.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Ruth Pincoe to adjourn at 1:54.