

**Indexing Society of Canada
Annual General Meeting
28 May 2015, Victoria, B.C.**

Members present: John Barkwell, JoAnne Burek, Iva Cheung, Margaret de Boer, Christine Dudgeon, Anne Godlewski, Elena Gwynne, Carol Hamill, Andrea Hatley, Christine Jacobs, Pierre Joyal, Jean Lawrence, Tia Leschke, Sergey Lobachev, Janice Logan, Audrey McClellan, Alexandra Peace, Ruth Pincoe, Gale Rhoades, Frances Robinson, Daphne Sams, Therese Shere, Sylvia Siemens, Isabel Steurer, François Trahan, Stephen Ullstrom, Frederike Verspoor, Gillian Watts

Guests: Raymond Frogner, Martin Gavin, Frances Lennie, Maureen MacGlashan, Alan Walker

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:49 by co-presidents Mary Newberry and 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 / Gale Rhoades) to accept the agenda as presented. **Carried.**

4. Approval of minutes of 2014 AGM

Moved (Ruth Pincoe / Pierre Joyal) to accept the minutes of the 2014 AGM as written. **Carried.**

5. International representatives

Alan Walker, Australia and New Zealand Society of Indexers: ANZIS's 2015 biennial conference held in Canberra in early May in conjunction with the editors' association was a great success. About 50 indexers and 200 editors attended. In addition to plenary sessions, there were four streams of sessions, one largely indexing, and many editors attended the latter.

The other major news from ANZSI is its new structure. Until now they have been a national organization with large branches in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne and various smaller branches. The change was made in part due to falling membership (220 fifteen years ago, but now about 150). They now have a centralized structure with a council that meets electronically. Funds are all handled by the council. Glenda Browne remains president until the society's next elections, in October.

Maureen MacGlashan, Society of Indexers and The Indexer: SI has had a quiet year. Like ANZSI, SI has had declining membership for the past ten years.

As editor of *The Indexer*, Maureen expressed her appreciation of the continuing relationship between the journal and the Canadian society, a relationship that benefits both the journal and ISC/SCI members.

The 2015 SI conference will be held in York in early September in conjunction with the Society for Editors and Proofreaders. It will also be the setting for ICRIS's triennial meeting.

6. Executive and committee reports

The executive and committee reports for 2014–2015 will be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. If anyone would like copies emailed, please contact any member of the executive.

7. Awards committee

Christine Jacobs, the coordinator of the 2015 Ewart-Daveluy Award for Indexing (and the chair of the development committee), presented the first ever Ewart-Daveluy Award to François Trahan for his work on *Ancient Pathways, Ancestral Knowledge* by Nancy Turner (published by McGill Queen's University Press). Christine extended thanks to the committee that worked on researching and setting up the award (Christine herself, Mary Sue Stephenson, Noeline Bridge and Ruth Pincoe) and to this first year's judges (herself, Heather Ebbs and Ruth Pincoe). She also thanked Michèle Hudon for her help and advice, François Trahan for organizing the website page, François, Michèle, Anna Olivier and Louise Saint-André for translation and the ISC/SCI executive for their support during the years of development.

8. Budget and finances 2015

Gillian Watts, Treasurer, reported that ISC/SCI is in excellent financial shape. We had a surplus of almost \$4000 this year, partly because of last year's successful conference and partly because the executive over-estimated expenses. Our reserves are healthy and we have some short-term GICs. See the *Bulletin* for a full report.

At the executive meeting held the day before this AGM, Gillian proposed two finance-related changes. First, she recommended changing the society's year-end to 31 March (from 31 December) to more completely capture the two membership renewal dates and allow time to prepare year-end reports for the AGM and the incoming executive. Second, she recommended that the role of treasurer be split into the treasurer (executive member; looks at big picture) and the bookkeeper (not an executive member; does the banking, issues receipts, pays bills, etc.). Both changes were accepted by the executive.

9. New business

- a. **Conference 2016:** Jennifer Hedges reported that she has been negotiating with Kate Mertes and, more recently, Gwen Henson of ASI about the possibility of a joint conference next year. It is looking very likely that we will have that joint conference in mid-June in Chicago.
- b. **Executive 2015–2017:** Mary Newberry identified the nominated candidates for the 2015–2017 executive and invited nominations from the floor. The following slate was acclaimed:

Co-presidents: Jennifer Hedges and Margaret de Boer
Vice President: François Trahan
Treasurer: Sergey Lobachev
Membership: Frances Robinson
Bulletin: Andrea Hatley
Website Administrator: Stephen Ullstrom
Member at Large—Publicity: John Barkwell
British Columbia Region [open]
Central Canada Region: Siusan Moffat
Eastern Canada Region: Alexandra Peace
Prairies and Northern Canada Region: JoAnne Burek

In addition to the elected executive, there are two non-elected positions: Mary Newberry is Past President (a voting position on the executive) and Heather Ebbs is International Liaison (an appointed, non-voting position).

10. Bouquets

- a. ***Certificates of recognition:*** ISC/SCI has instituted new certificates as a way of recognizing members who have gone above and beyond in their service to the society. In this inaugural year, four members received certificates: Audrey McLellan, Gillian Watts, Margaret de Boer and Mary Newberry.
- b. ***Tamarack award:*** Annually, one individual is chosen by the presidents to receive this award, which is for a high level of service to the society. This year, the award was presented to Christine Jacobs for her work on bringing the Ewart-Daveluy Award to fruition, in addition to her other years of service for the organization (including as President, as International Liaison and as 2010 Conference Coordinator).
- c. ***Other bouquets:*** Mary thanked the numerous volunteers for the conference planning and on-the-ground help: Janice Logan, Carol Hamill, Julie McClung, François Trahan, Daphne Sams, Arija Berzitis, Pierre Joyal, Christine Dudgeon, Andrea Hatley, Siusan Moffat, Stephen Ullstrom, Marnie Lamb, Heather Ebbs, Alison Jacques, Margaret de Boer, Mary Newberry, Frances Robinson, Chris Rohmoser, Robin Rohmoser; the conference reporters and hosts: Jennifer Hedges, Stephen Ullstrom, Frederike Verspoor, Isabel Steurer, Audrey McClellan, Margaret de Boer, Sergey Lobachev, Mary Newberry, Christine Jacobs, Andrea Hatley, Iva Cheung, Sheila Ryan, Martha Davis, Alexandra Peace, Alison Jacques; committee members: Jennifer Hedges (archives), Christine Jacobs (award), Heather Ebbs (award), Ruth Pincoe (award); the 2014–2015 executive: Mary Newberry, Jennifer Hedges, Judy Dunlop, Gillian Watts, François Trahan, Moira Calder, Frances Robinson, Heather Ebbs, Margaret de Boer, Isabel Steurer, JoAnne Burek, Stephanie Watt, Alexandra Peace; and other volunteers through the year: Clive Pyne (local meetings), Alexandra Peace (local meetings), Angela

Wingfield (web stats), Stephanie Watt (local meetings), Michèle Hudon (translation), Anna Olivier (translation), Louise Saint-André (translation), Christopher Blackburn (Bulletin), Marnie Lamb (Bulletin), François Trahan (Bulletin), Gillian Watts (Bulletin), JoAnne Burek (Edmonton PubPro), Stephen Ullstrom (Edmonton PubPro), Adrien Mather (Edmonton PubPro).

11. Other business

Heather Ebbs noted that she had magpie pins available for sale, and that inventory was running low.

12. Adjournment

Moved (Ruth Pincoe / Alexandra Peace) to adjourn at 1:35.