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**CALL TO ORDER**

Greg Kealey, acting chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

**ATTENDANCE (15)**

Members of the executive present:

Greg Kealey	Treasurer/Editor, <i>L /Lt</i>
Robert Babcock	Vice-President
Allen Seager	Secretary
Absent; owing to illness	
A.R. McCormack	President

**AGENDA**

Adopted as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (1981)**

Adopted as presented.

**EDITOR'S REPORT**

Kealey's report emphasized the potentially disastrous implications of the SSHRC'S forthcoming "review" of grants to scholarly publications, as early as 1984. That body's suggestion that a switch to computerization of materials be considered as a means of effecting cutbacks in funding poses a most serious threat to our and other journals.

Adopted as presented.

**PROPOSAL RE STREET RAILWAY WORKERS' PROJECT** — Bob Babcock  
Babcock outlined his own work in the Maritimes on street railwaymen, ca. 1890-1930; and urged the members to consider other community projects in a comparative perspective.

The possibility of a special issue of *Labour /Le travailleur* on this topic was mooted. The members expressed an interest in exploring the question further.

**REPORT OF 1981 PROGRAMME COMMITTEE** — Craig Heron

The report, which is in the President's hands, stresses the desirability of improving the work of the committee by various means. Following discussion it was:

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M/S/C Heron, deLottinville

... that our Programme Committee liaison be elected for a term of three years.  
Unanimous.

### *PROGRAMME THEME FOR 1983 (Vancouver)*

Several suggestions were put forward: "Work and Family"; Street Railway employees; commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. After some discussion, there was a consensus that, regrettably, the time remaining for working out the programme (approx. 12 weeks) did not permit us to make a firm commitment on this question. The members agreed to do their best, however, to address the "Work and Family" theme, hopefully with a regional (British Columbia) emphasis.

### *REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES — Stanley Ryerson*

Ryerson gave the members present an informal outline of the work of the International Committee on Historical Sciences, 1980-5, in preparation for the Stuttgart Congress, on the impact of technological change on society and social movements. Interested scholars and members were urged to contact the following individuals: Stanley Ryerson (UQAM); Joanne Burgess (UQAM); Greg Kealey (Memorial), the Canadian contact persons.

### *ELECTION OF OFFICERS*

In accordance with the laws and customs of the organization, the following individuals were nominated:

President: Robert Babcock (Maine), Heron N, de Lottinville S.

Vice President: Dan Moore (PAC), Bullen N, Frank S.

Secretary: Greg Kealey (Memorial), Babcock N, de Lottinville S.

Secretary: Allen Seager (SFU), Moore N, Babcock S.

Programme 1983-5: Allen Seager, Heron N, Kealey S.

All elected by acclamation.

### *VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT*

The members unanimously adopted a motion of thanks to the outgoing President, Ross McCormack, who declined to stand for re-election, for his work on behalf of the committee.

### *ARCHIVES AND OTHER BUSINESS*

Dan Moore gave the members a useful summary of the many challenges and vicissitudes facing archivists and researchers in labour history in these troubled times.

There was no other business arising.

### *ADJOURNMENT*

M/S/C

... that the annual meeting be adjourned, 1:40 pm.