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# MINUTES / PROCÈS-VERBAL

## Annual Meeting Canadian Committee on Labour History Ottawa, 31 May 1998

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE (27)

Bettina Bradbury	Linda Kealey	Sue Morton
Joan Butler	Andrée Lévesque	Jim Naylor
Cecilia Danysk	Gil Levine	Bryan Palmer
Alvin Finkel	Steven Maynard	Michael Piva
Craig Heron	Michelle McBride	Jarrett Rudy
Steven High	Peter McInnis	Joan Sangster
Franca Iacovetta	Kathryn McPherson	Mercedes Steedman
Larry Katz	Tom Mitchell	Odette Vincent
Greg Kealey	Dan Moore	Irene Whitfield

### AGENDA

M/S/C: To adopt agenda as present.

M/S/C: To adopt minutes of last meeting as published in *Labour/Le Travail*, 40 (Fall 1997), 427-30.

### BUSINESS ARISING

None

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

KATHRYN MCPHERSON NOTED the recent death of Stanley Ryerson adding that she had sent a message to a memorial meeting held in Montréal on behalf of the CCLH. The efforts of our colleagues in the United States to form a national labour history organization were briefly discussed. As well she reported on two exhibits of interest: "Booze" at the Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre in Hamilton and the recently concluded "History of Canadian Communism" at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library in Toronto.

The CCLH Publications committee announced that Ian McKay's book on Colin McKay and Doug Smith's biography of C.S. Jackson are out, as is a further instalment in the RCMP Security Bulletins series. Note was made of the significant number of book and article prizes won by CCLH members in the past year, as listed in Spring 1998 issue of *Labour/Le Travail*.

Finally, members were reminded to submit nominations for both the undergraduate and graduate Eugene A. Forsey Prizes in Canadian Labour and Working-Class History. As well, there was an announcement of the Robert S. Kenny Prize in Marxist and Labour/Left Studies, the deadline for which is 29 June 1998.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

GREG KEALEY PRESENTED the CCLH Financial Report.

### REPORT OF THE EDITOR

BRYAN PALMER INTRODUCED Michelle McBride, who is serving as Editorial Intern at *Labour/Le Travail*, and thanked Irene Whitfield and Joan Butler for their on-going, high-quality, work. He reported that the next issue of the journal will be a theme issue on labour and masculinity. There is, as well, some consideration of a special issue of *L/LT* for the millennium. Jim Naylor asked that contributions or suggestions for Critique/Scholarly Controversies section be forwarded directly to him.

## REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION

GREG KEALEY REPORTED that the constitution of the Canadian Committee on Labour History was hopelessly out of date and needed redrafting.

M/S/C: To refer to the incoming executive committee for report at next year's meeting.

## REPORT ON THE WORKERS' MILLENNIUM PROJECT

GREG KEALEY AND Larry Katz reported on this project that will have significant funding from several CLC affiliates. It is proposed that the project will include a television series, a coffee table book, and a CD-Rom Encyclopedia of Canadian Labour. In the discussion it was noted that there were other video series in the works and Larry Katz addressed this by explaining the ways in which the Millennium Project was raising its funds.

M/S/C: That the CCLH Executive be responsible for maintaining contact with this project.

## OTHER BUSINESS

IT WAS ANNOUNCED that a volume on *Pat Lenihan by Gil Levine and Lorne Brown* will soon be published. Further publications under consideration were also discussed.

Craig Heron urged members, and others, to join the Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre.

Jim Naylor and Suzanne Morton volunteered to collect labour and working-class history course outlines (broadly defined) along with a brief introduction and arrange to have them placed on the CCLH web page. Anybody teaching in this area is encourage to submit them directly to Jim or Sue.

There was further discussion on the death of Stanley Ryerson.

M/S/C: That the CCLH draft a letter to Millie Ryerson regarding Stanley's important contribution to Canadian Labour History.

There was a brief report on the illness of Barbara Roberts. The incoming President was instructed to write to Barbara and to David Millar.

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### ELECTIONS

The executive was elected by acclamation:

President:	Jim Naylor (Brandon University)
Vice-President:	Franca Iacovetta (University of Toronto)
Secretary:	Julie Guard (York University)
Treasurer:	Gregory Kealey (Memorial University)

M/S/C: To thank Kate McPherson for her work as President.

### ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C: to adjourn, 1:15 p.m.