



**The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
La Société royale héraldique du Canada
Annual General Meeting
Forget House/Maison Forget & Via Zoom, Montreal, Quebec
Saturday, 27th May, 2023**

Minutes

Vicken Koundakjian, President of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada in the Chair.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Vicken Koundakjian called the meeting to order at 9:13 am EDT
- 2) **Declaration of Quorum:** The President asked the Secretary to declare the Quorum for the meeting. The Secretary, Steve Murray, declared that there was a quorum and that 63 Members were attending the meeting in person and via Zoom

The Secretary, Steve Murray declare that there were 6 proxies submitted.
3 were held by Vicken Koundakjian
1 by Jason Burgoin
2 by Steve Murray

- 3) **Announcements:** The Chair stated that part of this meeting is being conducted online via Zoom. He asked that all members be patient; those participating online are to keep their microphones off, unless speaking. If they wish to speak they should raise their hands or use the virtual hand on the Zoom screen. The Chair also asks members to be brief in their comments due to time constraints.

The Secretary, Steve Murray, read out a message of greetings from the President of the Heraldry Society of Norway, Mr. Kaare Seeberg Sidselrud. He wishes the Society a very successful weekend and best wishes for all our future endeavours.

- 4) **Moment of Silence:** Vicken Koundakjian asks those present to observe a moment of silence for those members who have passed away since the last annual meeting. (*see attached list for more detail*)

Capt. Donald Fowler

Brockville, ON

Joined 1970

Roger Gardiner <i>(Donated his Heraldic Library to the Society)</i>	London, ON	Joined 1968
Marguerite (Grete) Hale, FRHSC 13th President of the Society (1st Woman) 1988 - 1989	Ottawa, ON	Joined 1978
Kevin Herington	Toronto, ON	Joined 1975
Dr Harry Inns, FRHSC Past Secretary of the Society	Brantford, ON	Joined 1986
The Hon. Roger A. Lindsay, FRHSC	Toronto, ON	Joined 1980
Dr. George Lucki Founding President of the Prairie Branch and Member of the Board of Directors	Sherwood Park, AB	Joined 2002
LCol. Mark Macpherson Past 1st Vice President of the Society	Cote-St Luc, QC	Joined 2000
Sylvie McPhee Past President, Toronto Branch	Toronto, ON	Joined 1989

- 5) **Agenda:** The Chair asked if there were any additions to the Meeting Agenda? None being proposed, Steve Murray moves, Edward McNabb seconds: that the Agenda be adopted. **Adopted**
- 6) **Adoption of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting:** The Secretary, Steve Murray, informed the meeting that the minutes of the 2022 Annual meeting were posted on the website for review. Steve Murray moves, Carl Larsen seconds: the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting be adopted. **Adopted**
- 7) **President's Report:** The President, Vicken Koundakjian, read his report. (See attached) Steve Murray moves, Jason Burgoin seconds: the receipt of the report. **Adopted**
- 8) **Treasurer's Report: Part A:** Ian Steingaszner reports that the Society's financial position is in very good shape. Revenues are steady and the Society can fund its future projects. Ian notes that this is his last report as Treasurer and he has enjoyed it very much. He recommended that LCol. Ferguson Mobbs take over tomorrow as Treasurer. (See attached report)

Ian Steingaszner moves, Steve Murray seconds: the receipt of the Treasurer's report. **Adopted**

Part B: Appointment of the Auditors: Ian Steingaszner moves, Steve Murray seconds that Williams and Partners be appointed the Auditors of the Society. **Adopted**

- 9) **Membership Report:** Steve Murray, Membership Chair, read his report. (See attached)

He reported that the membership at the end of 2022 stood at 400 and the current membership is (renewed and not renewed) is 429 with 132 not renewed to date. These numbers are very good and are in keeping with this 3% membership growth target.

Steve Murray moves, Sean Brazeau seconds: the receipt of the Membership report.

Adopted

- 10) **Old Business:** The Secretary reported that there was no old business.

- 11) **Volunteer Officer's and Committee Reports:**

a) **Heraldry in Canada:** John Neill, Editor, reports that there were a small trickle of articles coming in. He also said there might be a special issue marking the 35th anniversary of the CHA. He appealed to members to submit articles.

b) **Gonfanon:** John Neill, Editor, reports that Jeffrey King has agreed to take over as Editor and the publication will move to an electronic publication.

c) **Alta Studia Heraldica:** D'Arcy Boulton, Editor, reports the next issue of the journal will be ready in December.

d) **Education:** David Bowyer, Chair, reports that there has been activity with several people signing up for the programme. He appealed for people to supervise the thesis part of the programme.

e) **Technology Report:** David Cvet, Chief Technology Officer, reports that there have been many hits to the Society's website.

f) **Honours and Awards Report:** In Robert Watts absent, Jason Burgoin reported that the new Fellow certificates will be ready in the Summer time and will be distributed to the Fellows then.

g) Branch Reports

1) **Laurentian Branch:** Eric Saumure

2) **Ottawa Valley Branch:** Charles Maier

3) **Toronto Branch:** Jason Burgoin

4) **Prairie Branch:** David Hongisto

5) **Vancouver Branch:** No report received

6) BC and Yukon Branch: Steve Cowan

All Branch reports are inserted in the Society's Annual Report

7) All Committee and Volunteer Officer's Reports: Steve Murray reports that the rest of the reports were included in the Annual Report that was posted on the Society's website and asked if there are any questions? None being given. Steve Murray moves, Sean Brazeau seconds: that all the reports be received. **Adopted**

12) Approval of the Acts of the Executive and the Board of Directors for the previous year: Steve Murray moves, Sean Brazeau seconds: that the Acts of the Executive and the Board of Directors for the previous year be approved. **Adopted**

13) Nomination Committee Report:

Vicken Koundakjian leaves the Chair. Edward McNabb, Chair, Nominations Committee assumes the Chair of the Meeting at 11:00 am EDT.

Edward McNabb reports on the Nominations Committee.

Directors at Large

Edward McNabb reports that:

Carl Larsen
Moira Scott
Ryan McClement

Have been nominated for a 3 year term on the Board. He asks the meeting 3 times if there were any further nominations from the floor. None being given the 3 persons listed are elected.

Edward McNabb reports that due to the passing of Dr George Lucki on March 1, 2023, there is vacancy on the Board whose term expires at the AGM in 2025. He asked for nominations from the floor.

Charles Maier moves, Jason Burgoin seconds, that Sean Brazeau be elected to fill the term. Edward McNabb asked if there were further nominations from the floor 3 times. None being given, the motion was put to a vote. **Adopted**

Executive Committee

2nd Vice President

Edward McNabb reports that Charles Maier has been nominated to serve as 2nd Vice President. Edward McNabb asked 3 times if there were any further nominations from the

floor. None being given.

1st Vice President

Edward McNabb reports that Capt. Ian Steingaszner has been nominated to serve as 1st Vice President. Edward McNabb asked 3 times if there were any further nominations from the floor. None being given.

President

Edward McNabb reports that Capt. Jason Burgoin has been nominated to serve as President. Edward McNabb asked 3 times if there were any further nominations from the floor. None being given.

Robert Frank moves, Christophe Stevenson seconds: that all nominations presented be ratified by the Meeting. **Adopted**

Edward McNabb leaves the Chair and Vicken Koundakjian resumes chairing the Meeting. 11:13 am EDT

14) The Election of a Member to the Following Committees for a one-year term:

a) Nominations Committee: Edward McNabb moves, Jason Burgoin seconds: that Mr. Allan Bird be elected to the Nominations Committee. **Adopted**

b) Honours and Awards Committee: Steve Murray moves, Jason Burgoin seconds: that Edward McNabb be elected to the Honours and Awards Committee. **Adopted**

c) Finance Committee: Ian Steingaszner moves, Charles Maier seconds: that Steve Cowan be elected to the Finance Committee. **Adopted**

15) Annual Conferences:

a) 2023: Eric Saumure reports on the activities for this weekend's conference.

Robert Frank moves, Eric Saumure seconds: That this meeting move a motion of thanks to the Macdonald Steward Foundation for hosting the Society in these beautiful surroundings. **Adopted**

b) 2024: Jason Burgoin reports that the next Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto in 2024.

c) 2025: Steve Cowan reports that the 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on Vancouver

Island. Details will be forthcoming.

d) 2026: Vicken Koundakjian reports that the Society's 60th Annual Meeting will be held in Ottawa. He reports that an effort will be made to make this a truly special occasion to mark the Society's significant milestone.

- 16) Other Business:** Steve Murray presented a Message of Greetings and Loyalty to Their Majesties the King and Queen on the Occasion of Their Coronation on 6th May, 2023. Steve Murray reported that this was a project put together by Carl Larsen, Allan Ailo and Steve Murray. Allan Ailo was congratulated on the art work.

This certificate, once adopted by the meeting, will be signed by all the Officers of the Society, sealed with the Society's Seal and then sent to His Majesty. A copy will be deposited in the Society's Archives.

The certificate was read out at the meeting. Steve Murray read the English version and Vicken Koundakjian read the French version.

Steve Murray moves, Allan Ailo and Carl Larsen seconds: that the certificate presented here today be adopted and signed and sealed by the Officers of the Society and be sent to His Majesty, Charles III, King of Canada to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties on 6th May, 2023. **Adopted**

- 14) Closing Remarks:** Vicken Koundakjian thanked the members for their confidence in him during his term as President. He congratulated Captain Jason Burgoin, his successor. He thanked the Executive Committee and all the Volunteer Officers of the Society.
- 15) Termination of the Meeting:** Steve Murray moves, Eric Saumure seconds, that the meeting be terminated. **Adopted**

Meeting terminated at 11:30 am EDT

President

Secretary

Witness the Seal of the Society