Minutes of the 1982 Annual Meeting of the Society

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL Society of Canada / La Société bibliographique du Canada was held at the Diefenbaker Centre, University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on Wednesday, June 9, 1982, at 7:00 PM. The President, Professor Gloria Strathern, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. There were about forty people present. Approval of the agenda was moved by Ms. Beth Miller, seconded by Miss Elizabeth Hulse, and carried.

The minutes of the thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of June 10, 1981, had been published in the May 1982 issue of the Bulletin. Miss Marion Cameron moved that the minutes be accepted as published. This was seconded by Mr. Peter McNally and carried.

Professor Strathern, in her President's Report, expressed confidence that, having weathered the transition to a new fee structure and a new constitution, the Society would move into an era of greater productivity in the future. She stressed the need to increase our membership. The President continued by paying a tribute to three members of Council who were retiring after long and devoted service, Mr. H. Pearson Gundy, Dr. David M. Hayne, and Mr. William F.E. Morley. Professor Strathern then expressed her thanks and the thanks of the Society to all who had made this Annual Meeting possible: Mr. Ian Nelson, the local arrangements chairman; the University of Saskatchewan; Mr. John Munro, Director of the Diefenbaker Centre; Ms. Patricia Williams, Assistant in charge of Archives; and the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, which sponsored the social period after the meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Cameron, read the Treasurer's Report. There was a balance in the General Account of $9,808.76 as of April 30, 1982, and a balance in the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies account of $4,077.12. Miss Cameron explained that, in order to change our fiscal year to the calendar year, the next fiscal period would be a short one, from July 1, 1982, to December 31, 1982. The membership year would also be changed to the calendar year, but in this case members would receive eighteen months' membership for the regular annual fee, from July 1, 1982, to December 31, 1983.
The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

Honorary President: Marie Tremaine
President: Linda Van der Bellen
1st Vice-President: Desmond G. Neill
2nd Vice-President: Philip Teigen
Secretary-Treasurer: Marion D. Cameron (until December 31, 1982)
Associate Secretary: Michel Thériault

Council Members:
Past President: Gloria M. Strathern
1982-83: Edith Jarvi
    John P. Miska
1982-84: J.R.T. Ettlinger
    John A. Wiseman
1982-85: Patricia Lockhart Fleming
    Michael Darling
    Gayle N. Garlock

Chairman, Publications Committee: Bruce Peel
Editor, Papers / Cahiers: Elizabeth Hulse
Review Editor, Papers: David B. Kotin
Editor, Bulletin: Beth Miller
Editor, BCB: Peter Greig
Indexer to the Society: Marilyn Flitton
CBISH Representative: Douglas Lochhead
ESTC Representative: Richard G. Landon

Peter F. McNally, Chairman
Nellie Reiss
Nominating Committee

Miss Lillian Rider moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Mrs. Frances Morrison and carried.

The report of the Publications Committee, submitted by Mr. Gundy, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, as follows:

During the past year, the Society has not made any additions to the monograph or facsimile series, owing in large measure to greatly increased production costs. The annual Papers, the Bulletin, and a new Directory of Members, however, have duly appeared. Having served as Chairman of the Publications Committee since 1972, I have asked Council to accept my resignation and in doing so wish to thank members of the Committee and of Council for unfailing support during the past decade. Under a new Chairman, the Society's reputation as a publishing society will, I am sure, be sustained and advanced.
Miss Hulse added a progress report on the *Papers / Cahiers*. Volume 20 (1981) was expected to be ready for distribution early in the fall of 1982. An index to volumes 11-15 of the *Papers / Cahiers* would be distributed at the same time.

The Constitution as revised in 1981-82 had been accepted by the members in a mail ballot, the results of which were overwhelmingly in favour of the text as mailed to members early in 1982. Several emendations of the text, submitted by Dr. Neill, were presented to members. Dr. Thériault moved the adoption of these emendations, seconded by Ms. Miller. Carried.

Miss Van der Bellen read a report on the *Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies* submitted by the Editor, Mr. Greig. A schedule was outlined, which would see the third edition of *BCB* ready for publication in 1984. This report was received; further details would be submitted to Council's fall meeting.

Miss Hulse presented a ‘Call for Nominations for the Marie Tremaine Medal,’ which the Tremaine Medal Committee intended to publish in suitable journals as recommended by the previous Committee and by Council. This would give wider publicity to the award and ensure an adequate number of nominations from which to select the winner.

At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the President asked Mrs. Frances Morrison to introduce the speaker, Miss Elizabeth Hulse. Miss Hulse, former Editor of the *Bulletin* and current Editor of the *Papers / Cahiers*, is a librarian at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto. In her address on the topic ‘Toronto Printers, A to Z: A Personal Alphabet,’ Miss Hulse shared with us many intriguing and amusing facts gleaned during the preparation of her book *A Dictionary of Toronto Printers, Publishers, Booksellers, and the Allied Trades, 1798-1900*. Mr. Ian Nelson thanked Miss Hulse for her address.

The incoming President, Miss Van der Bellen, expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Strathern’s leadership during the past two years and her confidence that, with the support of the new Council and the membership, the Society would continue to achieve its goals. She urged the members to recruit new members among their friends and colleagues. Miss Van der Bellen announced that plans for the Annual meeting in Winnipeg in June 1983 were already well advanced and that an interesting all-day programme was being arranged.

The meeting then adjourned to a lounge in the Diefenbaker Centre where refreshments and conversation were enjoyed. Miss Nancy Senior of the Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild had provided a display of works by Saskatchewan authors. Also on display were copies of *A Dictionary of Toronto Printers, Publishers, Booksellers, and the Allied Trades, 1798-1900*, by Elizabeth Hulse, and *Alberta, 1954-1979: A Provincial Bibliography*, by Gloria Strathern. In addition, copies of various pamphlets, including the special Saskatoon Centennial issue of the University of Saskatchewan Library’s *Notable Works and Collections*, were made available to those at the meeting.
The final pleasure enjoyed by those who attended this year's meeting was a tour of the Diefenbaker Centre Archives, which includes memorabilia of John Diefenbaker and replicas of the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Chamber as they appeared in 1957; the tour was conducted by Ms. Patricia Williams of the Centre's Archives staff.

GLORIA M. STRATHERN, President
MARION D. CAMERON, Secretary-Treasurer