

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Mennonite Historical Society of Canada
Friday, January 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies,
1310 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Present:

Lucille Marr, MHSC President, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec
Royden Loewen, MHSC Vice President, Chair of Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg
Glenn Klassen, Evangelical Mennonite Conference
David Neufeldt, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
Wes Berg, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
Richard Thiessen, MHSC Treasurer, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
Don Fehr, Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
Jake Buhler, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Victor Wiebe, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Laureen Harder-Gissing, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada
Maurice Martin, MHSC Member-at-large, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
Sam Steiner, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
Conrad Stoesz, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
Bert Friesen, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
Jon Isaak, Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
Alf Redekopp, MHSC Secretary, Mennonite Church Canada
Richard Lougheed, Société d'histoire mennonite du Québec

1. Welcome: Lucille Marr called the meeting to order. She invited everyone to introduce themselves, stating who they were representing. All were welcomed.
2. Board minutes of 20 January 2012 were reviewed by Lucille. **M/S/C Lucille Marr/Sam Steiner** with a minor correction under point 7 – it should read “a” B.C. society... not “the” B.C. society...
3. MHSC Award of Excellence: Lucille read the nomination including the supporting background information. **M/S/C (Royden Loewen/Jake Buhler)** that the 2013 MHSC Award of Excellence be awarded to Bill Schroeder of Winnipeg, Manitoba.
4. MHSC Incorporation Update: Richard Thiessen reported that the constitution has been approved and only needs to be signed.
5. Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites (DVCM) III: Royden Loewen reported that he will solicit suggestions for academic papers for the Chair of Mennonite Studies annual study conferences at the AGM, specifically for the 2013 conference on the history of MCC Canada, and subsequent conferences such as the conference on ex-Mennonites.
6. MCC book update: Royden Loewen reported that Esther Epp-Tiessen's manuscript is at CMU Press and that \$5,000 will need to be raised in 2013 for the publication.

7. GAMEO Management Board indicated that it would report at the AGM how they are grappling with becoming global.
8. The Archives Committee noted that it planned to ask the AGM to support the task group's initiative to create a single on-line photograph database. This includes a request for \$3000 per year for software development for two years, plus \$1000/year for committee costs.
9. Genealogy Committee indicated that it would report at the AGM.
10. Richard Thiessen reviewed some of the budget changes that he intended to present at the AGM.
11. Nomination committee report: Laureen reported that the current executive members have agreed to let their names stand for re-election.
12. Other business: **It is recommended that a letter be sent to Mennonite Church Canada and the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, inviting them to considering sending a youth representative to attend the meetings especially from the local area where the meeting is convened.** The letter will alert them that they are entitled to send one representative for every 10,000 members. It is to be sent to the moderator and cc'd to their executive minister and heritage/archives program director. **M/S/C (Richard Lougheed/Maurice Martin).** There was further discussion about other groups that could be invited to join MHSC such as the EMMC, Hutterites, Mennonite Heritage Village, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, etc. A question was raised if the word "Mennonite" in our name was a hindrance to joining for other Anabaptist groups.

Royden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Recorded by Alf Redekopp