

**Editors' Association of Canada/Association canadienne des réviseurs
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2006
SFU Harbour Centre
Fletcher Challenge Theatre
June 10, 2006**

1. Call to order

The annual general meeting of members of the Editors' Association of Canada was called to order by the president, Maureen Nicholson, at 4:26 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

MOVED by Heather Ebbs, seconded by Nancy Flight, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of AGM minutes of June 11, 2005

MOVED by Daphne Sams, seconded by Jennie Worden, to approve the minutes of the 2005 annual general meeting. CARRIED with 5 abstentions.

4. Approval of SGM minutes of June 11, 2005

MOVED by Jennie Worden, seconded by Lee d'Anjou, to approve the minutes of the special general meeting of June 11, 2005. CARRIED with 6 abstentions.

5. Approval of SGM minutes of September 9, 2005

MOVED by Moira White, seconded by Faith Gildenhuis, to approve the minutes of the special general meeting of September 9, 2005. CARRIED with 7 abstentions.

6. Approval of the annual report

MOVED by Heather Ebbs, seconded by Rosemary Tanner, to approve the annual report. CARRIED with 6 abstentions.

7. Approval of auditors' report

MOVED by Gillian Watts, seconded by Moira White, to approve the auditors' report. CARRIED with 6 abstentions.

8. Appointment of auditor for 2006-07

MOVED by Gillian Watts, seconded by John Eerkes-Medrano, to retain the services of Cowperthwaite Mehta as our auditor for this coming year. CARRIED with 2 abstentions.

9. Motion to approve Rules and Regulations No. 2: Branches of the Association

MOVED by Faith Gildenhuis, seconded by Christine Hastie, to approve Rules and Regulations No. 2: Branches of the Association.

Friendly amendment MOVED by Lee d'Anjou to approve Rules and Regulations No. 2: Branches of the Association with section 3.2 amended to read "Each branch must elect an executive that performs at a minimum the functions of chair, treasurer, secretary and membership/outreach." The amendment was accepted by the original mover and seconder. CARRIED as amended.

10. Motion to approve in principle the revised membership categories

MOVED by Tom Vradenburg, seconded by Brendan Wild, to approve in principle the revised membership categories as described in Rules and Regulations No. 3: Membership Categories in the Association.

In discussion, members debated the relative merits of two approaches to conferring voting rights in the association:

- restricting voting privileges to members who can demonstrate significant recent editorial experience, in order to ensure that matters such as editorial standards are decided on by practising editors (the existing system)

vs.

- enfranchising members who, though unable to demonstrate extensive editing hours in any given year, have demonstrated their commitment to the association through continuous membership (the proposed new membership structure).

MOVED by Ken Weinberg, seconded by Naomi Pauls, to call the question. DEFEATED (33 in favour, 52 opposed, 1 abstention).

MOVED by Lee d'Anjou, as an amendment to the motion on the floor, to amend Rules and Regulations No. 3 by deleting section 2.3.2, deleting subsections (b) and (c) of section 2.4.1, and amending section 2.4.2 to allow applicants to demonstrate their 500 hours' experience over 36 months instead of 12.

OVERRULED on the grounds that the amending motion reversed the intent of the motion on the floor [by effectively preserving the existing system of eligibility with an extension of the time frame].

The original motion CARRIED (61 in favour, 25 opposed, 1 abstention).

11. Motion to approve amendments to the Constitution

MOVED by Tom Vradenburg, seconded by Heather Ebbs, to amend the wording of sections 2.2, 2.3 and 6.3 of Bylaw No. 1 (Constitution) to read as follows:

2.2 There shall be the following types of members:

- (a) voting members, who may vote and hold office in the Association, and
- (b) such additional types of membership as may be established from time to time by the Rules and Regulations.

2.3 (a) Voting membership shall be open to persons who have completed at least 500 hours of editorial work over the twelve (12) months preceding application for membership. Volunteer hours will be considered a portion of these hours.

(b) Voting membership shall also be granted to an association member after three consecutive years as a qualifying member.

6.3 Fourteen (14) days' prior written notice shall be given to each member of any annual or special general meeting, but accidental omission to give notice or non-receipt of notice by any members shall not invalidate the proceedings at any such meeting and no formal notice shall be necessary if all members are present at the meeting or waive notice thereof in writing.

CARRIED with 68% in favour (57 in favour, 26 opposed, 1 spoiled ballot).

12. Motion to approve Rules and Regulations No. 3: Membership Categories in the Association

MOVED by Tom Vradenburg, seconded by Helen Norman, to approve Rules and Regulations No. 3: Membership Categories in the Association.

Friendly amendment MOVED by Faith Gildenhuis to change the fee level for emeritus membership to one-half that of regular membership. The amendment was accepted by the original mover and seconder. The motion as amended CARRIED (54 in favour, 23 opposed, 0 abstentions).

13. Motion to approve the Guidelines for Editing Theses

MOVED by Lee d'Anjou, seconded by Jennie Worden, to approve the Guidelines for Editing Theses. CARRIED.

Members warmly applauded the working group that had developed the guidelines.

14. Motion to approve *Les Principes directeurs* (the French-language editing standards)

MOVED by Jonathan Paterson, seconded by Christine Hastie, to approve *Les Principes directeurs en révision professionnelle* (professional standards for editing in French). CARRIED with 1 abstention.

Members warmly applauded the Subcommittee on French Editorial Standards.

15. Motions from the floor

a) Motion to research ways of serving remote EAC members

MOVED by Christa Bedwin, seconded by Elizabeth d'Anjou, to strike a committee to look into developing a branch for remote members. In discussion, it was noted that this project could be undertaken by an existing committee and there was no need to strike a new one. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOVED by Christa Bedwin, seconded by Susan Davis, that the Membership Committee be asked to research ways of better serving remote members and to submit a formal report to the annual general meeting in one year. CARRIED (2 opposed, 0 abstentions).

b) Motion to expand the editing experience form

MOVED by Peter Moskos to expand the editing experience form to add several items to the list of eligible editorial activities. MOTION WITHDRAWN on the grounds that this change falls within the authority of the national executive council and does not require a vote of the membership.

c) Question about the status of the membership list

Lee d'Anjou asked when the membership list would be made available to members. Lynne Massey (executive director) confirmed that the national office will produce the list once work on relaunching the French website is complete.

16. Elections

a) National executive council

i) Elected positions

Six positions on the national executive council are elected annually at the AGM. The list of candidates was as follows:

President	Maureen Nicholson (BC)
Vice-President	Susan Davis (NCR)
Secretary	
Treasurer	Greg Ioannou (Toronto)
Member-at-Large (two positions).....	Peter Moskos (BC)
.....	Tom Vradenburg (NCR)

NOMINATION from the floor: Christa Bedwin nominated Julia Cochrane (QAC) for Secretary; Tom Vradenburg seconded the nomination. Julia was not present at the meeting, but Christa confirmed that Julia was willing to stand.

All candidates were ACCLAIMED.

ii) Appointed positions

The national executive council has seven voting members who are not elected at the AGM:

- Past President..... Faith Gildenhuys (BC)
- British Columbia branch representative Daphne Sams
- Prairie Provinces branch representative Brendan Wild
- Saskatoon branch representative Michelle Boulton
- Toronto branch representative..... Alan Yoshioka
- National Capital Region branch representative..... Moira White
- Quebec/Atlantic Canada branch representative Brian Parsons

b) Committee chairs

The following committee chairs are elected by the membership. They are not members of the national executive council.

- Francophone Affairs Committee Chair
- List Monitor..... Lee Hunter (TO)
- Marketing and Public Relations Committee Chair..... Kelly Parry (BC)
- Member Communication Committee Chair Doug Linzey (QAC)
- Membership Committee Chair
- Newsletter Committee Chair Wilf Popoff and Michelle Boulton (SN)
- Online Job Tools Committee Chair.....
- Publications Committee Chair.....
- Training and Development Committee Chair.....

All candidates listed were ACCLAIMED; the other positions remained vacant at the close of the meeting.

MOVED by Heather Ebbs, seconded by Jennie Worden, to thank the outgoing national executive council and the national office staff for their work. CARRIED.

17. Adjournment

MOVED by Jennie Worden to adjourn. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.