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CALL TO ORDER

Greg Kealey, acting chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE (15)

Members of the executive present:

Greg Kealey	Treasurer/Editor, <i>L /Lt</i>
Robert Babcock	Vice-President
Allen Seager	Secretary
Absent; owing to illness	
A.R. McCormack	President

AGENDA

Adopted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT (1981)

Adopted as presented.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Kealey's report emphasized the potentially disastrous implications of the SSHRC'S forthcoming "review" of grants to scholarly publications, as early as 1984. That body's suggestion that a switch to computerization of materials be considered as a means of effecting cutbacks in funding poses a most serious threat to our and other journals.

Adopted as presented.

PROPOSAL RE STREET RAILWAY WORKERS' PROJECT — Bob Babcock
Babcock outlined his own work in the Maritimes on street railwaymen, ca. 1890-1930; and urged the members to consider other community projects in a comparative perspective.

The possibility of a special issue of *Labour /Le travailleur* on this topic was mooted. The members expressed an interest in exploring the question further.

REPORT OF 1981 PROGRAMME COMMITTEE — Craig Heron

The report, which is in the President's hands, stresses the desirability of improving the work of the committee by various means. Following discussion it was:

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M/S/C Heron, deLottinville

... that our Programme Committee liaison be elected for a term of three years.
Unanimous.

PROGRAMME THEME FOR 1983 (Vancouver)

Several suggestions were put forward: "Work and Family"; Street Railway employees; commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. After some discussion, there was a consensus that, regrettably, the time remaining for working out the programme (approx. 12 weeks) did not permit us to make a firm commitment on this question. The members agreed to do their best, however, to address the "Work and Family" theme, hopefully with a regional (British Columbia) emphasis.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES — Stanley Ryerson

Ryerson gave the members present an informal outline of the work of the International Committee on Historical Sciences, 1980-5, in preparation for the Stuttgart Congress, on the impact of technological change on society and social movements. Interested scholars and members were urged to contact the following individuals: Stanley Ryerson (UQAM); Joanne Burgess (UQAM); Greg Kealey (Memorial), the Canadian contact persons.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the laws and customs of the organization, the following individuals were nominated:

President: Robert Babcock (Maine), Heron N, de Lottinville S.

Vice President: Dan Moore (PAC), Bullen N, Frank S.

Secretary: Greg Kealey (Memorial), Babcock N, de Lottinville S.

Secretary: Allen Seager (SFU), Moore N, Babcock S.

Programme 1983-5: Allen Seager, Heron N, Kealey S.

All elected by acclamation.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

The members unanimously adopted a motion of thanks to the outgoing President, Ross McCormack, who declined to stand for re-election, for his work on behalf of the committee.

ARCHIVES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Moore gave the members a useful summary of the many challenges and vicissitudes facing archivists and researchers in labour history in these troubled times.

There was no other business arising.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C

... that the annual meeting be adjourned, 1:40 pm.