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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (19)

Joanne Burgess
Christina Burr
Joan Butler
Karen Dubinsky
David Frank
Greg Kealey
Linda Kealey
Andrée Lévesque
Laurel S. MacDowell
Steven Maynard

Peter McInnis
Kathryn McPherson
David Millar
Sue Morton
Jim Naylor
Joan Sangster
Allan Seager
Jeff Taylor
Irene Whitfield

AGENDA

M/S/C: To adopt agenda as presented

M/S/C: To adopt minutes of last meeting as published in *Labour/Le Travail*, 28 (Fall 1991), 437-439.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's Report was read by Kathryn McPherson (Bryan Palmer sent fraternal greetings from the People's Republic of China). Palmer reported that there were few new developments in the libel suit launched by members of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) over the committee's publication of *Jack Scott: A Communist Life*. It was also reported that the projected publication of the CHA of booklets of sample course outlines has been abandoned. Thanks was given to those who submitted outlines of courses in labour history.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Greg Kealey circulated a financial report indicating that the committee was in healthy financial state and particularly noted the importance of the support given by Memorial University of Newfoundland in maintaining this condition.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Greg Kealey reported that subscriptions to *Labour/Le Travail* were steady at slightly over 1050; singly copy sales fluctuate between 80 and 150. An evaluation of the journal by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council was very favourable. A new laser printer has been acquired to improve the print quality of the journal and an effort to attract French-language material will be continued.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee (consisting of D. Frank, V. Strong-Boag, B. Bradbury, and J. Rouillard) has four proposals before them. G. Kealey reported that two further volumes of the RCMP series should be out shortly: 1919-29 (which has suffered production problems) and a second volume of World War II documents.

REPORT ON THE LABOUR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY WORKSHOP

David Frank explained the delay in distributing the notice for this year's workshop, pointing out difficulties in confirming speakers and participants. Frank also stressed the importance to the planners of people pre-registering. He proposed a session for next year's workshop in Ottawa be geared to the interests and needs of union research and education staff. A further proposal was made for a session on labour in the Ottawa Valley which could provide an occasion to collaborate with the Regroupement des chercheurs et chercheuses en histoire des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (RCHTQ). David Frank and Peter McInnis took on the responsibility of organizing a committee to plan next year's workshop.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Greg Kealey pointed out that the CCLH belongs to the *Internationale Tagung der Historiker der Arbeiterbewegung*, based in Vienna, and the International Association of Labour History Institutions in Amsterdam, and that we could play a more active role. Those wishing to be informed of their activities and conferences should contact Kathryn McPherson, Department of History, York University.

REPORT OF DICTIONNAIRE BIOGRAPHIQUE DU MOUVEMENT OUVRIER FRANÇAIS

Andrée Lévesque reported that a preliminary meeting has already been held regarding the publication of a biographical volume on Québec workers and socialists in connection with the *Dictionnaire biographique du mouvement ouvrier français*. Next year's meeting of the RCHTQ will focus on this project.

ELECTIONS

The executive was re-elected by acclamation:

President: Bryan D. Palmer (Queen's)
Vice-President: Kathryn McPherson (York)
Treasurer: Gregory S. Kealey (MUN)
Secretary: James Naylor (Winnipeg)

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C to adjourn, 1:30 p.m.