

Annual Meeting
Committee on Canadian Labour History
11 June 1984

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Babcock, in the chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE (20)

Members of the executive present:

R. Babcock	President
G. Kealey	Treasurer/Editor, L/LT
A. Seager	Secretary
D. Moore	Vice-President

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 1983 MEETING

Adopted as presented: *Labour/le Travailleur*, 12, 1983, pp. 443-5.

AGENDA

Adopted as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robert Babcock noted with pleasure the success of his effort to have the Committee's business meeting held at a separate time from that of the Women's History group. However, the fact that the meeting this year overlapped with that of the Urban History group was still cause for concern and future action.

He reported on the excellent reception given Canadian scholars at the North American Labour History Conference at Wayne State and urged our continued involvement in this forum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greg Kealey reported on the continued progress of the journal, which is now receiving 40-50 manuscripts per year. He wished to thank all those who have submitted papers, expressing regret that not all could be actually published.

Kealey expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Committee, for the fine support work he was receiving from Memorial University, and for continued financial support from SSHRC.

The Treasurer's Financial Statement showed, in brief, an income for the journal in 1983 of \$38,503.06. Expenses totalled \$42,203.80 in that year. The number of subscribers, however, increased from 881 to 971 in the same period, which was cause for satisfaction.

Finally, the Treasurer had to report that not one copy of the microfiche version of Number 10 which had been made available under the auspices of SSHRC in 1982, had been sold. The response indicated the overwhelming preference among subscribers, both individual and institutional, for the print copies.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al Seager wished to thank Ralph Ellis, Bill Baker, and others whose efforts in planning the programme for 1984 went unrewarded. He expressed particular regret at the cancellation of a hoped-for Panel on Canadian Labour History by the CHA's Programme Committee, which had been the cause of some embarrassment to the Committee on Canadian Labour History this past year. Better results in future are expected.

The position of CHA Programme Coordinator, now held by the Secretary, will be vacant as of next year. All those interested in the position are urged to attend the Montreal Business Meeting in 1985.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dan Moore reported on the recent formation of the Labour Archives Committee, and urged individuals and institutions to lobby Labour Canada to continue its traditional activities of collecting and microfilming Canadian Labour newspapers.

The Vice-President announced his intention not to stand for re-election in 1984, and the Committee expressed its appreciation for his services rendered in the past.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Smart (Public Archives of Canada) reported on the Archives' microfilming of the much-used Strikes and Lockouts Files, 1907-1944. Inquiries about purchases should be directed to Mr. Smart.

Greg Kealey raised the issue of gender-biased language in writing labour's past, e.g., "man-days lost" (instead of worker or striker days lost) in industrial disputes. He emphasized that it was not the policy of the Committee to perpetuate a sexist idiom, while, at the same time, it was important to retain the original meaning of working-class language. He drew attention to the name-change of the Journal of Canadian Labour Studies: as of Number 13, *Labour/le Travail*, not "travailleur." A general discussion drew out the fact that *Labour/le Travail* was the title originally favoured by the editorial board in 1976.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

M/S/C Whereas it is reported that the Public Archives of Canada are contemplating the destruction of the original copies of Canadian collective bargaining agreements which have been placed in the public domain since 1907, therefore be it resolved that:

The Committee on Canadian Labour History urge the Public Archives of Canada to retain the original copies of all collective bargaining agreements for the use of future scholars.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the laws and customs of the organization, Robert Babcock ceded the chair and nomination for officers commenced.

for President

Greg Kealey

for Treasurer

Robert Babcock

for Secretary

Al Seager

for Vice-President

Peter de Lotinville

all were elected by acclamation

ADJOURNMENT

It was M/S/C that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 p.m.