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## ACÉP RÉUNION / CSPS MEETING UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON, AB 25-27 MAY 2000

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

9.15-9.30 Opening remarks

9:30-12:00 **Session 1** (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Joanne McWilliam** (University of Toronto)

9:30-10:15 **Kevin Coyle** (St. Paul University), "The Apostles' Tombs at Rome: Their Significance in Early Christianity"

10:15-11:00 **Maureen Kelly** (Boston College), "Vision and the Soul: Spiritual Formation in the Roman Catacombs"

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Discussion of papers

12.00-13.30 Lunch. Executive meeting

13:30-16:00 **Session 2** (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Patrick Gray** (York University)

13:30-14:15 **Pamela Bright** (Concordia University), "The House of Truth: Ecclesiology in the Thought of Origen of Alexandria and Antony of Egypt."

14:15-15:00 **Daniel Sahas** (University of Waterloo), "Bartholomeus of Edessa and his versions of the legend of Muhammad's Ascension to Heaven (miraj=ladder)."

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-16:00 Discussion

16:00 CSPS/ACEP reception (Room T5-15)

19:00-21:00 Banquet (Location: TBA)

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

9:30-12:00 **Session 3: Book Discussion** (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Daniel Sahas** (university of Waterloo)

9:30-11:00 **James Rives**, *Religion and Authority in Roman Carthage from Augustus to Constantine* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995)

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Respondents: **Pamela Bright**, **Theodore de Bruyn**

12:00-13:00 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/  
Room TB38 Assemblée annuelle de la Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 CSPS/ACEP Annual General Meeting (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Kevin Coyle**

15:15-16:00 **Session 4: Student Prize Essay** (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Kevin Coyle**

**Tim Pettipiece** (Université Laval), "Manichaeism and Augustinian Polemic"

17:00-19:00 University of Alberta President's reception/Réception du président (Location: Butterdome)

20:00-21:30 **Plenary Address** (Room TL 12)

**Harold Remus** (Wilfrid Laurier University), "'Things'—A Case Study in Late Antiquity"

21:30-23:00 Reception following the Plenary Address (Room LH-Banquet)

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:30-12:00 **Session 5** (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Pamela Bright** (Concordia University)

9:30-10:15 **Patrick Gray** (York University), "New Light on the Conversations of 542"

10:15-11:00 **Lucian Turcescu** (St. Francis Xavier University), "Gregory of Nyssa's *Ad Graecos* revisited"

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Discussion

12:00-12:30 Other business. Adjournment (Room T11-09)

Chair: **Pamela Bright** (Concordia University)

**Note on the Programme:** This year's programme has also been printed, along with the programmes of other member societies of the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion, as part of a new initiative sponsored by the Corporation. If you were a CSPS/ACEP member in good standing as of March 1, 2000, you should have received a hard copy of the combined programme which I edited. That programme is also available on the Corporation's website at: <http://www.ccsr.ca/> (The Editor)

### NOTE ON THE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

There were three submissions for the CSPS/ACEP essay prize. The essay judged to be prizeworthy this year is by **Tim Pettipiece** (Université Laval) and is entitled "Manichaeism and Augustinian Polemic." The adjudicator wrote: "The essay probes the accuracy of catholic interpretations of Manichaean beliefs, which defenders of orthodoxy routinely coupled with previous 'heresies'. The point of departure for this investigation are four anathemas from the pseudo-Augustinian *Commonitorium*. They deal with dualism, rejection of the Old Testament, docetism, and the claim that Mani was the Paraclete. Each of these anathemas is assessed against what we know from other sources -- not only Manichaean, but also Gnostic, Marcionite, and Montanist (these groups being customarily painted with the same brush as the Manichaeans on these points). The author makes judicious use of primary sources, and demonstrates skill in nuanced literary and historical interpretation. The author is persuasive in arguing that Manichaeans, while not catholics, were nevertheless not what catholics made them out to be."

### TRAVEL, REGISTRATION, AND ACCOMMODATION FOR THE CSPS/ACEP MEETING

For those of you who have not yet made travel, registration and accommodation arrangements for Edmonton, the information is available at the following websites:

<http://www.hssfc.ca/cong/CongressInfoEng.html> (for information in English) and

<http://www.hssfc.ca/cong/CongressInfofr.html> (pour des renseignements en Français).

**PASSAGE:** Fr. J.J. Francis Firth, c.s.b. of St. Joseph College, University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB). Among other contributions, the late Fr. Firth wrote one hundred short articles on the church fathers for the *Canadian Catholic Review*. They were well received by the readership.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The North American Patristic Society seeks nominations for an Editor of the Patristic Monograph Series, published by The Catholic University of America Press

Interested candidates should:

- 1) hold membership in the Society
- 2) have an established record of publications
- 3) preferably be experienced in editing scholarly works
- 4) be of senior rank in one's institution
- 5) ideally be able to work with both the Latin and Greek traditions
- 6) be willing to work cooperatively with the Publications Committee and meet with the Board of Directors at least once a year.

Every letter of nomination (you can nominate yourself) will receive a more detailed description of the editorial responsibilities.

A letter of interest and a current curriculum vitae should be sent to:

Prof. Daniel H. Williams  
NAPS Publications Committee  
Department of Theology  
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The Board of Directors will start reviewing applications by May 25, 2000 and will continue reviewing nominations until the position is filled.

### **UN BON POINT POUR LES ETUDES PATROLOGIQUES**

Par Dominique Bertrand, s. j.  
Directeur de l'Institut des Sources Chrétiennes, à Lyon, France

La Faculté de théologie, d'éthique et de philosophie de l'Université de Sherbrooke a reçu du 4 au 10 décembre 1999, le P. Dominique Bertrand, qui a été directeur de l'Institut des Sources

Chrétiennes, à Lyon, de 1984 à cette année, et qui est présentement secrétaire général de l'Association des Amis de la Collection. C'est le signataire de cette note. Il s'agissait non point d'un cours - l'époque de l'année ne s'y prête guère -, ni d'une causerie - même si le Père a pu défendre les couleurs des Pères de l'Eglise à Radio Ville-Marie. La rencontre, prévue et préparée depuis des mois par le Doyen, l'Abbé Jean Desclos, et le Professeur Andrius Valevicius, visait à institutionnaliser une collaboration technique et scientifique entre les patrologues canadiens - et plus largement nord-américains - et le célèbre institut qui dépend à la fois de l'Université Catholique de Lyon, du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique français et des Universités Lyon 2 et 3. On sait - même s'il faut le regretter - combien les études patristiques peinent à trouver la place qui leur revient dans la recherche théologique actuelle comme la meilleure façon de rendre aujourd'hui vivante et attrayante ce qu'on appelait autrefois la Tradition. Cette lacune est sensible partout, ne serait-ce qu'à cause du recul universel de la connaissance des langues classiques anciennes, notamment du latin et du grec. Elle a touché plus durement le Canada, où les deux Instituts pontificaux d'études médiévales de Montréal et de Toronto ont, d'une manière ou d'une autre, cessé pour le moment leur brillante carrière. De cette pénurie, pourquoi ne pas faire une force de concertation internationale ? Pourquoi ne pas faire profiter du savoir-faire quinquagénaire des Sources Chrétiennes les candidats - il y a de nouveau - aux éditions patristiques en Amérique du Nord ? L'expérience récente du Professeur Valevicius en congé sabbatique aux Sources Chrétiennes a indéniablement ouvert la voie à une réponse à cette question; son projet d'éditer ce monument d'éloquence chrétienne que sont les Sermons de Jean Chrysostome *Sur les statues* a progressé - dit-il - de dix ans en six mois en son séjour lyonnais. Une importante réunion a eu lieu à ce sujet le 7 décembre - fête de saint Ambroise - dans les locaux longueuillais de l'Université de Sherbrooke. Malgré un temps très maussade et mouille, quinze universitaires, en présence de Mgr André Gaumond, archevêque de Sherbrooke, ont débattu sur l'ordre du jour présenté par le Doyen Desclos, le P. Bertrand et M. Valevicius. En deux heures, dans un climat de grand optimisme conquérant, on est arrivé à la conclusion suivante : un organisme para-universitaire canadien sera fondé en vue de soutenir des séjours longs, aux Sources Chrétiennes, à Lyon de doctorants et de docteurs en vue d'une spécialisation ecdoticienne. La collaboration s'affirmera sur cette base jusqu'aux coéditions canada-françaises et à une coopération dans la diffusion et la valorisation en faveur de la pensée patristique. En marge de cette réunion, le P. Bertrand a pu longuement converser avec M. l'Abbé Lucien Vachon et avec son prochain successeur à la présidence de la Conférence des institutions catholiques de théologie (CICT) M. l'Abbé Raymond Collins. Entretiens à North Hatley, entretiens à Washington. Peu importe le lieu, pourvu qu'on éprouve, ici et là, la "sobre ivresse de l'Esprit". Il semblait qu'en ces heures ledit Esprit soufflait agréablement du côté des Pères de l'Eglise.

## INSTITUT SOURCES CHRÉTIENNES AMÉRIQUE INC.

The Institut des Sources Chrétiennes in Lyon now has an affiliated institute in Canada, registered under the name Institut Sources Chrétiennes Amérique Inc. with its address at the Faculté de théologie, d'éthique et de philosophie, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Québec, J1K 2R1. The institute is not directly part of any university, but its directors will be from different universities in Canada and the United States (this process is still underway). All work on critical editions and publication will be subject to a legal agreement between the mother

institute in Lyon and the Canadian enterprise. We have also begun discussions with The Catholic University of America Press in Washington, DC, to collaborate in the new series called Library of Early Christian Texts. For example, Sources Chrétiennes could provide the critical text and American colleagues would do the introduction and English translation.

Our first goal is to establish a stipend (large enough to cover transportation and living expenses) which would allow us to send a young Canadian scholar to Lyon for three years in order to learn the art of editing ancient texts and to be repeated, hopefully, with other candidates over the years until we will have formed a small Canadian team. In order to establish this stipend we need to raise 500,000 dollars. Thus, Institut Sources Chrétiennes Amérique Inc. will be a non-profit educational organization authorized to issue income tax deduction receipts for any donations.

All inquiries are welcome! If you are interested in collaborating, in working on a critical edition or doing proof-reading, please write to me, Andrius Valevicius at the Université de Sherbrooke. If you are interested in going to Lyon for three years, please let us know, but I must stipulate that at present we still do not have any funds and it may take some time to raise this money.

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## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**NICOLA DENZEY** (Skidmore College, US) was invited to give a paper entitled "A New Star on the Horizon: Astral Christologies and Stellar Debates in Early Christianity" at a conference entitled "Prayer, Magic and the Stars" at the University of Washington at Seattle, March 3-5th, 2000. The paper investigated language of signification in Christian interpretations of the star of Bethlehem from the second to the sixth centuries.

**RÉMI GOUNELLE** (Switzerland) a publié *La descente du Christ aux enfers. Institutionnalisation d'une croyance* (Paris: Institut d'Etudes Augustiniennes, 2000; Collection des Etudes Augustiniennes, Serie Antiquite, 162).

**MARGARET MACDONALD** (St. Francis Xavier University, NS) received a SSHRC Grant for 1999-2002 for a project entitled "The Role of Women in the 'Christianization' of the Roman Empire." Margaret also completes a Commentary on Colossians and Ephesians for the Sacra Pagina Series, ed. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. (to be published by The Liturgical Press).

**LOUIS PAINCHAUD** (Université Laval, QC) annonce l'adresse électronique du nouveau site web de la Bibliothèque copte de Nag Hammadi: <http://www.ftsr.ulaval.ca/bcnh/default.asp/> The site is bilingual (French and English).

**HAROLD REMUS** (Wilfrid Laurier University, ON) sent us a list of his recent publications:

1996 "Moses and the Thaumaturges: Philo's *De Vita Moses* as a Rescue Operation." *Laval*

- theologique et philosophique* 52/3:665-80.
- 1997 *Jesus as Healer*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 1999 "Religious Studies in Ontario 1992 to 1999: State-of-the-Art Update." *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 28/2:197-208.
- 1999 "Beginnings and Birthpangs: RSR at 25." *Religious Studies Review* 25/4:328-31,
- 1999 "'Magic,' Method, Madness." *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 11/3:258-98.
- 1999 "'Unknown and Yet Well-known': The Multifform Formation of Early Christianity." In Benjamin G. Wright, ed., *A Multifform Heritage: Studies on Early Judaism and Christianity in Honor of Robert A. Kraft*. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press. Pp. 79-93.

**GÉRARD VALLÉE** (McMaster University, ON), while polishing a manuscript on "Soundings in G. E. Lessing's Philosophy of Religion," is also active as co-editor of *The Collected Works of Florence Nightingale*, with partial responsibility for works having a religious content. The Project Director is Professor Lynn McDonald of the University of Guelph. There will be some ten volumes, to be published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

**MARK VESSEY** (University of British Columbia, BC) recently published *The Limits of Ancient Christianity: Essays on Late Antique Thought and Culture in Honor of R. A. Markus* (University of Michigan Press, 1999), co-edited with William B. Klingshirn. A piece entitled "The Great Conference: Augustine and His Fellow Readers" (revised and abridged from an article published under another title in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 1 [1993]) appears in *Augustine and the Bible*, ed. Pamela Bright (University of Notre Dame Press, 1999). At the Oxford Patristics conference in 1999 he gave a paper on Eucherius of Lyons. In the fall of 2000 he will be the second visiting holder of the Augustinian Endowed Chair in the Thought of Saint Augustine at Villanova University, near Philadelphia, PA.

## NEW MEMBERS

Our society welcomes several new members:

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**Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada**  
**General Assembly**  
**November 19-21, 1999**  
**Report by Theo de Bruyn (CSPS representative)**

**Achievements — One Step at a Time**

The past year marked, at long last, a restoration of federal funding for research in Canada. The Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada (HSSFC) has worked hard with other organizations to ensure that the humanities and social sciences also benefit from this funding. Together, the HSSFC, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the Canadian Consortium for Research, and other organizations secured twenty percent of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Chairs for Research Excellence for the humanities and social sciences — 40 chairs or \$40 million. They also lobbied successfully for the humanities and social sciences to be eligible for grants from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

The Federation has also persuaded the SSHRC to roll back some of the cuts instituted during the deficit-cutting years. SSHRC has increased the Travel Grants programme (which pays for members to travel to the Congress) by forty-six percent. SSHRC has also reinstated the provision for release time stipends in its research grants, and has continued to protect postal subsidies for learned journals.

These accomplishments are truly encouraging. But, as the latest federal budget shows, the humanities and social sciences are still the poor cousins in the research configuration in Canada. The HSSFC has been vigorous in protesting these inequities — inequities which the budget did nothing to redress. It is important that members of associations in the humanities and social sciences reinforce this message.

**General Assembly 1999**

The HSSFC comprises 68 academic associations and 69 universities. These are organized into four electoral colleges — universities, large associations, medium associations, and small associations. All members send a representative to the General Meeting. Theodore de Bruyn is the representative for the CSPS, which belongs to the electoral college of small associations. Each electoral college elects members to the Board of the Federation.

The current president of the Federation is Louise Forsyth (University of Saskatchewan). The General Assembly elected Patricia Clements (University of Alberta) to become the next President. She will serve one year on the Federation's Executive as President-Elect, before assuming the position of President in November 2000 with a two-year mandate.

The representatives to the Board of the HSSFC for the electoral college of small associations are Marjorie Ratcliffe (a Hispanists from the University of Western Ontario) and John Williams (a member of the Canadian Theological Society and former President of the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion).

## **Roundtables**

There were roundtables on three topics: research infrastructure, support for the humanities, and women in academe.

Participants in the roundtable on research infrastructure remarked that the federal government's definition of research infrastructure should be broadened to reflect the needs of researchers in the humanities and social sciences. For those working primarily in text-based disciplines, books, libraries, time and travel are essential, equivalent to laboratory equipment in the sciences.

The roundtable on the humanities emphasized the importance of teaching and research in the humanities, and looked for ways to communicate this in the context of a "knowledge-based economy". It is vital that the humanities to protect its non-utilitarian values, set its own research agenda, and define its own research needs, while explaining itself well to the public.

A large group gathered for the roundtable on women in academe to discuss the historical experience and the present situation of women in universities. The group noted the systemic factors that perpetuate traditional demographic patterns and create obstacles to the full participation of women in universities. Some progress has been made, but much remains to be done.

In setting priorities for the year ahead, delegates focused on the need to double the SSHRC budget, increase federal and provincial support for post-secondary education, and secure access to the Federal Research and Development Tax Credit for humanities and social sciences research. The Federation will ask SSHRC to increase support for doctoral fellowships. It will emphasize the need for continued and increased travel support for attendance at annual meetings of learned societies. And it will insist that research support be evenly distributed between small and large institutions.

## **Meeting of the Electoral College of Small Associations**

The electoral college of small associations spent several hours discussing common concerns. Many of them would be familiar to members of CSPS: concerns about the status and security of smaller disciplines within the university and of interdisciplinary research among the bigger "self-evident" disciplines; about the replacement of retiring staff and the recruitment of students; about funding for the administration of small associations, travel to the Congress, and the publication of journals. Modern languages, which has lost programming and faculty in many universities, have received a strategic grant from SSHRC to identify what are the causes for these changes, and to determine what might be done to remedy them. The Federation, as part of its work on research infrastructure, is also considering how the disciplines represented by the small associations can best use electronic technologies to support their research and communicate their values.

## **Budget of the Federation**

The Federation, like the associations, no longer receives a grant for administrative expenses from SSHRC. (In 1991-1992, the two pre-existing federations that merged to form the Federation received almost \$677,102. In 1996-1997, when the Federation was formed, this grant was reduced to \$426,000. In 1999-2000 it was eliminated.) When the two pre-existing federations were merged into one, the Federation also reduced the membership fees for universities from \$0.41 to \$0.31 per full-time-equivalent student. The contributions from the associations remained stable.

The Federation has managed to continue by reducing staff, obtaining grants for special projects, and ensuring that the Congress pays its own way. In light of both its minimal operational funding and its recent achievements, the Board of the Federation moved that the General Assembly approve that the university membership fees return to the pre-merger level of \$0.41 per full-time-equivalent student. The General Assembly passed the motion. (The minimum membership fee and the definition of "small university" was maintained.)

## **Book Prizes**

The winners of the Aid to Scholarly Publication Programme (ASPP) Book Prizes were announced at the General Assembly. The Harold Adams Innis Prize went to Linda Freeman for *The Ambiguous Champion: Canada and South Africa in the Trudeau and Mulroney Years* (University of Toronto Press). The Jean-Charles Falardeau Prize went to Dominique Marshall for *Aux Origines de l'État-providence : Familles québécoises, obligation scolaire et allocations familiales, 1940-1955* (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal). The Raymond Klibansky Prize (English) went to Susan Glickman for *The Picturesque and the Sublime: A Poetics of the Canadian Landscape* (McGill-Queen's University Press). The Raymond Klibansky Prize (French) went to François-Marc Gagnon for *Chronique du mouvement automatiste québécois* (Éditions Lanctot). The prizes will be awarded at the Congress in Edmonton.

## **Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities**

The Federation organizes the annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities. In 2000 the Congress will be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, from May 24-31. In 2001 it will take place at l'Université Laval, and in 2002 it will be held at the University of Toronto and Ryerson University. To reduce costs, the interval for the congress has been reduced to one week. This will limit the number of institutions in Canada that have the capacity to hold the Congress. It will also result in more concurrent sessions, as the meetings of more associations will overlap with one another.

## **Further Information**

For more information on the Federation, see the web site at <<http://www.hssfc.ca>>. The Federation issues periodic bulletins. These can be found at <<http://www.hssfc.ca/Pub/PublicationsEng.html>>. There are several bulletins on the recent federal budget.

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

### **The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies L'Association Canadienne d'Etudes Patristiques**

June 4, 1999

Bishop's University (Lennoxville, QC)

Presents were: Joanne McWilliam, Louis Painchaud, René-Michel Roberge, Pamela Bright, Charles Kannengiesser, Patrick Gray, Kevin Coyle, D. Wiljer, Kenneth Steinhauser, Harold Remus, Tim Hegedus, Peter Widdicombe, Lucian Turcescu, Paul-Hubert Poirier

**Meeting called to order at 3:35 p. m.**

En l'absence de la secrétaire de l'Association, Lucian Turcescu, agira comme secrétaire *ad hoc*.

**1. Approval of the Agenda:** K. Coyle seconded by P. Widdicombe.

**2. Adoption of the Minutes for the last AGM held on May 29, 1998 at the Ottawa University.**

J. McWilliam asked that item 3d be modified to read: New CSPS/ACEP brochures were produced last fall and are now available.

H. Remus asked that item 9c be modified to read: Sandra Woolfrey has been exploring the possibility of electronic journals.

The minutes were moved to be adopted: H. Remus seconded by P. Gray.

**3. Business arising from the Minutes of the last meeting:**

Louis asked whether we still want a printed brochure containing the members' addresses and fields of specialization. Patrick proposed that we send a brief survey to our members with the November issue of the Bulletin.

Joanne proposed that we stop sending the hard copy of the Bulletin to members who have access to e-mail and Internet.

The proposal was moved to be adopted: J. McWilliam seconded by P. Bright.

**4. Rapport du président (Louis Painchaud)**

Chers collègues et amis, les devoirs d'un président sont légers lorsqu'il est entouré par une équipe efficace. Je tiens donc à remercier tous ceux qui forment l'exécutif de notre association

pour leur collaboration au cours des deux dernières années: Peter Widdicombe, notre vice-président, Constance McLeese, notre secrétaire, René-Michel Roberge, notre trésorier, Pamela Bright, qui était la responsable du programme de cette année et Paul-Hubert Poirier au comité des nominations. Je voudrais également adresser un remerciement tout spécial à Kevin Coyle, la mémoire fidèle de notre association, à qui j'ai maintes fois fait appel au cours de ces deux années lorsque j'avais besoin d'un conseil ou d'une information. Enfin, je tiens à remercier également Lucian Turcescu, qui a créé notre site web et a vu à son maintien et qui a également remplacé Patrick Gray comme secrétaire au Bulletin. Lucian a mis beaucoup d'énergie, et j'en suis certain, beaucoup de temps à réaliser ce site qui procure à notre association un instrument de communication et de promotion de ses activités extrêmement précieux. Je vous encourage tous à utiliser ce site où l'on trouve toutes les informations utiles sur notre association, la liste de nos membres, notre bulletin et le programme de nos activités, de même que plusieurs liens utiles avec d'autres sites qui présentent pour nous un intérêt particulier. As you already know, Lucian Turcescu will be moving from Toronto next month to St Francis Xavier University, but he approached the officials at the Univ. of Toronto who are willing to host our site on a permanent basis, under the sponsorship of a department which could be the Religious Studies Department or the Toronto School of Theology. Lucian told that he would be happy to continue to maintain the website wherever it may be located.

D'autre part, vous vous rappellerez que les rapports soumis par notre trésorier n'avaient pas été rédigés selon les règles de l'art pour les années 1996 et 1997 et que le dernier rapport avait suscité de nombreuses questions auxquelles notre trésorier n'avait pas pu répondre, puisqu'il avait été empêché de participer à notre assemblée annuelle. Avant de passer les livres à notre nouveau trésorier René-Michel Roberge en juin dernier, j'ai donc repris et vérifié les comptes des deux années précédentes et fait mon possible pour y mettre de l'ordre. J'y suis parvenu à quelques \$ près et je tiens à vous assurer, à la décharge de notre collègue Andrius Valevicius, qu'il n'y a eu aucune négligence dans les opérations comme telles, puisque que tous les dépôts ont été effectués fidèlement et que tous les paiements, notamment les remboursements de frais de voyages, ont été réglés conformément aux règles que nous nous sommes donné. Les problèmes résidaient exclusivement dans la tenue des livres comme telle. René-Michel Roberge vous soumettra des rapports en règle pour les années antérieures de même que pour l'année 1998 et pour le premier semestre de 1999 dans quelques instants.

Staying in the financial domain, I have the pleasure to tell you that the CSPA is since January 1st a registered charity at Revenu Canada under the number 86828 7368 RR0001. This registration follows a suggestion made two years ago in St. John's when it became clear that the SSHRC operating grant would disappear. It is up to this assembly and to our new board to decide now how and to what purpose this advantage will be utilized.

D'autre part, il semble que le nombre de nos membres en règle n'ait guère progressé au cours des deux dernières années, et je crois que cette situation devrait être une des principales préoccupations de notre prochain exécutif. Notre site web constitue un instrument de promotion majeur et il faudra trouver des moyens de l'utiliser en ce sens. D'autre part, notre concours d'essai n'a reçu que deux candidats cette année, et aucun n'a été jugé digne de recevoir le prix. Je crois qu'il est très important de susciter des participations aussi nombreuses que possible à ce concours qui constitue un moyen d'intéresser des jeunes

membres à nos activités et d'assurer une relève pour notre association.

I could not end my report without paying a last tribute to our colleague and friend Father John Egan. He was one of the most faithful members of our Society and I am sure that everybody here has missed both his quiet and discreet presence and his always insightful and nuanced papers.

I started my report by the expression of my thanks to the members of the board, I would like to finish it expressing my gratitude to all of you for the privilege you granted me to act as your president for the last two years and I wish to the next president, Kevin Coyle, the same pleasure in the exercise of his duties.

Joanne suggested that we send Regis College a letter expressing our Society's condolences for the loss of John Egan. The letter should insist that John's papers be published. P. Widdicombe agreed to look into this.

#### **5. Secretary's Report (Constance McLeese)**

Constance McLeese étant dans l'impossibilité de participer à notre réunion cette année, il n'y a pas de rapport de la secrétaire.

#### **6. Rapport du trésorier (René-Michel Roberge)**

In presenting his report Michel explained that there has been a doubling of the travel grant our society has received from the SSHRC to \$1,650. Members who present papers at the society's annual meeting are especially encouraged to apply for travel funds.

Louis said he spent about a week checking the books and found that there was nothing wrong with them. He managed to balance the books. The books did not balance because some cheques were still circulating when Andrius Valevicius gave his report (see footnote 1 on p. 4 of the treasurer's report).

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by: L. Painchaud and seconded by P. Widdicombe for 1996 and K. Coyle for 1997 respectively. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was made by R-M Roberge, seconded by P. Gray, to approve the report for 1998. Approved.

H. Remus (seconded by P-H Poirier) made a motion requesting that the treasurer forecast special expenses in the budget. Approved.

P.-H. Poirier (seconded by K. Coyle) made a motion that the books not be audited for the time being. Approved.

## 7. Program of the next annual meeting.

meeting will take place in Edmonton in 2000

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
CTS		25	26	27	
CSBS		25	26	27	
CAECS	24	25	26		
CSSR		25	26	27	28
CSPS		x	x	x	

CSPS is responsible for the joint lecture next year

Ken Steinhauser, next year's NAPS program chair was present.

*La discussion de ce point se poursuivra lors de l'ajournement de la réunion.*

## 8. Report of the Representative the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada (HSSFC) (by Kevin Coyle)

HSSFC will lobby for more travel grants from SSHRC;

HSSFC itself is in a sort of transition because they now can get SSHRC money only for special projects and no longer for the budget. They have to find this money from other sources.

HSSFC finds that the collaboration with CSPS is very good.

Some HSSFC members (e.g. Classics) chose not to meet at the Congress but separately.

## 9. Rapport du responsable du comité des nominations (Paul-Hubert Poirier)

President for 1999-2000: K. Coyle to serve as interim because Peter Widdicombe will be on sabbatical leave.

Nominating Committee: Margaret MacDonald (to replace Paul-Hubert)

Program Committee: Lucian Turcescu (to replace Pamela Bright)

Representative to HSSFC: Theo De Bruyn to replace Kevin Coyle

CCSR Representative: H. Remus agreed to continue.

Paul-Hubert (seconded by P. Gray) made motion. Approved unanimously.

## 10. Report from CCSR (Harold Remus)

*Ce point sera repris à l'ajournement de la réunion.*

**11. Visite du représentant de la FCSHS/HSSFC (4:45 pm). Report delivered by Michael Owen**

HSSFC represents some 25,000 members, 70 universities, and 68 learned societies.

New initiatives:

lobbying the federal government for more funds on its behalf and on the behalf of SSHRC

M. Owen asked for input from us about the structure we need, as well as suggestions of themes for the Edmonton Congress.

P. Bright requested that SSHRC grants to HSSFC be disclosed and detailed by discipline.

Pamela also suggested that in HSSFC's presentations of globalization an emphasis be set on the contribution made to world culture by the western humanistic culture, especially the classical and early Christian cultures.

Patrick asked that HSSFC publicize successful grant proposals. He also emphasized the need for more collaborative research in the humanities.

Sur une proposition de Joanne McWilliam, la réunion est ajournée au lendemain matin 5 juin.

Lucian Turcescu, secr. *ad hoc*.

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Paul-Hubert Poirier agit comme secrétaire *ad hoc*.

**7. Program of the 2000 Annual Meeting (Continued)**

The following dates are proposed (Patrick Gray/Tim Hegedus): from Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 May 2000.

Motion carried. Unanimously.

Some names are proposed for the joint lecture, for which our society is responsible for next year. After discussion, the name of Mark Vessey is retained. He will be asked to give a lecture on the «Construction of Late Antiquity», with an emphasis on the importance of the Late Antiquity concept in the shaping of Mediaeval and Modern thought. The executive will find out someone else if Vessey is not available.

The possibility of a joint session with the CSBS seminar on religious rivalry will also be considered for next year.

For the book discussion, the following title is proposed: James RIVES, *Religion and Authority in Ancient Carthage*, Oxford University Press.

Michel Desjardins will be asked for a proposition for a local representative in Edmonton, since we have no member there.

#### **10. Report from CCSR (Harold Remus)**

Many CSPS people have been appointed on the board of CCSR:

Lucian Turcescu will be in charge of the combined program. Nicola Denzy will be in charge of a Web site for the Federation.

Margaret Macdonald is the new Vice-President of CCSR.

Theo de Bruyn is the new publication officer.

We are invited to submit papers to SR.

At the next AAR/SBL annual meeting, a reception for Canadian scholars attending will be offered.

Manuscripts to be published in the Corporation series are to be sent to Theo de Bruyn. Sandra Wolfry is retiring from Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

#### **12. New Business**

Relationship CSPS/NAPS (Kevin Coyle): Kenneth Steinhauser, member of CSPS, is the new program chair for NAPS. Therefore, we can expect an easier collaboration between NAPS and us. Kevin and Ken will meet in Oxford in order to coordinate our two programs.

The HSSFC publishes «fiches» that provide information on scholars and projects in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Everybody is invited to send information.

Charles Kannengiesser wishes that, for our future annual meetings, we manage time for exchange after every paper. The program chair will see what can be done.

A motion of thanks and congratulation is offered by Kevin Coyle to the out-going president Louis Painchaud. The motion is carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. (Patrick Gray).

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