

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Annual General Meeting

9 June 2023

Hybrid – in person/via zoom

28 present, in person – 38 present via Zoom

Call to Order 9 am

Approval of the Agenda (as distributed). Proposed by Marianne Rasmus and seconded by John Reid. Passed.

Motion 2023-01 AGM: Motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Proposed by Gillian Leitch and seconded by Patricia Burns. Passed. One abstention.

1. Annual Report (Dianne Brydon, President)

- This has been a successful year, with an average of 122 people attending online, and the in-person attendance increasing.
- Thanks are given to David Jeanes, Barbara Tose, Marianne Rasmus, and Ken McKinlay for handling the technical and other aspects of the monthly meetings
- The 2022 conference was a success, and the 2023 conference has been moved to October 2023
- Our online meetings have widened our non-member attendance, and some have since joined the society. One quarter of our membership is now outside the greater Ottawa area.
- The board has operated this year with fewer members. Thank you to our retiring Directors Suzanne Dawes, Gillian Leitch and Ken McKinley
- The organization is healthy
- Thanks to all of our volunteers
- Thanks specifically to John Sayer, who is retiring as leader of the RG 76 project to index the LAC immigration files which will transfer many more names of Home Children to our Name Index.

In Memoriam

Cliff Adams
Bill Arthurs
Gary Bagley
Lynne Baxter
Bert Renwick
Betty Warburton

2. Financial Report (Jennifer Hill, Treasurer)

- Revenue: Conference revenue was lower than in previous years, and donations were down as well. Total \$28,558; expenses \$30,761, with a loss of \$2,203.
- Opening the floor for questions:
 - Comment- that the member was dismayed at the level of donations. Asked the number of current members – answer 304.

Motion 2023-02 AGM: Motion to appoint the public accounting firm of McCay Duff to conduct a review engagement of the Society's books and records for the 2023 fiscal year. Proposed by Jennifer Hill and seconded by Trish Grainger. Passed. One abstention.

3. Elections to the Board (Duncan Monkhouse, Past President)

Motion 2023-03 AGM: Motion to elect the following individuals as members of the Board: Beth Adams (Director), Laurie Dougherty (Secretary), Jennifer Hill (Treasurer), Sue Lambeth (Research), and Susan Smart (Director). Proposed by Duncan Monkhouse and seconded by Ken McKinlay. Passed. Two abstentions.

- There is one vacancy in the board. Call for nominations from the floor for another director at large from the floor. No nominations.
- The board is elected as per the motion 2023-03.
- Thanks to Duncan Monkhouse for his work on nominations.

4. Awards

- Best *Anglo-Celtic Roots* Article by a Member 2022-23, Veronica Scrimger, in recognition of her article: "Walter Birtles: Searching for a Better Work Life" published in the Fall 2022 issue of *Anglo-Celtic Roots*.
- Best Education Talk by a Member 2022-23, Shirley Monkhouse, in recognition of her talk: "Tips for Genetic Genealogy DNA Research and Irish Case Studies," given at the March 2023 Meeting
- Best Talk by a Member 2022-23, Carol Annett, in recognition of her talk: "Stories from the War," given at the November 2022 Meeting.
- Certificate of Recognition presented to David Jeanes, in recognition of his tireless efforts and invaluable assistance in providing technical support for our hybrid monthly meetings and annual conference.
- Hall of Fame Award presented to Barbara Tose

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5. Comments from the floor

Susan Davis: Does the board have a plan for getting more members and donations?

Answer: There is a planning meeting for the board being held in July. It is evident that people like our product, and that we haven't held enough meetings with the hybrid model to make decisions about our meeting format.

Jane: Are you looking forward to the larger scale meetings, and talking with Library and Archives Canada and the Ottawa Public Library for venues?

Answer: the OPL is excited about the new library, with its new meeting spaces. Will be talking with them further. With regard to in person events, we have to balance the needs of the members living outside of the greater Ottawa area and the local ones. The 2024 conference will be on Ireland.

AGM is closed, 9:36 am.