

# Annual General Meeting/ Assemblée générale annuelle 16 May 2024/ 16 mai 2024

2:00-4:00pm/ 14h00-16h00 - Le Monastère des Augustines, Noviciat 1 & 2

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## Minutes / Procès verbal

0. Word of welcome / Mot de bienvenue

The President, Judith Fletcher, welcomed the members for the AGM after a rich annual conference.

1. Moment of silence for recently deceased members / Minute de silence en mémoire des membres décédés

The Assembly observes a moment of silence in memory of our members qho passed away during the past year: Charles Leslie Murison (Western, 1937 - 2023), Anthony Podlecki (UBC, January 25, 1936 – July 31, 2023), Frederic M. Schroeder (Queens: December 19, 1937 - December 29, 2022), Charles Fantazzi (Windsor, August 27, 1930 - March 13, 2024), Haruo Konishi (UNB: 1932 - 2023), David Konstan (NYU, November 1, 1940 – May 2, 2024), Paul-Hubert Poirier (Laval 1948 - 2024)

2. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Boris Chrubasik moves the adoption of the agenda. Anne-France Morand seconds. Discussion : None. Vote : Carried neminem contra.

3. Past Activity of the Association / Activité passée de la Société

3.1 Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting / Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2023

Peter J. Miller moves the adoption of the Minutes of the last AGM in Halifax. Pierre-Luc Brisson seconds. Discussion : note. Vote : carried, neminem contra.

4. Business arising / Affaires en découlant None.

#### 5. Reports / Rapports

#### 5.1 President / Présidente

A warm welcome to you all. As she prepared to pass the pen to Fran Pownall, I wanted to thank for all your support over the past two years. Merci à l'Institut d'études anciennes et médiévales d'avoir accueilli notre réunion. She was happy to welcome 29 new members. Seven of these are Francophones. There are 4 ordinary members, 7 at reduced rates, and 18 student memberships. She thanked the treasurer, Craig Maynes, for informing her about the new members. There are now 17 institutional members. The association greatly appreciates their support. She reached out to their chairs to solicit information about their Greek and Latin undergraduate courses, and she prepared certificates for the "Outstanding Student Award" for two of these institutions and urged the heads to remind their departments of this distinction.

Further, she informed the assembly that Kathryn Mattison will be stepping down from her role as the Eastern Ontario tour coordinator after Fall 2024. On behalf of the Association, she wants to thank her for managing the lecture tour so well.

On behalf of the association, she thanked the departing members of Council, Beth Greene and Katharine Huemoeller, for their service. Peter J. Miller is stepping down from his role as social media and web editor; we are grateful for his timely attention to this role. Regina Hoeschele will be stepping down from her role as our representative at the Internationale Thesaurus Kommission, but she will attend their meeting in Munich this summer on our behalf.

Finally, she reported on the ongoing work of the CAC's outreach initiative as she recently met with a representative of the sister initiative in the United Kingdom. The CAC is bound to add another tab to our website that should link to a hub of open educational resources on Classics in Canada, to present contact form to link scholars to the high schools, libraries and the wider public to present their research in plain speech, to interest students to choose Classics as a career. Further, she underlined the CAC's engagement in public events like the KORE exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum in 2022. She was pleased about the precious collaboration she received from Allison Glazebrook, Christina Vester, and our social media editor during this project phase.

#### 5.2 Past President / Président sortant

Bruce Robertson faced severe health issues. The duties of the Past-President have been distributed as needed. Judith Fletcher was very grateful to Pauline Ripat for chairing the Mark Golden Book Prize Committee, and to the committee members, Kathryn Simonsen, Max Nelson, Noreen Humble, and Jessica Romney. There were four submissions this year, and the committee expressed their admiration for the high quality of the work. Judith Fletcher had contacted all the applicants on behalf of the committee. She was also grateful to Jonathan Edmundson for chairing the Nomination Committee, and to its members of her Award committee, John Harris, and Patrick Baker. Anne-France Morand chaired the Award of Merit Committee on behalf of the Past President—many thanks to Elizabeth Greene and Natalie Swain for serving on the committee. There were no submissions for the Elaine Fantham Award this year.

#### 5.3 Vice President / Vice-Présidente

Frances Pownall, as the Vice President, chaired different awards committees. The membership of the Awards Committee for 2023 consisted of Frances Pownall as Chair (ex officio as VP). Craig Maynes (ex officio as Treasurer), and Pierre-Luc Brisson, Kat Huemoeller, and Melanie Racette-Campbell as representatives of Council. The membership of the Awards Committee for 2024 consisted of Frances Pownall as Chair (ex officio as VP), Craig Maynes (ex officio as Treasurer), and Pierre-Luc Brisson, Kat Huemoeller, and Carolyn Willekes as representatives of Council. Merci à tous les membres anciens et actuels du Comité de sélection! This committee adjudicated the Desmond Conacher Scholarship/Bourse Desmond Conacher, Mosaic Scholarship/ Bourse Mosaïque en études classiques, and the Graduate Student Presentation Prize/ Prix pour la meilleure présentation par un étudiant lors du congrès annuel. Desmond Conacher Scholarship/Bourse Desmond Conacher: France Pownall was pleased to announce that the Desmond Conacher Scholarship for 2023 had two co-winners: Daniel Belanger (Brock) and Aimée Bernard (Calgary/UBC). The Mosaic Scholarship was not given out in 2023, as no eligible applications were received. Morover she was pleased to report that we did receive some eligible applications this year, and the winner of the 2024 Mosaic Scholarship is Crystal Huang (University of Alberta). She thanked the Council members for their suggestions on revised wording for the Mosaic Scholarship (with its new increased value) to clarify the criteria and attract more eligible applications. We will come to this on item 7.2 of the agenda. She advises the public to note that as well as increasing the amount of the award from \$500 to \$750, we were also changing the submission date to May 1 to bring it in line with the other awards administered by the Awards Committee.

La gagnante de la Bourse Grace Irwin est Mme. Rachel de Villeneuve qui enseigne au Collège Stanislas à Montréal. Merci à Diana Pai, qui s'est occupée de ce concours.

The Ethics Committee for 2023/24 consisted of Frances Pownall as Chair (ex officio), Melanie Racette-Campbell as a member of Council, Emily Varto as the President of the Women's Network (ex officio), Simone Mollard as representative of the Graduate Student Caucus, and Jessica Romney as a member of the CAC membership at large. They met on November 23, 2023, and agreed on new wording for the ethics statement on the webpage of the CAC website. The revised ethics statement vetted by a lawyer and a Human Rights Professional, and passed by Council. They also drafted a short statement on academic freedom, which will also go onto the CAC website

Furthermore, she sent out the (anonymous) equity survey to everyone she could find currently teaching Classics in a Canadian university in March. This was a cumbersome process as the list of local reps is very outdated, and the survey is intended for those affiliated with Canadian universities, and not just the CAC membership. She received 126 responses, which was approximately 30% more than the 2022 survey. Of the respondents, 50% identified as female, 42.9% as male, 1.6% as non-binary, 0.8% as two-spirited, and 4.8% preferred not to answer. 16.8% identified as LGBTQ+, 78.8% did not identify as LGBTQ+, and 4.8% preferred not to answer. As for employment status, 68.3% reported that they were tenured full-time, 13.5% as limited-term full-time, 9.5% as tenure-track full-time, and 8.7% as limited-term part-time. As for rank, 31.7% reported that they were (full) Professors, 30.2% as Associate Professors, 19% as Assistant Professors, 18.3% as Lecturers, Instructors, Tutors, or other, and .8% as postdoctoral

fellows. As for age range, 30.2% were 51-60, 28.6% were 41-50, 23% were 31-40, 15.9% were 61-70, 1.6% were 21-30, and .8% were 71 and over. 98.6% of respondents reported having a Ph.D. and 3.2% having a master's degree. 4.8% of respondents reported that they are members of a visible minority group, 1.6% identified as indigenous persons, and 9.7% identified as having a disability. 76.2% of respondents recorded English as their first language, 11/1% as French, and 12.7% as other. 70.6% reported that they are members of the CAC, and 29.4% reported that they are not. She did receive one email expressing concern about the anonymity of the survey, and she would like to reassure the membership that the Google form does not record individual responses but only provides an anonymous pie chart with the overall percentages for each question. The survey is an important tool for understanding the evolution of our membership and the general portrait of Classics in Canada. It would give it the tools to address any inequality we perceive correlating with gender, age, and employment.

## 5.4 Secretary / Secrétaire

The secretary, Christian R. Raschle, organized the two council meetings in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 via Zoom to save money for the Association and time for the members. Until further notice, the new normal arrangement would be that the Council members meet in person during the Annual Conference, as stated in the Vademecum. Travel assistance is provided for this, but as the treasurer pointed out, that does not cover the full costs.

Further, Christian R. Raschle reports on the lecture tours on behalf of their organizers.

## Atlantic Tour 2023 (Kathy Simonsen)

The speaker for the 2023 tour was Professor Frances Pownall, Department of History, Classics and Religion at the University of Alberta. The tour ran from September 25th to October 6th. Professor Pownall visited Dalhousie, Saint Mary's, Mount Allison, UNB-Fredericton, Acadia, Grenfell, and Memorial. Professor Pownall's talks included "A Tale of Two Lamias and Demetrius Poliorcetes" and "Invasion of the Body-Snatcher? Ptolemy I's 'Quest for Legitimacy'". The 2024 Atlantic tour speaker will be Noreen Humble, University of Calgary. The tour will probably run from Sept. 30th to October 11th.

## Central West Tour (Kathryn Mattison McMaster)

The 2023 Central West tour was a great success with Jessica Romney (MacEwan University) as our speaker. Jessica offered four topics (Locating the Greeks through Diet and Space; Of Suppliants and Ships: Imperial Identities and Travel to and from Athens; Placing the Sympotic Elite: Lyric as the Centre of the Polis; Whose Messenian War? Re-reading Tyrtaeus in Archaic Sparta). All seven institutions participated: Western, Waterloo/Laurier, Windsor, Brock, McMaster, York, Toronto. We are delighted to say that Conor Whately (University of Winnipeg) has agreed to be the 2024 Central West speaker.

## Central East Tour (Laura Banducci Carleton University)

The 2023 Central-East speaker was Dr. Ilaria Battiloro from Mount Allison University. She visited 8 universities doing 7 lectures in 5 days: Laval, Bishops, Concordia, McGill, Carleton/Ottawa, Queens, Trent.The two lectures that these institutions chose to offer were: "Who Built the

Sanctuary of Venus in Pompeii? New Data from the Venus Pompeiana Project" and "Hominum Divomque Voluptas: The Cult of Venus in Pompeii between Epigraphy and Archaeology" 2024's tour will be by Dr. Mike Sampson from the University of Manitoba. His lectures will be some combination of: "A Sapphic Scandal and Scholarly Ethics" "Purchased Papyri from Karanis and the Archaeological Record" and "New Approaches to Old Texts: Digital Papyrology in Practice."

#### Western Tour

Lisa Hughes organized the Western Tour. Elisabeth Greene (Brock) was the speaker. Part of the tour was delivered through Zoom, with regional hybrid meetings in Alberta. Since the costs are ever increasing, the council is wondering if these experiences could be applied in other contexts as well. The speaker for 2024 will be Deryn Lahoux (Queen's University, Kingston).

## Sight Translation Competition

On behalf of the organizers (Christopher Mackay, University of Alberta), Christian R. Raschle reported on the Sight Translation competition. The competition was organized on March 26, 2024, and the winners are:

Junior Greek 1st: Gabrielle Clark (Ottawa) 2nd: Camille Goulet (Montreal) 3rd: Hadley Reese (McGill)

Senior Greek 1st: Anastasia Paraskevopoulos (McGill) 2nd: Audrey Michel (McGill) 3rd: David Kok (Alberta)

Junior Latin 1st: Joshua Ng (Toronto) 2nd: Noah Dennis-Gordon (McGill) 3rd: Filippo Serci (Montréal)

Senior Latin 1st: Izzy Friesen (Toronto) 2nd: Emily Benko (Western) 3rd: Sophie Miliner (Dalhousie)

## 5.5 Treasurer / Trésorier

At the beginning of his report, Craig Maynes projects the list of the association's donors and underlines their vital role in the various funds. He agrees that the times are tough for all of us. Still, he encouraged the members to give often to the different funds, particularly the travel subsidies for graduate students to the annual conference. This was possible because Council members met by Zoom in November 2023 and March 2024. Regarding our investments, we must

consider that the markets were volatile. Nevertheless, the investment strategies provided us with enough revenue to meet our commitments. We hope that the markets bounce back.

Motion: The Association's financial statement for the Calendar year 2023 be accepted. Moved by Craig Maynes, seconded by Christina Vester. Discussion: None. Vote: Carried, neminem contra.

#### 5.6 Editor of Phoenix / Directeur de Phoenix

Boris Chrubasik gives a short report. Regine Höschele left the review department, and Kathryn Mattison joined the board in this function. Andrew Faulkner will be the new editor of Phoenix, and Boris Chrubasik will assist him for the first year before gradually fading out.

Boris Chrubasik must share the sad news that David Konstan died. He was an essential international board member for the Journal, and his name will soon be removed. Judith Schutz, the managing editor, will retire in the Summer of 2025. Phoenix had 55 submissions, and the acceptance rate was at 22%.

Further Boris Chrubasik reports that the Publication Schedule is going well, although finding reviewers between October and February was difficult. Volumes 77.1&2, 3&4 are in line of production 78.1&2 is full, 78.3&4 is filling up. All seems good. The supplementary editors' report shows they are very busy, too.

Financially, the year was good, the best in years, but Phoenix still had to eat up the deficit.

The search for new publishers was difficult. Every offer had its advantages and disadvantages. Cambridge University Press would like to publish 40 articles a year, rather than 20 articles, as Phoenix did in the past. Johns Hopkins University Press would share the Phoenix revenue with it, whereas University of Toronto Press is working on a fee basis with Ebscor. JHUP would rather go after the subscribers to pay the fee. Brepols would like to take over everything without redistributing money. The key point for the revenue-based models is that the publisher runs after the clients to claim the money due for the publication. Boris Chrubasik would like to have a decision by the November Meeting of Council on whom Phoenix would like to team up, and the result will be submitted to the AGM in 2025.

## 5.7 Editors of Mouseion / Directeurs de Mouseion

Kathryn Simonsen gives a short version of her report. In short, the Journal has still to catch up with its publication schedule. Thanks to the new submissions' portal, new articles flock in steadily. The acceptance rate and the finances are healthy.

## 5.8 Social media editor / Rédacteur de media sociaux

It is his last report. He posted 47 news items. He thanks everybody who sent in the news items and the job postings. Leah Bernardo-Ciddio will take over from now on. They started an Instagram account and asked us to subscribe. X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook will continue until further notice. The big project will be keeping an updated list of the local representatives. The council pays tribute to Peter J. Miller with warm applause.

### 5.9 President of the Women's Network / Présidente du Réseau des femmes

Emily Varto announced that these were her last annual meeting as the Women's Network senior cochair. Carolyn MacDonald (UNB) will take over, as she has been the previous years' junior cochair of the Women's Network. This year's donation funds for the annual conference go to the "Maisons des femmes du Québec". She thanked everyone for the donations received. The WN is becoming more popular, with 57 people registered for the AGM, and they hope to do more networking. All its activities were on Tuesday, and they were delighted with the two research panels because of the high quality of the papers received. The significant change is the prizes and awards, as they managed to hand out two prizes of their bursary money for research excellence for graduate students and contingent faculty. They learned a lot in putting up this process.

5.10 President of the Graduate Student's Caucus / Présidente du Caucus des étudiant(e)s gradué(e)s

Simone Mollard informed the AGM about the activities of the Graduate Students' Caucus. They have updated the list-serv and the transition documentation to keep everything more consistent. They are very excited about their panel. As part of the elections at this year's conference, Émile Caron (Université de Montréal) has been elected chair of the Caucus. They still focus their activities on recruiting new members, now also via Instagram, and especially by organizing Zoom Webinars on the job market as the primary means of outreach. This year's annual conference panel on publishing was a great success. This year, there has been a significant increase in graduate student participation thanks to different measures, such as the lower cost barriers. The council members are pleased about the great turnout of graduate students at this year's conference. They enjoyed the special event for the graduate students organized by ULaval students.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers, Council Members, Editor of Phoenix, and Committee Members / Rapport du Comité des candidatures et élection des membres du Bureau, du Conseil, directeur de Phoenix, et des comités

The search for new council members was not easy this year, but we are happy that we could find all the required candidates for the vacant seats. The nominating committee formed by Jonathan Edmondson (chair), Judith Fletcher, Leanne Bablitz and Patrick Baker recommended unanimously the following appointments:

- Juliana Will (MUN), Ordinary Member 2024-2027.
- Bernd Steinbock, Ordinary Member. 2024-2027.
- Craig Maynes, Treasurer (for the second mandate), 2024-2027.
- Robert Weir, Vice-président, 2024-2026.
- Andrew Faulkner, Editor of Phoenix, 2024-2028

All the nominees were elected by acclamation.

### 7. Motions

Motion 7.1. To approve the revised wording of the Statement of Professional Ethics/ approuver la version revisée de la Déclaration d'éthique professionnelle

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Judith Fletcher presents a new version of our Statement of Professional Ethics that has been worded with the help of a human rights lawyer. Judith Fletcher moves the adoption of this Statement of Professional Ethics. Frances Pownall and Jessica Romney second. Discussion: During the discussion, the executive members explained the key concepts involved regarding equality, diversity, and inclusion. The French translation was also subject to some clarifications and grammatical corrections. Vote: 3 abstentions, carried, neminem contra.

Motion 7.2. to approve the revised wording of the Mosaic Scholarship / approuver la version revisée de la Bourse Mosaïque

Judith Fletcher presents the revised wording of the Mosaic Scholarship, which is meant to be more inclusive and open to students enrolled in smaller universities who do not have a Classics major.

"This scholarship seeks to encourage and support in the discipline of Classics students from historically underrepresented groups in Canada, such as racialized persons, indigenous populations, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, or persons with disabilities. One award of \$750 is offered each year, and the award can only be held once. Eligibility and criteria: Applicants must identify as a member of an underrepresented group and currently be enrolled in an undergraduate program in Classics or related disciplines (including minors) at a Canadian University. The main criterion is academic achievement. Preference is given to Canadian students (citizens or permanent residents).

"Cette bourse vise à encourager et à soutenir dans la discipline des études classiques les étudiants de groupes historiquement sous-représentés au Canada, par exemple les minorités visibles, les populations autochtones, les populations 2SLGBTQ+, ou les personnes handicapées. Un prix de \$750 est offert chaque année, et le prix peut être attribué seulement une seule fois à la même personne.

Critères d'admissibilité: Les candidats doivent s'identifier comme membres d'un groupe sousreprésenté et être actuellement inscrits à un programme de premier cycle en études classiques ou des disciplines connexes (les mineures comprises) dans une université canadienne. Les réalisations académiques sont le principal critère de sélection. La préférence est accordée aux étudiants canadiens (citoyens ou résidents permanent). » 8. Winners of the Association's Essay Prizes junior and senior / Gagnant(e)s des prix Concours du meilleur travail de session junior et sénior

The secretary, Christian R. Raschle, announces the winners of the essay competitions on behalf of the adjudicators, David Mirhady (Simon Fraser University) and Catherine Tracy (Bishop's University).

8.1. David Mirhady has decided to rank the Junior Essay category as follows. The winner is an animated short, a very affecting dramatization of an Achilles/Patroclus story.

1 – Amara Fortier- Acadia University: A Classical Recombination/Retelling of Divine Anger and the God's Influence on Fate,

2 – Kate Giles- Carleton University: A Diachronic Examination of the Architecture at Petra: Analyzing the Built Environment of the Nabataean Peoples and the Subsequent Developments Following the Roman Annexation

3 – Sophia Lobe – Canadian Mennonite University A Moment of Recognition: Disguise in Homer's Iliad and Odyssey

8.2. Catherine Tracy has decided to rank the entries in the Seniors Essay category as follows:
1st prize: "Peregrinus as Sophist in Lucian's Περὶ τῆς Περεγρίνου τελευτῆς" by Chris Bauer

2nd prize: "Adea Eurydice the 'Warrior Queen'? Source Bias, Illyrian Gender Norms, and the Political Battlefield of the Diadochi Wars" by Anna Smythe

3rd prize: "Wits of the Wor(I)d: Ante-Nicene Christian Appropriation of Classical Learnedness" by Annemiek Gritter

9. Presentation of the Prize for the Best Graduate Paper / Remise du prix pour la meilleure présentation par un(e) étudiant(e) gradué(e)

The jury was happy to welcome many submissions, and creating a short list of the top three contenders was challenging. The Prize went to Tiphaine Lahuec (University of Toronto) for her presentation with the title "La nature avant  $\varphi \dot{\upsilon} \sigma_i \varsigma$ : espaces et entités chez Homère."

10. Presentation of the Award of Merit-/ Remise du Prix du Mérite

Anne-France Morand (Laval), Aara Suksi (Western), and Pauline Ripat (Winnipeg) formed the committee for the Award of Merit. This year's Award of Merit went to Kathryn Simonsen (MUN) for her outstanding service to the CAC. In addition to her pivotal role in the Women's network since 2010, her presence on Counci, and her role as co-editor of Museion, she has been organizing the Atlantic lecture tour for 15 years.

11. Presentation of the Mark Golden Book Award / Remise du Prix du Livre "Mark Golden"

The Mark Golden Book Award went to Angela Hug (York University) for her monograph Fertility, Ideology, and the Cultural Politics of Reproduction at Rome (Brill, 2023). The Committee underlined her mastery in exploring less well-known sources to investigate Roman cultural practices and values through the lens of Social History around the Roman concept of fecunditas.

12. Winners of the Women's Network Awards/ Gagnant(e)s des prix du Réseau des femmes Carolyn Macdonald, the new Senior Co-Chair of the Women's Network, presented the Women's Network awards winners.

In the category of the best presentation by a pre-PhD student, the award went to Alex-Anne Fortin-Onis and her presentation "Fantômes québécoises et antiques : limites et problèmes d'une étude comparée".

The award for the best presentation by a contingent scholar went to Dr Monica Di Rosa, "Commemorating Women: the Case Study of the Greek Funerary Inscriptions of the City of Rome."

### 13. Gratiarum Actio

Adriana Brock (University of Toronto) held an entertaining Gratiarum Actio in Latin. Her lively presentation was met with immense applause.

14. Preserving ancient languages in the Age of Austerity/ Préserver les langues anciennes à l'ère de l'austérité

Judith Fletcher, the outgoing president, chose the topic for discussion with the present members, the current Age of Austerity in Post-secondary education, which was and continues to threaten the smaller Classics programs in the Ontario universities. Particularly imposing a minimum size per class is going to cancel all the advanced language classes, for instance, the smaller classes in Ancient Greek and Latin at the intermediate and advanced levels, especially seemed to be endangered. Many Classics programs would explore collaboration to help the few students thrive in the advanced classes. However, collaboration seems complicated because of the administrative and bureaucratic hurdles to overcome. During the discussion, Judith Fletcher urged the public to communicate to her the local and other outreach initiatives, like the collaboration of UBC and the Alberta Institutions during the Western Lecture tour. It is agreed that this topic deserves a task force and an examination of the strategies of the SCS and their application to the Canadian environment.

15. Discussion of future venues for the conference / Lieu et date des conferences futures The executive is happy to announce that our colleagues at the University of Winnipeg will host the Annual Conference in May 2025. For 2026, the executive is looking for an Ontarian institution, whereas they are discussing convening at Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2027.

#### 16. Any other business / Divers

Judith Fletcher passes the pen of the President to her successor Frances Pownall. The members spend a round of warm applause.

#### 17. Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

Peter J. Miller moves to adjourn the meeting. Christian R. Raschle seconds. All in favour by acclamation at 4.05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Winnipeg May 15 2025