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CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE (20)

Members of the executive present:

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| R. Babcock | President |
| G. Kealey | Treasurer/Editor, <i>L/ILT</i> |
| A. Seager | Secretary/Programme co-ordinator |
| Absent; owing to other duties | |
| D. Moore | Vice-President |

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 1982 MEETING

Adopted as presented

AGENDA

Adopted as presented

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robert Babcock explained his recent correspondence with Robert Zeiger of the North American Labour History Association, regarding our formal participation in future arrangements dealing with the Association's annual conferences held in Detroit. After a discussion and reports on the Detroit conference by Bill Baker and Bryan Palmer, it was agreed that the President should act as our liaison with the North American groups and that efforts should be made to arrange a Canadian programme from this end for 1985.

Scholars interested in presenting papers at the North American Labour History conference in 1985 (or in future) are urged to contact Dr. Babcock, University of Maine at Orono.

TREASURER'S / EDITOR'S REPORT

Greg Kealey emphasized that the journal is in relatively sound financial condition at present, but faces the ever-present challenge of new technologies, government programmes, etc.

He wished to thank all subscribers for their prompt and thoughtful responses to the questionnaire circulated in the Autumn, 1982 number.

SECRETARY'S / PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Allen Seager gave a brief explanation of the fact that no British Columbia papers have been included on the CHA Labour History programme this year. However, a special session on "Class Struggles in B.C." had been organized; he wished to thank Elaine Bernard, Clay Perry, Legislative Director of the International Woodworkers of America, B.C. district, and Bill Clark, president of the Telecommunications Workers' Union, for their participation.

A discussion ensued on prospects for 1984 and 1985. It was agreed, upon the suggestion of Jim Thwaites, that a special effort be made to organize jointly with Québécois historians for 1985, when Montréal will host the Learned's. Upon Greg Kealey's urging, it was also agreed that efforts be made to address, in 1985, some pressing contemporary questions:

- 1) work relations in the public sector
- 2) the industrial relations system since 1945

N.B. Scholars working in these fields, in Québécois labour history, or other fields interested in presenting papers at the CHA are urged to do so.

They should contact the programme co-ordinator, Allen Seager, Dept. of History, Simon Fraser University.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was M/S/C that the Canadian Committee on Labour History ask the executive to register our extreme displeasure with the practice of the CHA organizers in scheduling our annual business meeting alongside that of the Women's History Group. Many members of these respective groups are interested in attending both meetings and cannot do so under the present set-up.

TRENT BUSINESS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Tom Traves announced this conference, to be held in June, 1984, one week prior to the convening of the CHA. Labour historians were urged not to feel shy about attending or presenting papers.

HARRY CROWE ENDOWMENT CONFERENCE

Paul Craven explained that at some point in the not-too-distant future (1984-5) the planners of these annual conferences, which have dealt with a wide range of progressive issues at York University, may organize a colloquium on Canadian Labour Since World War II.

N.B. As the planners will make their decision on the basis of what resources are available, scholars working in this field are urged to contact Professor Craven, Social Science Division, York University, for further information.

COMMONWEALTH LABOUR HISTORY CONFERENCES

Given the election of a Labour government in Australia, it is possible that our colleagues in that dominion may be able to realize their longstanding desire to host such a conference. Terry Ruddell and Jim Thwaites emphasized that Québécois historians, among others, would be interested in taking part. It was agreed that should the contingency arise every effort will be made to co-ordinate the organization of a Canadian delegation. For further information, scholars are advised to contact Greg Kealey, History, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

CHA/LEARNEDS INFORMATION BULLETIN

Allen Seager was instructed to contact Professor Alan Brooks at the University of Guelph with an eye towards drawing up a newsletter, prior to the 1984 meetings, which would give those interested in labour issues an

opportunity of having the times, dates, and places of all sessions (regardless of discipline) relevant to the topic.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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| for President | R. Babcock |
| Vice-President | D. Moore |
| Treasurer | G. Kealey |
| Secretary | A. Seager |

All were elected by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was M/S/C that the annual meeting be adjourned, 1:40 pm.

Call For Papers and Panels

Social Science History Association — 1984 Meeting

The ninth annual meeting of the Social Science History Association will be held October 25-28, 1984 at the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education in Toronto, Canada.

Those wishing to organize a panel, present a paper, chair a panel, serve as a discussant or offer suggestions for the program are invited to contact:

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| Program Committee Chair: | Co-chair: |
| William Claggett | Marilyn Mavrinac |
| Department of Political Science | Department of Education/History |
| University of Mississippi | Colby College |
| University, Mississippi 38677 | Waterville, Maine 04901 |
| (601) 232-7401 | (207) 873-1131, ext. 2196 |

The full program committee will be announced at the 1983 meeting.

Paper and panel proposals should include a short description of the paper or papers involved and the names, departments and institutional affiliations of all proposed participants. Panels may also be in the form of roundtable discussions. All proposals must be received **no later than February 15, 1984.**