



Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology  
Association pour l'Anthropologie Physique au Canada

# NEWSLETTER

April 1984

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

AND

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

The 12th Annual Meetings of the CAPA/AAPC

will be held:

November 15-18, 1984

University of Alberta

Edmonton

Arrangements are underway for our first meeting in Edmonton. Experience Western hospitality first-hand! Shop for parkas and cowboy boots! See a university that operates on a decent budget! Please send suggestions for symposia and abstracts of papers to the program chairperson.

PROGRAM: Dr. L. M. Fedigan  
Department of Anthropology  
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I have proceeded as instructed by the membership and now have a working agreement with Dr. Regna Darnell, editor of the Canadian Journal of Anthropology. To institute our arrangement I am trying to put together enough material to fill an issue of the CJA under our banner. This will require 12 to 15 papers, and at present I have only 4 available. I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU SEND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PREMIER ISSUE.

I have instituted a revised reviewing procedure (along the AJPA model) to expedite processing and I feel that in future I can guarantee 2 to 2½ months for the period between submission and notification of acceptance/rejection.

I repeat that I am in urgent need of papers since the issue in preparation is expected to appear before the end of the summer. Where else can you get less than 6 months for a refereed journal "in print" item?

Items can be forwarded to the editor:

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COMMUNICATION DE L'EDITEUR

Je me suis conformé aux instructions des membres et je me suis arrangé avec m. le docteur Regna Darnell, éditeur du Journal Canadien de l'Anthropologie. Pour instituer notre arrangement j'essaie de rassembler assez de papiers pour constituer une publication du J.C.A. sous notre autorité. Ce qu'il me faut, c'est 12 à 15 papiers; en ce moment je n'en ai que quatre. Je vous prie avec urgence de m'envoyer des papiers à être considérés pour cette première publication.

J'ai introduit une nouvelle façon de faire la critique (selon le modèle de l'AJPA) pour accélérer le progrès et je crois que je peux vous assurer que la période entre la soumission et la notification de l'acceptation/refus d'un papier ne sera plus de 2 à 2½ mois.

Je vous répète que j'ai besoin des papiers tout de suite parce que la publication qu'on prépare doit apparaître avant la fin de l'été. Vous devez constater que vous pouvez obtenir la publication d'un papier dans moins de six mois.

Vous pouvez envoyer des papiers à l'éditeur:

J. D. Paterson  
Directeur, Anthropologie,  
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2500 University Drive, N.W.  
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J'annonce!

Je suis terriblement désolé que cette lettre est seulement anglaise. Je ne pouvait pas trouver un traducteur. (Ma jeune fille as aider avec ça).

Susan Pfeiffer

Our Special Fund

As noted in the minutes of our 1983 Annual Meeting, Dr. Davison Black, Jr., has very kindly continued his generous practice of donating to us the royalties from use of Choukotien film footage. The funds in our special "Davidson Black" Fund now exceed \$1000. As the fund has grown, so have the number of creative suggestions regarding how the money should be used.

To consider all suggestions, and make a recommendation to our next general meeting, a committee has been struck. Members include F. J. Melbye, Brenda Kennedy and Robert Larocque. Please forward your ideas regarding our regular use of this fund to one of them. As the expression goes, "speak now, or forever hold your peace."

News from Mexico

Dr. Luis Alberto Vargas, of the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropologicas, has written to announce the third Coloquio (congress) of Latin American physical anthropologists. It will be held some time in October, 1984. He reports that they hope to offer partial funding to one Canadian physical anthropologist to attend and "help anthropologists in this part of the continent to get in touch with our Canadian colleagues." Jerry Melbye has kindly agreed to take on that role (which includes the presentation of two academic papers). It's a good idea. Here's hoping that their plans go well!

Publications of Interest:

List of recent National Museum of Man Mercury Series papers of interest to physical anthropologists:

"Marriage Patterns in an Archaic Population: A Study of Skeletal Remains from Port au Choix, Newfoundland." By Brenda Kennedy. Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper No. 104 (1981).

"Contributions to Physical Anthropology, 1978-1980." Edited by Jerome S. Cybulski. Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper No. 106. (1981).

"Biological Relationships of Southern Ontario Woodland Peoples: The Evidence of Discontinuous Cranial Morphology." By Joseph Eldon Molto. Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper No. 117 (1983).

"Patterns of Activity-Induced Pathology in a Canadian Inuit Population." By Charles F. Merbs. Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper No. 119 (1983).

"A Diachronic Study of Dental Palaeopathology and Attritional Status of Prehistoric Ontario Pre-Iroquois and Iroquois Populations." By David Kingsnorth Patterson Jr. Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper No. 122 (1984).

These papers may be obtained gratis from Scientific Records Section, Archaeological Survey of Canada, National Museum of Man, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8, Canada. (Tel. (613) 996-5250).

IUAES:

The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences includes representation by Canadian delegates from the:

Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Assn.  
Canadian Ethnology Society  
Canadian Archaeological Assn.  
and us.

It is currently working on tidying up the aftermath of the 1983 ICAES in Vancouver and Quebec City and planning future international meetings. An "intercongress" in Egypt (Winter '85-'86) and a Congress in Zagreb, Yugoslavia (1988) are scheduled.

Christopher Meiklejohn has served admirably as our delegate since 1975. It is now time for the IUAES Canadian delegation to re-form. Chris has indicated his wish to step down, and I have been asked to suggest a new appointment. I have asked Eric Roth, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., to take on the task. I'm sure that Eric can count on the membership's support and input. And a hearty "thank you" to Chris for almost a decade of work on behalf of our organization!

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

29 OCTOBER 1983

MONTREAL. QUEBEC

The annual business meeting of the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology was called to order by President Susan Pfeiffer at 4:20 P.M. It was moved by F. J. Melbye and seconded by J. Kolar that the circulated agenda for the Meeting be accepted. Approved.

F. Forest moved that the minutes of the 1982 meeting as circulated in the Spring be approved. Seconded by S. Brooks. Approved.

Business Arising from Minutes:

The possibility of affiliating the CAPA with a larger federation or society was raised at the last meeting. This was seen as a possible means of maintaining financial and intellectual stability within the group. Inquiries and investigation into the matter have yielded less than positive results. Among the larger Canadian organizations, the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences seemed to have more in common with Physical Anthropological studies than the Learned Societies. However, the President, who went as a guest participant to the CFBS meetings, felt that, intellectually, at least, this group would not be useful to us. They are more concerned with functional biology and experimental science while we tend more toward evolutionary biology and naturalistic science. Although groups under the "umbrella" of the CFBS might be considered by some to be more "scientific", the President recommended that we do not pursue any affiliation. F. Melbye proposed that we do not pursue any affiliation unless someone specifically directs the Executive to do so.

Discussion continued on the Davidson Black money and to what use it should be applied. Since last year, an additional \$576.00 had been contributed by the family to the fund. At the 1982 meeting, a motion had been approved to use the money for a prize for the best paper presented at the annual meetings by a Master of Arts student. If no such papers were presented in a given year, there would be no award. Discussion at this meeting indicated that the membership felt that clearer guidelines concerning this award were needed. F. Melbye moved and S. Saunders seconded a motion that an ad hoc committee of 3 be appointed to implement the decision made at the last meeting. Approved. W. Wade then moved and C. Meiklejohn seconded an amendment to the above motion that the committee re-evaluate the whole issue of the application of this money--eg. offering an award or perhaps using it to bring in an occasional distinguished speaker on palaeontological subject. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning with a balance of \$2,335.95 as of November 1982, the current year accrued debits of \$6,205.31. This included \$3,077.31 to defray expenses of the 1982 annual meetings at Guelph and \$3,000.00 for the current issue of the Association Journal. Credits for the year amounted to \$6,621.65 which included \$4,621.65 from Membership dues and \$2,000.00 from a grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation for the 1982 meetings. Current balance as of 29 October 1983 is \$2,752.29.

The Davidson Black family contributed an additional \$576.00 royalties from the showing of the film on Choukoutien. This has been added to the original \$500.00 which they donated to us, bringing the Davison Black fund to over \$1000.

C. Meiklejohn moved and E. Salter seconded that the report be accepted.  
Approved.

Editor's Report: The editor, W. Wade, summarized the cost of publishing the Canadian Review of Physical Anthropology by year. As expected, printing costs have risen. Volume 4, Nos. 1-2 is about to come out. Current costs for this edition are approximately \$2,500.00.

The editor had investigated the possibilities of a merger between the CRPA and the Canadian Journal of Anthropology published through the Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta. Such a move was proposed at the 1982 meeting in the hopes of helping to defray some of our publishing costs while expanding our readership. W. Wade reported that Regna Darnell, current editor of the CJA responded favourably and would be interested in a concrete proposal from us. Informally, and most importantly, she had agreed that the CAPA would have complete editorial control over one issue of the journal a year and that, if this merger goes through, we would need to submit our first issue during the Spring, 1984.

It was moved by M. Skinner and seconded by C. Meiklejohn that the report of the editor be accepted. Approved.

Discussion then continued on the proposed journal merger. According to Wade, it is not likely that costs to individual members of the CAPA would increase, since the CJA format is larger than ours, thereby reducing the number of pages printed. Furthermore, while total numbers of copies for each journal issue would increase, there would be more people--those who already subscribed to the CJA--paying for each issue. He emphasized that our major concern would be to come up with enough papers of good quality to fill a whole issue each year. C. Meiklejohn advised that the merger he pursued since it would increase circulation of our articles, there would be more regular publication and we would be allied with an admirable journal. In that light, he moved and D. Berthelette seconded that we inform the new editor that the consensus of this meeting was that he should proceed with the merger according to the guidelines in the editor's report. During discussion of the motion, Wade emphasized that one should not support this motion unless one will contribute manuscripts for the journal. The motion was approved, with 1 dissenting vote.

#### New Business:

ICAES: E. Szathmary sent a report regarding the contribution of this organization to the ICAES meetings which were held in August 1983. Out of 30 regular symposia and 5 pre-Congress sessions, the CAPA organized two: "The Peopling of the Americas", chaired by E. Szathmary, which was quite successful; and "Hominid Evolution", chaired by B. Sigmon, which was so well attended that it had to be moved to a larger room. The President thanked all the CAPA organizers for their efforts.

Constitutional Amendments: At the last meeting it had been suggested that the CAPA change the tenure length for the offices of Editor and Secretary/Treasurer. A two year period did not allow individuals in those particular offices to become familiar enough with their jobs before the positions ended. Furthermore, a staggering of the tenures would allow for some continuity within the Executive. Therefore, the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Constitution were circulated with the CAPA newsletter so that

a vote could be taken at this meeting as per the Constitution. The Proposed amendment to the General By-Laws: Section IV: Officers of the Association would change from:

4.1 There shall be the following officers of the Association:

- a) President: elected by the members, who shall serve in such capacity for a two (2) year term.
- b) Secretary-Treasurer: elected by the Members for a two (2) year term concurrent with the term of the President.
- c) Editor: elected by the Members for a two (2) year term.
- d) Program Chairman: elected by the members for each sequential meeting.

to read

4.1 There shall be the following officers of the Association:

- a) President: elected by the members, who shall serve in such capacity for a two (2) year term.
- b) Secretary-Treasurer: elected by the members for a four (4) year term, not concurrent with the President's term.
- c) Editor: elected by the members for a six (6) year term.
- d) Program Chairman: elected by the members for each sequential meeting.

In the discussion following, it was emphasized that the phrase "not current" in 4.1 b) is necessary so that there will never again be 3 new people elected to the Executive at one time. Although the 4 and 6 year duration of the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor position might seem biased toward people with tenure or those who are not contemplating sabbaticals or research leaves during that time, the President pointed out that one is not legally bound to stay with the position. The editor, in particular, needs that lengthy time to familiarize himself with papers, printers, etc. Furthermore, positions can be pursued whether one is in or out of the country. Finally, if passed, this amendment would not have to apply to the officers elected at this meeting, but, rather, to the election in two years' time. C. Meiklejohn moved and S. Hornshaw seconded that we accept the amendment to be implemented in 2 years' time. The motion was approved with a vote of 14 to 5. F. J. Melbye then suggested that next year's nominating committee can decide how to begin adjusting the elections so that the tenures will be staggered, particularly with the Secretary-Treasurer which will be out of sync with the others.

1984 Meetings: Mark Skinner of Simon Fraser University presented an invitation to the CAPA to hold the 1984 annual meetings in Vancouver, B.C. E. Molto offered Lakehead University at Thunder Bay, Ontario as a host for the 1985 meetings. Both offers were gratefully accepted.

Election Results: The newly elected officers for the CAPA were announced. S. Pfeiffer was re-elected as President; J. Paterson was elected editor; and S. Saunders was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The new Editorial Board consists of D. Berthelette, S. Hornshaw, A. Petto, J. So, A. Ossenber, and J. Cybulski.

Oschinsky-McKern Award: The winner of this year's Oschinsky-McKern Award was Mary McDonald. Congratulations were extended to her from the meeting.

Thanks: A unanimous round of applause followed a motion of thanks to the organizers of the Montreal meetings: Francis Forest, Normand Laplante and their colleagues.

Other Business: J. Hurov suggested that the abstracts for papers for our annual meetings be refereed in the future. In addition, he suggested that notices of receipt of registration fees as well as abstracts be sent to the participants. The President indicated that these last two suggestions will be taken under advisement by the organizers of next year's meeting.

F. J. Melbye moved and S. Hornshaw seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 5.30 p.m. Approved.

Submitted by,

*S. M. Jerkic*

S. M. Jerkic,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Canadian Association for  
Physical Anthropology.