

CANADIAN ACOUSTICAL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Held at Marriot's Delta Hotel and Conference Centre, Guelph
October 12, 2017

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 17:23 by Frank Russo (President)

2. Approval of Minutes from AGM'16

MOTION to approve the Minutes as printed in Canadian Acoustics, Volume 44 (4), pp. 55-58
Approval moved by Frank, seconded by Alberto, carried unanimously.

3. Secretary's Report

a. Current Membership = 250; up from 225 in Sep'16

- Regular Members = 188 (148 in Sep'16)
- Student Members = 21
- Sustaining Members = 25
- Direct/Indirect = 15
- Emeritus = 1

b. Minor change to protocol for renewal of membership: renewal as part of non-member conference registration will be phased out as it complicates renewal cycle.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have \$411K in investments; investments help with awards. \$9K worth of awards being given this year (usually \$5K).

Presented budget and reviewed main points. \$30K/year for the journal (a very nice feature of the CAA-ACA); \$10K for students travel subsidy to be given to conference organizers every year to support students attending. This year the rate for regular members is proposed to increase to \$110 (same for direct subscribers); students remain at \$50.

Frank pointed out that maximum contribution per student's award has been fixed by the Board at \$800. Ramani asked what happens in years when the CAA is not running the conference; Dalila said that the support would still be targeted to CAA student participants, and added that it is contributed even if the conference loses money.

Moved by Greg Cloonis; seconded by Ramani; carried unanimously.

5. Editor's report

Frank introduced new editor Umberto Berardi. Umberto said a few words about his background and proceeded to present some initiatives that have been discussed by the editorial board.

In 2017 received a few requests from people retiring from their jobs to scale down their involvement with the editorial board; Umberto put out a call for new members of the editorial board.

Journal receives sufficient technical content contributions to make the issues healthy, but needs more content. In addition to the regional special issues (BC next year, and 2-page contributions are very welcome) ideas are welcomed for other special themed issues. Moving forward, provided the core content of academic and technical papers is preserved in due proportion, less rigorous papers from companies and practitioners will be welcomed in the journal too. Also, there are papers still being contributed from the conference presentations past-deadline; they

will be placed in later issues. Strong invite for people who contributed 2-page papers to think about full articles to follow up.

Umberto reminded everyone of the value to contribute to the journal contents, as that publication is a key component of the Association and its recognition. Frank reminded the membership that Umberto is trying to balance academic papers, case studies and announcements / news in the field of the acoustic community as equal priorities.

6. President's Report

a. Outreach

- **Development of Acoustics Exhibition**

Sherbrooke University had planned an exhibition to which CAA would have contributed \$2K; it did not come through but if they try next year the support will remain.

- **Social Media**

- 209 followers on Twitter
- 608 members on Linked-In Group

Frank invited all members to contribute to the conversation on those groups.

- **Local CAA Chapters**

CAA has offered to provide up to \$250 to support refreshments for the inaugural meeting and to help spread the word through our social media channels.

John Swallow speaks about the Toronto initiative. John mentioned that this would be a revival of the Toronto chapter of the CAA which fell apart 15 years ago for lack of a room to meet. Small group of organizers would convene 5 meetings every year with very informal structure. 2 speakers per evening, not on research topics but more about general status of the industry and science, very current work in progress, and other matters of general interest. John thanked the Board and announced 23 November 2017 as the date of the first meeting, to be held at Ryerson in a room that Umberto made available (at no cost). Try to follow the informal atmosphere of the former CAA chapter and preset topics of current interest to the acoustics community, drawing from industry, engineering, research and defense. Plan 3 meetings between now and April, and perhaps 5 in following years.

As a reminder, an ICA budget is available to support Special Symposia that are advanced through national member organizations (\$1500-2000).

Frank reminded that as a member association of the ICA we benefit from their special fund in support of symposia, and the CAA will help facilitate anyone planning scientific meetings to avail itself of this by petitioning through the Board.

b. Future meetings

- 2018 – Nov 5-9 in Victoria – Joint meeting with ASA. Frank indicated that call for abstracts will be sometime in June and that if the CAA wishes to get special sessions or symposia included in the ASA conference we should propose it as soon as possible.
- 2019 – TBD. For 2019 a location is sought that would maintain geographic diversity. No proposals yet; Frank invited interested parties to consider the opportunity.

c. Governance

Subcommittees

1. Tim Kelsall (Hatch) has agreed to stay on as Coordinator of our Standards Committee
2. Phillip Tsui (RWDI) is continuing to serve as our webmaster

3. Social media

- Huiwen Goy (Ryerson) has served as our social media coordinator since '2017.
- Frank Russo (Ryerson) has served as social media director since '2015.

Frank invited especially people working in uncommon and interesting areas of acoustics to submit their news. He would like to be replaced in his role as social media director by someone who is a mature member of the association, responsible and knowledgeable.

Board of Directors

1. Only one replacement to coordinate for this year (Frank Russo); it is anticipated that we will have up to 4 in 2018.
2. Remember -- nominations for board members can come from the floor or can be coordinated through the past-president.

Frank announced that Jérémie Voix is willing to stand for the position of President. Frank added that as the new Past President (replacing Christian), he will be accepting nominations and suggestions for members of the Board for next year.

7. Elections

Our by-law states that ... *the board shall be comprised of a fixed number of directors as determined from time to time by the members ... and that all directors must be re-elected every year with the understanding that they will not under normal circumstance seek re-election beyond 4 years of service.* Finally, the bylaw states that *The Board will designate the offices of the Corporation, which include the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor.*

Christian went through and explained the points above, focusing on the fact that under the new bylaws, we now elect 12 members of the board who then among themselves appoint or ratify the members of the executive. He thanked Frank publicly for his services. He then mentioned that the 11 other members of the Board are willing to stay on, plus Umberto Berardi to join, and had them introduce themselves briefly. Christian asked for any nominations from the floor and none being received, the proposed slate was elected by acclamation. Frank then concluded with a thank you for the many years of Christian's service to the Association.

8. Call for Adjournment

Frank said a few words of congratulation and thanks to the organizers of the present conference, recognizing especially the chair Peter VanDelden and technical chair Christian Giguère, and RWDI.

Christian mentioned that Jérémie had been instrumental in attracting to Montreal for July 2019 the very prestigious ICSV conference that he will run with the assistance of several members of CAA in key roles. This will not pre-empt the regular CAA conference to be held in the autumn.

Roderick Mackenzie made a remark about the fact that it is a pity that there is currently no adequate recognition of acoustic requirements in the building code. Ramani noted that it had been difficult historically to achieve reliable testing for impact insulation; he suggested that the CAA should take a leading role in recommending changes to the code. Christoph Hoeller indicated that there is little willingness by the regulators to make this a priority, and the inducement by the CAA could help step up the pace. Umberto suggested that a white paper be prepared by the Association. Frank noted that there is willingness to move forward among the membership and recommended that a working group be formed.

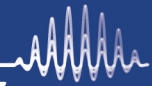
9. Call for Adjournment

MOTION Moved by Frank Russo, seconded by Dalila Giusti; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 18:35

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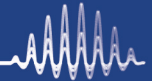
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