



*Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING  
North York Central Library Branch, Toronto, Saturday April 2, 2016**

**Members present:** George McNeillie, Governor, Captain; Maureen McGee, Treasurer; Bob White, Elder; Susan Roser, Member-at-Large, Nathan Mean; Historian

**Absent:** Brent Rutherford, Librarian; Donna Denison; Co-Historian, Robert White; Editor, Gary Bennett, Corresponding Secretary; George Nye, Surgeon; Sandy Fairbanks, Counsellor, Bill Curry; Nova Scotia Regent

*(Please refer to the reports circulated electronically before the meeting.)*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Status/Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Governor George McNeillie	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 19, 2015</b>	Approval of minutes as circulated.  Moved by Susan Roser, seconded by Maureen McGee	Carried
<b>3. Officers' and Assistants' Reports</b>	The following reports were distributed for review and consideration before the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor and Captain's Report</li> <li>• Treasurer's Report and financial statements of the Society as of February 29, 2016</li> <li>• Historian's Report</li> </ul> <p>Actions arising from officers' reports:</p> <p>Motion: That the financial statements of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as at February 29, 2016, be accepted. Moved by Bob White, seconded by Nathan Mean</p> <p>Discussion: Regarding Historian's report and recommendation to change fee structure; the simplifying of fees required of new prospects and applicants: any outcome to be implemented upon updating of website information; Motion found under New Business below</p>	Carried

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<b>4. Library Collection</b>	<p>Discussion of next steps to preserve the CSMD Library Collection due to the upcoming move from the North York Central Library Branch to the Toronto Research Library. Preferences considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To find an alternate permanent home for the collection such as a university library</li> <li>• To keep the collection from being broken up</li> </ul> <p>George McNeillie requested authorization to enter into discussions to secure the CSMD collection with the management of the Toronto Public Library. Authorization was unanimously given.</p>	George McNeillie and other board members as needed will contact the management of the Toronto Public Library and report back to board
<b>5. Annual Compact Meeting &amp; Luncheon</b>	<p>Fall Compact Luncheon scheduled for October 22d at the Toronto Cricket Club.</p> <p>Discussion on need for board members outside of Ontario to be able to attend more frequently and in person the annual luncheon or AGM as this would strengthen solidarity. Would mesh with our non-profit mandate in the proper use of funds. Cost of doing so debated and motion put forward under New Business.</p>	
<b>6. Business Arising from Last Meeting</b>	<p>Continued discussion on the promotion of the society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper use of CSMD funds in promotional tasks</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> <li>• 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</li> <li>• Distribution of Pilgrim books, e.g., Silver Books to other libraries</li> <li>• Use of graduate student as a resource</li> <li>• Upgraded platform for website</li> </ul>	Board welcomes suggestions on these items, especially with an eye towards the proper use/distribution of funds under CSMD not-for-profit mandate

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<b>7. New Business</b>	<p>Budgeting for IT/web upgrades</p> <p>Motion: That the fee after lineage review be increased to \$55.50 to be called an Administration Fee; that new members approved by the Historian General between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of approval pay \$45.00 in yearly membership dues; that new members approved by the Historian General between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in their year of approval pay no membership dues for that calendar year. Moved by Nathan Mean, seconded by Susan Roser.</p> <p>Motion: That there is authorized up to \$700.00 in travel expenses for each board member outside Ontario to attend the 2016 annual luncheon or AGM. Moved by George McNeillie, seconded by Bob White.</p>	<p>George McNeillie will put forward a budget proposal at next board meeting</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 14:15, April 2, 2016	
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p><b>Saturday, September 24, 2017, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.</b> Toronto Public Library, 789 Yonge Street or by Skype or FaceTime.</p>	Please email your reports to all members of the Board of Assistants by Aug. 31