

# International Costumer's Guild

## Business Meetings



### Minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order.

Pierre Pettinger, president, called to order the 1995 annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Costumer's Guild at 8:10 AM, Monday, May 29, at the Sheraton Toronto East, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. A quorum was present. Other officers present were: Dana MacDermott, Recording Secretary; Janet Wilson-Anderson, Corresponding Secretary; and Betsy R. Marks, Treasurer.

Minutes of the 1994 meeting accepted as mailed.

2. Membership update problems.

Betsy Marks, Treasurer, reported that because of a computer problem that had resulted in the on hand current membership list leaving off approximately one third of the members, it would be impossible to validate the membership status of meeting attendees or proxies prior to the general meeting. If it were deemed necessary, post validation could be done. Consensus of the board was given.

In a related discussion, the Treasurer informed the board that she would be introducing a motion at the general meeting to amend Standing Rule 20 to change the deadline from 7 to 14 days prior to the Annual meeting for chapters to submit membership updates and dues to establish voting privileges for the meeting. The arrival of a substantial number of updates at the last minute contributed significantly to the problem with the membership list.

3. Ambiguous Language In Standing Rules.

Janet Wilson-Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, reported that the language in the standing rules is ambiguous as to whether someone who has paid the \$1.00 annual membership, but not the \$8.00 Subscription to the Costumers Quarterly is a legitimate voting member of the Costumer's Guild. Because of the situation with the Quarterly, this has now come up. It needs to be cleaned up. This ambiguity also extends to household members. It was never intended that membership be separate from receiving The Costumers Quarterly.

This issue came to the forefront partially because of the decision by the board of the Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild (GBACG) to not change their membership dues, but to keep the \$8.00, and tell their new and renewing members that if they wanted to get The Costumers Quarterly, they had to pay an additional \$8.00. This was done without notifying the ICG. This situation, and its implications need to be kept in mind when the clarifying language is written.

Household members are in the situation of wishing to pay for only one Quarterly issue, but deserving full voting privileges. This also impacts on the Australian chapter which currently is receiving all its Quarterly issues in a bundle for local distribution.

A motion is required to set aside the relevant Standing rule for this meeting so that there are no voting problems. The overall situation must be referred to a Committee for correction by next year.

Moved by Stewart Hartman (Rocky Mountain Costumers' Guild) and Seconded by Cat Devereaux (Costumer's Guild West):

For the purposes of the 1995 annual ICG Meeting that membership be defined by the payment of the \$1.00 annual dues, paid on the schedule as defined by Standing rules 3, 4 and 5. This shall not be deemed a precedent.

The motion was approved unanimously. ("What the Hell happened to New York!?!")

The Recording Secretary will report this action to the general meeting.

3. Clarification of right to Proxy.

Article IV, Sections 7, 9, and 10 do establish and define proxies.

4. Clarification of voting for the 1995 meeting, in the absence of an accurate membership list.

In previous years we have checked membership status at the door using the official list. This year we will ask members (and non-members) to be on an honor system as to eligibility. Voting members will please move to the front of the room.

5. Further membership issues.

The late publication of the Quarterly has resulted in the extension of memberships in the ICG, as the two are considered inextricably linked. As a result membership in the ICG is currently not linked to expiration date of chapter membership. This also ties in with consideration of members and potential members who have no local chapter.

The creation of a Chapter at Large would allow this type of membership without by-law revisions. This will be referred to the Standing rule committee to be appointed at today's meeting. The suggestion was made that the ICG Treasurer could be the de facto head of the Chapter at Large to simplify the procedures. A formal name will be needed. (The "Chapter at Large and Floating Cocktail Party"? or "Chapter at Large and Floating Sequin Party"?)

6. There will be a new chapter requesting membership.

7. Janet Wilson-Anderson, as Parliamentarian requests that Bylaw Article IV, Section 5 be amended to substitute "Treasurer" for "Corresponding Secretary". This will change the responsibility for the member list to the Treasurer. The number of days needs to be changed as well.

8. Betsy Marks, Treasurer is also bringing up Standing rule number 5 at the general meeting. The membership money was not received from some chapters for up to 11 months. This creates an impossible situation with membership. GBACG and CGW were singled out. CGW's problem was apparently due to non receipt of the package. The Treasurer will now confirm receipt of updates within two weeks with a copy of the reconciliation report. This report includes the names and new members.

9. There will be an arrangement made with the Australian chapter so that they will be spared extra costs due to the membership extensions.

10. Wendy Purcell (Australian Costumers' Guild) suggested that the new chapter be sent letters of welcome by all the current guild chapters.

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM to go to location of General Meeting.





# Minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting

## of the International Costumer's Guild

### 1. Call to Order.

Pierre Pettinger, President, called to order the 1995 annual meeting of the International Costumer's Guild at 10:14 AM, Monday, May 29, 1995, at the Sheraton Toronto East, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. Members moved forward. A quorum was present. Other officers present were: Dana MacDermott, Recording Secretary; Janet Wilson-Anderson, Corresponding Secretary; and Betsy Marks, Treasurer. Approximately 44 members were present with an additional 91 represented by proxy.

### 2. Treasurers Report .

Betsy Marks, Treasurer read the Treasurers Report . (attached).

The announcement that there are 809 active members of the ICG was met with cheers.

More than sufficient money was collected to pay for the plaque honoring Forry Ackermann. Refunds to the chapters that donated will be made accordingly.

Betsy Marks, Treasurer read her letter concerning lapsed Chapters, but postponed the motion to later in the meeting.

### 3. Costumer's Quarterly report.

Cat Devereaux, acting editor summarized the situation with the Costumer's Quarterly. Six weeks prior to the meeting we were four issues behind. We were scheduled to be up to date as of this meeting with Richard Lawrence as editor. His sudden death postponed the final double issue that would have brought us up to date. That issue will be out in the next three months. The Canadian issues were incorrectly sent and have been replaced.

Financial report attached. A permanent mailing address must be found to use our non-profit status for the mailings. Costumer's Guild West (CGW) has donated the postage for the last two issues.

The current temporary (and potentially permanent ) new staff is not a single person. Victoria Lawrence will be involved. Zelda Gilbert and Cat Devereaux have been active. Byron Connell will edit "Upcoming Attractions". Fund raising will be needed to keep the quality at the current level.

Deadlines for the next issues are not yet known. Articles that have been sent to the last two editors may not have been forwarded to Cat Devereaux. Anyone who sent any in is requested to forward it to Cat Devereaux at:

The Costumer's Quarterly c/o Cat Devereaux, 581 N. Fifth Ave., Covina, CA 91723

E-mail: 71053.3651@compuserve.com. Fax: ( 818) 791-9434. (c/o Raiments)

You will be acknowledged. Electronic media preferred, Word 6.0 is best, can accept Word Perfect 6.0a. If Mac format must be used, please e-mail it at present. Images should be in Photo Shop for Macintosh at a rather low resolution. Hard copy good in addition to electronic. OK, but reluctantly, if only hard copy sent. Volunteers are needed. They can be anywhere.

Report accepted as read.

### 4. Recording Secretary's Report.

Dana MacDermott, Recording Secretary read the motion passed during the board meeting:

For the purposes of the 1995 annual ICG Meeting that membership be defined by the payment of the \$1.00 annual dues, paid on the schedule as defined by Standing Rules 3, 4 and 5. This shall not be deemed a precedent.

The reasons as to ambiguous language and the voting status of some chapters' members and of household members was discussed.

### 5. Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Janet Wilson-Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, will pass on materials for an updated brochure on the ICG to the incoming Corresponding Secretary. In addition, Raiments will send leaflets publicizing chapters to anyone who places an order from that chapter's geographical area, if the chapter supplies Raiments with literature. This was applauded.

### 6. Old Business

The IRS audit to substantiate that we are fulfilling the mission statement for our 501(c)(3) will probably take place this year. The ICG needs from all the chapters a listing of everything of an educational nature that you have done. We need copies of Newsletters, thank you letters from appropriate people or organizations you have served, receipts that are directly relevant, literature on educational events, class schedules, or documentation of any similar events from 1991 on. Educational panels at Science Fiction Conventions are also relevant. The more information we have, the better. The more we can show the Cultural, Artistic, Historical, and literary side, the better off we are. Also good are library displays, art gallery exhibits, museum involvement, and living history.

Non profit status can be lost if the organization is perceived as primarily social in nature. Some Science Fiction Conventions have lost theirs.

CostumeCon and Costume College will be our strongest evidence. We may need to document that dealers were screened to emphasize their educational nature. The 501(c)(3) status now takes up to 20 years to get. We are small fish.

Get this in FAST. Send this to the ICG President.

### 7. Northern Virginia Costumers (NoVa Costumers).

The Northern Virginia Costumers request affiliation with the ICG. Their letter is signed by: Rev. Aynne Price Morison, President; Terelyn Marks, Secretary; James F. Morison, Vice-President; Edmund D. Goode, Treasurer; Robert Owens and Brenda Owens. Their address is; Northern Virginia Costumers, 6313 Davis Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia 22111, (703) 369-2293.

Moved by Steve Swope and seconded by Bridget Landry:

...to recognize the Northern Virginia Costumers as a chapter of ICG.

Passed Unanimously. The new chapter was greeted with applause.

### 8. New business.

Moved by Betsy Marks and seconded by Janet Wilson-Anderson:

All officers and the editor of the Costumer's Quarterly will be required to submit quarterly reports to the President. These reports should include all activities, problems, solutions and transactions the officer/editor has performed or is responsible for.

Reports from the treasurer should include listings of all new and expiring members, plus collections and disbursements. The Quarterly editor's report should include the number of issues printed, recipients, collections and disbursements. The Corresponding Secretary's report should include listing of all incoming and outgoing



correspondence, plus details of any correspondence not a general inquiry. The Recording Secretary's report should include any item received for archival and inquiries into past or current minutes. The Vice-President's report should include any special projects they are pursuing, as well as any other activity for the Guild they have been involved in. Reports are due March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, or the following business day.

The motion was passed with two abstentions.

9. Resolution one.

A motion to adopt Resolution One (concerning the wearing and use of vintage attire) was made by Cat Devereaux and seconded by Bruce Mac Dermott. This was immediately followed by: A motion to table Resolution One until the 1996 annual meeting made by Cat Devereaux, and seconded by Betsy Marks. Motion to table passed.

The request was made by ICG President, Pierre Pettinger, to the CC14 committee to schedule a discussion on Resolution One during CC14 and prior to the 1996 ICG meeting. It was also suggested that discussion and papers on this topic be sent to Costumer's Quarterly.

10. Costumer's Quarterly.

Moved (as a Standing Rule) by Wendy Purcell and seconded by Steve Swope:

The Editor of The Costumer's Quarterly must be authorized and appointed by the Board of Directors.

Discussion: The concerns addressed were the necessity for the editor of The Costumer's Quarterly to be responsive to the Board. The motivation was the failure of The Costumer's Quarterly to publish for the majority of the previous year. The primary argument opposed was that the President (who currently appoints the editor) could respond faster and adequately to potential situations. The vote, including proxies, was 59 in favor, 69 opposed and 7 abstentions. The motion fails.

A motion was made by Janet Wilson-Anderson, seconded by Jess Miller as Standing Rule 23:

The Costumer's Quarterly shall include a summary of all official ICG business and reports received. It is recommended that The Costumer's Quarterly also include updates from chapters as to their activities and events as well as feature articles.

The reason for this motion was to insure that The Costumer's Quarterly performs its functions to communicate between the chapters and to unify the organization.

The motion passed unopposed.

Moved by Wendy Purcell and seconded by Katherine Jepson as Standing Rule # 24:

The Board of Directors should continually evaluate the editor of The Costumer's Quarterly and other appointees by sending in concerns or complaints to the president and the board will be able to recommend that the editor of The Costumer's Quarterly or other appointees be placed on probation or dismissed.

The motion carried with one nay and two abstentions.

11. The President appointed a committee to study a memorial to Patrick Kennedy. The committee members are: Carl Mami; Ken Warren; Byron Connell (chairman). They will report next year or sooner.

12. The president appointed a committee to study the By-Laws and Standing Rules for corrections needed in Language. The members are: Steve Swope; Byron Connell; Janet Wilson-Anderson (chairman); Betsy Marks; Kate McClure.

13. New Business.

Moved by Betsy Marks and seconded by Bruce Mai to amend Standing Rule 5 to read (additions in bold):

Each chapter shall send to the Corporation Treasurer annually on January 7 a list of the names, addresses, and phone numbers (where provided) of all members for whom dues have been paid. The chapter shall remit for each member the dues set forth in Standing Rule 3 on January 7, and shall send at a minimum quarterly updates to the Treasurer on April 6, July 6, and October 6; such updates shall include changes of names and addresses and phone numbers (where provided) of existing members and payments for new members, together with new members' names and addresses and phone numbers (where provided); such updates shall also include any changes in membership status. Effective January 1, 1995, all new

members whose dues are received by the Corporation Treasurer will be assigned a membership expiration date which shall be the last day of the month, one (1) year after the dated payment. Renewing members' expiration dates will be extended one (1) year from their current expiration dates, unless the membership has lapsed more than three (3) months. If the membership has lapsed, the member will be assigned a new expiration month, in accordance with the new member policy as stated above.

The motion passed with one nay and four abstentions.

Moved by Betsy Marks and seconded by Janet Wilson-Anderson:

..to amend Standing Rule 20 to change the deadline from 7 to 14 days prior to the Annual meeting for chapters to submit membership updates and dues to establish voting privileges for the meeting.

The motion passed with one abstention.

14. Site selection for CostumeCon 16.

The proposal for St. Louis as the site for CostumeCon 16, "Sweet 16, and Never Been...", the weekend of April 3-6 (Friday - Monday), 1998, was the only bid that had been put forth. Upon the re-submission of a Baptisttown bid for 1998, proffered by Toni Lay, Nora Mai withdrew the St. Louis bid, yielding to Baptisttown. The CostumeCon 15 committee joined its support.

Toni Lay, as Co-Chair, accepted the bid provided she could get the committee out of Jail.

Under the circumstances, the St. Louis bid was re-instated conditionally, contingent on the availability of the Baptisttown ConCom.

The conditional bid was accepted with two opposed.

15. Election of Officers. Nominated:

- Ron Robinson, President
- Pierre Pettinger, Vice-President
- Gary Anderson, Treasurer
- Wendy Purcell, Corresponding Secretary
- Dana MacDermott, Recording Secretary
- Toni Lay was nominated for ICG President, but declined.

Moved by Vicki Warren and seconded by Sandy Pettinger :

..to close nominations and accept the slate by acclamation.

Motion carried (with ritual nay by Ron Robinson, incoming President).

The ceremonial (pink) hat was presented by Pierre Pettinger to Ron Robinson. Pierre Pettinger is accepting suggestions for the token he will add to the Presidential hat.

Moved by Janet Wilson-Anderson and seconded by (multiple sources):

...A vote of commendation for outgoing President, Pierre Pettinger.

Passed by acclamation!

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:11

A Board of Directors Meeting

was convened at 12:28.

Moved by Amanda Allen and seconded by Betsy Marks:

..to ratify the results of the election.

Motion passed by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29.