

# Select Executive Reports for 22 June 2024 CAHS AGM

## Gary William's President's Report

Now that COVID seems to be in our rear-view mirrors, I am happy that we are able holding our meetings in person and on ZOOM. Here is a summary of my activities over the last several months.

1. I continue with my support efforts to bring our Journal publication back on schedule, and to press forward to have our five Associate Editors complete the volume 59, (2021) *Journals*. The plan is to have all the volume 59, (2021) *Journals* completed and ready for distribution to our members directly following the final, issue four of the volume 58, (2020) *Journals*.
2. Attended CAHS National Board of Directors meeting via ZOOM on February 4, 2024.
3. Contacted Carters and received update on our trademark application. Responded to required amendments to our application and authorized Carters to proceed with their recommendations.
4. Drafted and mailed letter to the Ontario Air Cadet League requesting their assistance with 631 Sentinel squadron. Received response and established dialogue with the squadron CO and received proposal for amendments to the initial scholarship terms and conditions.
5. Contacted CEO of the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon to inquire on the status of moving the Estevan memorial to the WDM in Moose Jaw. Unfortunately, I did not receive a positive result.
6. Contacted Bernard Filiatrault in Kelowna regarding his work on the CAHS national Facebook page and opened discussions with him regarding future plans and activities with the page.
7. Called Terry Higgins and discussed progress on the Journals and what his delays were, what type of time commitments Andrea has that constitutes the amount of payments Terry pays her each month. I also asked if she would be interested in assisting with our Facebook page. Terry talked to her, and she was receptive to the idea, along with taking on more of the CAHS website activities.
8. I chaired our chapter meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 where Deanna Driver gave an excellent presentation on a fellow named Reginald "crash" Harrison. He lives in Saskatoon, is an honorary member of 431 Squadron, The Snowbirds. He survived no less than four crashes during the second world war. I bought the book she has written about him. I suggested she contact Jim Bell to ask to be on the convention schedule for our 2024 convention.
9. Submitted registration form for 2024 CAHS National Convention in Saskatoon.
10. Forwarded offer of donation of coins from Robert Ludwig to the CAHS executive.
11. Did a site visit, while in Saskatoon, to the Saskatchewan Aviation Museum and discussed the convention with Brian Eikel, the Executive Director.
12. I also did a site visit at the Sandman Inn, the hotel for the 2024 convention.
13. Received email message from Bob Winson regarding forming a new CAHS chapter in the Georgina Bay area. Responded to both Bob and Scott Maclagan and provided them with the Chapters section of By-Law #8.
14. Received parcel from Robert Ludwig with 10-coin set of Canadian aviation \$20 collector coins, paid taxes, and handling charge of \$18.20 and advised the rest of the national

executive of the gift and started discussion on what we will do with the set. Initial value found to be \$350 USD, but the set could be worth much more. I will bring the coin set to the Saskatoon convention. Drafted and sent letter of thanks to Mr. Ludwig.

15. Met with Will Chabun and Ed Soye, Snowbird #10, 431 Squadron, regarding CAHS and RCAFA activities in 2024.
16. Emailed nomination form and past recipients for the Bill Wheeler Award to all CAHS Board members and Chapter presidents. Received two nominations and positive acceptance from majority of board members. Certificates will be presented at 2024 Convention banquet.
17. Replied to inquiry from Robert Winson regarding formation of a CAHS Chapter in Georgian Bay area and continue to support their application.
18. Received an email from Roda Grey, the late wife of founding member, Patty Gardiner, regarding his collection of aviation books. After discussions with the CAHS executive, we have agreed to take the books donated by Roda and will work on transportation and deliver of the set.
19. Reviewed list of convention speakers and submitted my ballot of preferences.
20. Drafter our letter of support for the Calgary Hangar Flight Museum new facility plan.
21. Received and dismissed multiple inquiries of interest from over seas web developers to take over our old website and charge us significantly more to develop and support the site.
22. Continue our discussions on the CAHS partnerships and associations with the RCAFA, COPA, the RCAF Foundation, and the Canadian Aeronautical Preservation Association (CAPA).
23. I have gained support and commitments from nine of our current Board of Directors to allow their names to stand for re-election at our AGM that will be held during our 2024 National Convention in Saskatoon this June.
24. I completed the documents required for the Saskatoon Convention. (Proxy voting, AGM announcement, etc.)
25. I made initial contact with individuals in St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, who are interested in establishing a new CAHS Chapter in that city.
26. I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Regina Airport Authority on May 2, 2024, and the Regina Flying Club Open House on June 2, 2024, representing the CAHS at both events.

There have been many other, day to day activities, that I have addressed but have not included in this report. Thank you for your support and confidence.

Blue Skies,

***Gary Williams***

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National President,

Canadian Aviation Historical Society

## **Gord McNulty's Vice President's Report**

As I've advised colleagues on the National Executive, I am stepping down at this AGM after a decade as National Vice President, to encourage opportunities for other CAHS members to join the Executive. It has been a rewarding experience to serve with the Executive team. I'll continue to provide reports and photos of interest for the national e-newsletter, and remain active in the Toronto Chapter.

The 100th Anniversary of the RCAF inspired numerous activities this year, starting in February with the presentation of France's highest honour to wartime RCAF Lancaster pilot Jack Finan at 447 Wing RCAFA in Mount Hope, ON. I covered this event for the e-newsletter.

A "Canadian Naval Air Remembers" gathering of RCN aviators was planned for the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in May. I registered to attend and planned to show my father's photo albums of RCN aircraft. Unfortunately, registration of around 34 attendees fell just short of what was needed. The event unfortunately had to be cancelled.

On a positive note, I attended playwright Len's Cuthbert's excellent "Snapshots" tribute to RCAF Station Fingal in April. I wrote a report for the June e-newsletter. Both Len and Ross Burgar, Chair of the Southwold Township History Committee, were really pleased with the newsletter coverage.

I was delighted when Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame named longtime aviators Robert and Tommy Wong of Toronto among the inductees for 2024. I had written a letter of support for their nomination, with the official backing of the CAHS, at the request of Robert's daughters, Roberta Lau and Evelyn Wong. They will attend the CAHF Induction Ceremony in Toronto on Sept. 14 and have generously invited Angie and I as their guests.

I received a surprise call this spring to be a judge for the 2024 Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award Gala. It was a fair amount of work to review detailed applications in several categories for 75 high-achieving women aviators, but a most interesting and informative experience. I received a complimentary ticket to the Award Gala on Oct. 5 in Brampton, ON.

It was a pleasure to attend the RCAFA Ontario Group Convention at Trenton May 17-19. I reported in the newsletter on the surprise display in Trenton of the three-quarter scale replica Hawker Sea Fury formerly owned by the Guelph Tiger Boys. It was announced at the convention that Sept. 6 is the date for the high-profile official opening of the Memorial Park project for LCol William G. Barker, VC, at Rockcliffe.

A busy schedule by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum will include a large static display of RCAF aircraft July 6-7 honoring the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF. I will have a report for the July e-newsletter.

On a sad note, well-known wartime Mosquito pilot and lifetime CWHM member George Stewart, DFC, died peacefully at age 100 in Hamilton on June 16. George wrote articles for the CAHS Journal and presented to the CAHS Toronto Chapter on his wartime recollections and his

experience training Mosquito pilots for the Chinese Nationalist forces post-war. George had a colourful personality and will greatly be missed by his many friends and colleagues.

While I unfortunately wasn't able to attend the highly successful return visit to Goderich of the CWHM Mynarski Lancaster in June, excellent coverage can be found on the Gusair.com website of Gus and Clara Corujo.

Those are some of the highlights of what has been a special year for the RCAF so far, with plenty of activities to look forward to the rest of 2024. Thank you for your support and confidence during my tenure as Vice President.

Cordially,  
Gord McNulty

# Rachel Lea Heide's Treasurer's Report

## Outline

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  - Approve Greg MacLeod for 2024 audit
- **Membership Update**
  - Corporate and Museum Membership
- **Discussion and Motions**

## 2023 Budget Expense Spent vs Projections

### Expenses: \$55,703 (\$77,900)

- **Journal: \$17,935 (\$18,600 for 4 journals, \$37,200 for 8 journals (\$4,650/journal))**
  - Other Printing/Copying: \$0 (\$250) (above – forgot to include \$12,000 Journal production costs)
- **Postage & Mailing House: \$6,161 (\$8,800 for 4 journals, \$17,600 for 8 journals) (\$2,200/journal)**
- **Website Hosting: \$4,363 (\$4,500)**
  - Quickbooks Software Upgrade: \$78/70
- **Accounting and Lawyers: \$6,079 (\$6,200)**
- **Insurance: \$2,213 (\$4,300)**
- **Bank Charges: \$1,669 (\$1,900)**
- **Grants and Awards: \$0 (\$500)**
- **Office Administration Expenses: \$2,886 (\$1,800 )**
  - Corporation Fees: \$12 (\$15)
  - Post Office Box: \$493.81 (\$500)
  - Book Orders: \$2,212 (\$1,000)
  - Office Supplies: \$298.93 (\$250)
  - Charity Law Training: \$28.25 (\$50)
- **Storage: \$2,305 (\$2,000)**
- **Fundraising: \$2,213 (\$1,800 \*calendar printing and translation)**
- **Convention: \$10,065 (no estimate since breaking even depends on registrations)**
- **Convention Printing and Mailing: \$0 (\$100 \*email most AGM packages0**
- **Teleconferencing/Videoconferencing: \$0 (\$0)**
- **Advertising: \$0 (\$0)**
- **Other: \$0 (\$0) (\$0)**

## 2023 Income Received vs Requirements

### Required Income: \$297,326 (\$78,000)

- Memberships: \$20,585 (\$45,000)
- Donations: \$238,259 (\$22,000)
- Back Issue Sales: \$2,967 (\$1,500)
- GST Rebate (Misc): \$4,326 (\$3,500)
- Fundraising (Cal/Bks/etc): \$1,899 (\$1,000)
- Interest: \$15,560 (\$500)
- Convention: \$13,730 (\$5000)

- This reflects the accrual method of accounting where only membership payments for 2023 are included.
- Memberships received for 2024 and beyond will be deferred until future audits.
  - \$8,647 in membership revenue is deferred for future audits.
- Motion: AGM attendees accept the 2023 audit as our 2023 Financial Report and for submission to CRA

## 2024 Budget Expense Projections

### Expenses: \$60,090

- Journal: \$24,000 (\$12,000 for 4 journals printing/ mailing @ \$3,000/journal + \$12,000 Production)
  - Other Printing/Copying: \$250
- Postage & Mailing House: \$12,000 (\$10,800 for 4 journals @ \$2,700/journal)
- Website Hosting: \$4,500
- Accounting and Lawyers: \$7,500 (some trademark work has occurred)
- Insurance: \$2,500
- Bank Charges: \$1,800
- Grants and Journal Awards: \$500
- Office Administration Expenses: \$2,540
  - Corporation Fees: \$15
  - Post Office Box: \$525
  - Book Orders: \$2,000
  - Office Supplies: \$250
  - Charity Law Training: \$50
- Storage: \$2,500
- Fundraising: \$2,000 (calendar printing and translation)
- Convention Printing and Mailing: \$0 (email most AGM packages)
- Convention: \$0 (not in the budget; year-by-year variations; break-even with registrations)
- Teleconferencing/Videconferencing: \$0 (National's occasional use relies on chapter accounts)
- Advertising: \$0

## 2024 Income Requirements

### Required Income: \$60,575

- Memberships: \$30,000
- Donations: \$22,000
- Back Issue Sales: \$2,500
- GST Rebate: \$4,075
- Fundraising (Cal/Bks/etc): \$1,500
- Interest: \$500
- Convention: Break Event Goal; Profit a Bonus
- New Safety Net: Inheritance Investments

## Current Financial Situation

### Cash Funds to National's Credit: \$65,527.28

- Bank Account as of 19 June 2024: \$62,971.16
- Paypal Account as of 19 June 2024: \$2,556.12

### Upcoming Bills This Summer: Income is in the Account

- Auditor: \$6,100
- Terry's July, Aug, Sept Journal Payment: 3 x \$1,000 = \$3,000
- RCAF 100 Journal (coloyr printing, mailing house, Cda Post): \$6,200
- Fall & Winter 2020 Journals (printing, mailing house, Cda Post): \$11,400

## GIC Update

### Legacy GICs

- CAHS National: \$22,805.55 (+ \$912.22)
  - 1 year non-redeemable (due 5 Feb 2025); 4.0% interest
- Patterson Award: \$12,081.85 (+ \$1,048.78)
  - 1 year non-redeemable (due 24 July 2024); 4.25% interest
- Closed Chapter Funds on Hold: \$6,681.98 (+ \$267.28)
  - 1 year non-redeemable (due 5 Feb 2025); 4.0% interest
- Inheritance GIC: \$225,000
  - See next slide
  - Some will be used for adding website content, hiring add'l Journal editors
  - Considering other suggestions such as advertising, donations to museums/aircraft reconstruction

## GIC Update

### Inheritance GICs: \$225,000 Invested

- Immediate Access: \$10,000
  - 1 year cashable (due 26 May 2025);
  - 4.75% interest variable
- Quick Access: \$15,000
  - 1 year non-redeemable (due 24 May 2025);
  - 4.9% interest guaranteed
- Short Term Market Investment: \$50,000
  - 2 years non-redeemable (due 26 May 2025);
  - 5% minimum guaranteed; up to 15% interest if market does well
- Medium Term Market Investment \$50,000
  - 3 years non-redeemable (due 26 May 2026);
  - 8.5% minimum guaranteed; up to 22% interest if market does well
- Longer Term Market Investment: \$100,000
  - 5 years non-redeemable (due 26 May 2028);
  - 16% minimum guaranteed; up to 32% interest if market does well

## **Auditor**

- **Greg MacLeod**  
(Leslie & MacLeod, Chartered Professional Accountants)
  - Recommend appointing him again for 2024 audit
- Auditors have finished 2023 audit and will prepare CRA submission; recommend acceptance of audit
- Motion for AGM: Approve remaining with this auditor for 2024 Audit (CAHS 2024-2025 season)

## **Membership Update**

- **855 Members on RCAF 100 Mailing list** (May 2024)
  - Traditional 554, Online 271, Corporate 5, Museum 25

## **New Members**

- 47 New Members in 2023
- 25 New Members in 2024 (and counting)

## **CAHS Corporate and Museum Membership**

- **Corporate Members**
  - Hope Aero
  - North Wright Airways
  - Prairie Flying Service
  - VAC Development
  - Washington Airline Society
- **Museum Members**
  - Alberta Aviation Museum
  - Billy Bishop Home and Museum
  - Bomber Command Museum (Nanton)
  - Botwood Flying Boat Museum
  - British Columbia Aviation Museum
  - Calgary Mosquito Society
  - Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame
  - Canadian Aviation Museum (formerly known as Canadian Historical Aircraft Association)
  - Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre
  - Canadian Museum of Flight
  - Canadian War Plane Heritage Museum
  - Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum
  - Comox Air Force Museum
  - First in Last Out
  - Great War Flying Museum
  - Hangar Flight Museum
  - Harvard Historical Aviation Society
  - Montreal Aviation Museum
  - Musée de L'aviation de Montréal
  - National Air Force Museum of Canada
  - New Brunswick Aviation Museum
  - Quebec Aerospace Museum
  - Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada
  - Shearwater Aviation Museum
  - Western Development Museum



## **Discussion and Motions**

- Discussion?
- Questions?
- Motion(s)?
  - That AGM attendees accept the 2023 audit as our 2023 Financial Report and for submission to CRA
  - That AGM attendees approve remaining with auditor Greg MacLeod for 2024 Audit (CAHS 2024-2025 season)