



**Association Nationale des Étudiants en Actuariat
Actuarial Students' National Association**

**MINUTES
ANÉA/ASNA Meeting
September 22nd, 2002**

Delegates present:	David Courtemanche	Jennifer Kang
	Maude Loisel-Poirier	Bruno Caron
	Karelle Deblois	Mike Ruth
	Evelyne Giguere	Marlen D'Souza
	Mathieu-Simon Cardinal	Ryan Son Kee
	Geneviève Richard	Shayan Jafrani
	Amélie Major	Tamara Hurtado
	Jimmy Tremblay	Andrew Loach
	Melanie Nadon	Julia Li
	Mathieu Boivin	Taleen Harasymow
	Alix Daigle	Joseph Kwok
	Celine Ng Tong	Leo Wong
	Francis-Olivier Gravel	James Wong
	Guillaume Lafleur	Al Nawazrajan
Delegates absent:	Karine Julien	Mike Correa
	Alan Leung	Michael Kula
	Cheryl Bardouille	Sheldon Liu
	Maja Osmanovic	

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened at 4:10pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was proposed by Jennifer Kang and seconded Ryan Son Kee.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Jennifer Kang and adopted unanimously.

4. Nomination of the Secretary

Céline Ng Tong was nominated as secretary.

5. New Additions:

James Wong was welcomed as new delegate for Simon Fraser University as well as Francis-Olivier Gravel from Université de Montréal.

6. Committee's updates

- **Convention (Laval University):** This year the convention will be hosted by Université de Laval à Québec and held at the Palace Royal hotel in Québec City. The price for a room for four, with two double beds, will be \$99 + tax. The Laval delegates announced that they would be sending pamphlets to each school later on this fall. It was decided that the ticket price for this year's convention would be fixed at 75\$, an increase caused by a lack in funds and somehow justified by the lower price for the hotel room. The Convention Committee also mentioned a problem they have encountered in the renting of retroprojectors. The cost for these is estimated at \$1,600-2,000. They therefore asked if any delegates would be able to find or bring retroprojectors. Mélanie Nadeau from Université de Montréal volunteered to look into the matter. As for the ticket sale, it may start at any time once each university receives the publicity package. Simon Cardinal from UQAM and member of the Publicity committee also mentioned the possibility of having the tickets done by Molson Canada. All the members unanimously approved the idea. The schedule for this year's convention was also brought up. Concerns arose on the subject of the Career Fair, which will be held on the Friday night, a difficult time period for the students coming from Ontario. The matter was discussed at length and the possible solution of arriving in the evening or in the morning instead of in the afternoon was brought up. However, the matter must be arranged between the Convention Committee and the Ontario delegates. As for the students coming from British Columbia, details on the trip from the airport to the hotel were discussed. ASNA volunteered to pay for a cab ride, a few delegates even volunteered to personally pick them up. Again, the matter must be arranged between them and the Convention Committee. Finally, this year the SOA president will be giving his annual speech at the closing ceremony contrarily to other years. The ANÉA/ASNA president as well as the Convention Committee will open the convention.
- **Finance (Concordia University):** This year, because of a little starting deficit and a need to raise a larger amount, the Finance Committee decided to increase all prices by 20%. The previous sponsorship system was kept (Diamond, Gold, etc) however, after the idea of a silent auction was brought up at the March meeting, the Finance Committee decided to hold a silence auction for the three available Diamond Sponsorship. The initiative was however not appreciated by companies. The Finance Committee also had some problems in the financial campaign because of the early time they started soliciting. Up to now, they are still missing 2 Gold as well as 1 Diamond sponsor and have a total of 13 sponsors. A third round of emails has therefore been sent to new companies as well as companies having not responded earlier. They also asked delegates with contacts in companies to help out. Finally, a disturbing trend has been observed: many of the companies at "high-level" sponsorships last year have "down-graded" their sponsorship level this year. The matter should be discussed for later years.
- **Website:** The responsible delegate, Bruno Caron, has updated the site, adding the names of the new delegates. However, a few technical problems have arisen lately causing a shutdown of the website. This problem will be solved shortly. Once it is, the convention schedule as well as the publicity for the convention will be put up.
- **Magazine (Simon Fraser University):** The responsibilities have been split and the new team for the September 2003 issue is organised. The delegates are planning on doing the

majority of the work during the November – May period and will try to get companies to post an ad in the magazine. The major problem with the magazine is the distribution, simply because of its high cost. The idea of distributing the magazine during the convention was brought up. However the 2002 and 2003 issues block this possibility. It was agreed that the September 2002 issue would be given out in January. Also, the idea of modifying the magazine to a biannual newsletter was introduced since it would reduce the cost of distribution and production. The delegates have not been able to agree on the subject and it was decided that this discussion would be continued later on. Furthermore, the option of printing the magazines in each province was also brought up, this reducing the cost of distribution. Again, this will be discussed in later meetings.

- **CAS and YAC (University of Toronto):** Each university has a delegate receiving the YAC magazines, this was double-checked. A few universities also requested more YAC.
- **Expansion (University of Waterloo):** Emails have been sent to different Actuarial Science Clubs internationally and in the United States. They have been asked to join the ASNA/ANÉA.
- **Publicity (UQUÀM):** This year's T-shirt will have the ASNA/ANÉA logo on one sleeve as well as the host school's crest on the other. The Publicity Committee suggested having two types of shirts, one for women, one for men and also brought a sample. The suggestion was well received by all members. Also, the Publicity Convention has asked all delegates to try and make an ASNA/ANÉA billboard in each school which would have job postings, info on ASNA, the convention, names of the delegates, etc. Finally, they are planning on designing a poster for this year's convention, a poster which will be sent to each universities later on this fall.
- **International (University of Manitoba):** The delegates were absent.
- **Translation (Université de Montreal):** The Translation Committee has done much work for the convention so far and are taking care of business.

6. Future Actuary:

Jennifer attended a meeting in Chicago and has written in a recent issue of Future Actuary.

7. Treasurer's Report

So far our balance is \$18,883 after a payment of \$7,000 to the hotel. We are still waiting after sponsorship cheques. The signature change was done late this summer after many grievances from the bank.

8. Miscellaneous

-Involvement Prize: The details are still being worked on.

-Transportation: For the Ontario Universities, a bus will go from Western, to Waterloo, to Toronto. As for the Montreal Universities, UQUÀM, U de M and Concordia will go together.

-Funding: Each school was encouraged to ask their respective student associations for funding

9. Round Table

There was no round table.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in January, in Quebec City.

12. Closing of the meeting

Jennifer Kang closed the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Ryan Son Kee.