



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

**MINUTES
ANÉA/ASNA Meeting
Held at the 2003 ANÉA/ASNA Convention in Quebec City
January 12th, 2003**

Delegates present:

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| Karine Julien | Francis-Olivier Gravel |
| Maude Loisel-Poirier | David Courtemanche |
| Karelle Deblois | Celine Ng Tong |
| Jennifer Kang | Ashley Pitcher |
| Geneviève Richard | Tamara Hurtado |
| Amélie Major | Guillaume Lafleur |
| Ryan Son Kee | Shayan Jafrani |
| Jimmy Tremblay | Bayan Suleman |
| Simon Cardinal | Julia Li |
| Melanie Nadeau | Leo Wong |
| Mathieu Boivin | Peter Au |
| James Wong | |

Delegates absent:

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| Evelyne Giguere | Marlene D'Souza |
| Bruno Caron | Andrew Loach |
| Mike Ruth | Joseph Kwok |
| Mike Correa | Michael Kula |
| Sheldon Liu | Maja Osmanovic |

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened at 10:10 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was proposed by Jennifer Kang.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The adoption of the minutes was not done

4. Nomination of the Secretary

Ashley Pitcher and Celine Ng Tong were nominated as secretaries

5. Committee's updates

- **Convention (Laval University):** Last year's decision to split the convention committee into three committees of Finance, Publicity and Convention proved to be a success although at first communication was a bit strained. However, this spread of responsibilities eased the workload of the convention committee and everything ran smoothly. The convention however, was a huge success and Maude and Karelle from Laval University did a fabulous job. Following the incredible demand for tickets this year, it was suggested that next year's

hotel be much larger. Also, one of the major source of worry of this year's convention being money, the convention committee believes that there will be a surplus once all the bills have been tabulated.

- **Finance (Concordia University):** As it was well known, the finance committee started in the negative but managed to gather \$33,700 in sponsorships this year. The idea of holding a silent auction for the diamond sponsorship was not well received by companies and it was mentioned that for next year's Finance committee, the American market should be tapped into since there is great potential down South. American companies were only contacted late into the sponsors-search process and were therefore in few numbers this year.
- **Website:** The responsible delegate was absent. It was mentioned however that the website has been down for most of the year and remains not updated. This is an inconvenience since delegates have been spreading the word about the website but students cannot access the site. This is also not ideal for companies that wish to learn more about ASNA/ANEA. It was suggested that someone who is more qualified should take on the task of website manager next year. The idea of paying a Computer Science student or an Actuarial student who has a broad knowledge in the matter was brought up. However, it was suggested to wait to meet next year's delegates before taking any such decision. The subject will be brought up again at the March meeting.
- **Magazine (SFU):** Last year's magazine was distributed to the student at this year's convention. As for the 2003 edition, the Magazine committee has gotten \$500 half-page ad from the CIA and is now looking for more. This year's magazine will contain a piece from Jennifer, from a professional and an academic actuary. Any delegate interested in writing something up for the magazine is welcomed to. The magazine committee is also still waiting for a response from the ex-UdeM-delegate who was in charge of the magazine last year.
- **CAS/YAC (University of Toronto):** Anyone wishing to write up an article for the "Future Actuary" must email Ryan. Universities are continuing to receive the CAS magazine, however the YAC could not sponsor the ASNA award. On that subject, it was suggested to drop the award for the year coming since this year, there were only three applications. After much debate on the subject, it was unanimous that the award should stay in place since it does serve a purpose, however for the years to come it should be pushed more heavily.
- **Expansion (Waterloo):** The Expansion committee has contacted different actuarial science clubs but recommends that the emails be sent earlier next year.
- **Publicity (UQAM):** The Publicity committee started by asking for some feedback on the billboard initiative launched early this fall. The feedback was mostly positive except for some universities that have had problems finding a suitable space for their billboard. The different gender T-shirts were also a great idea and proved to be very popular this year. However, the deadline for the ticket sale, which serves as an estimate to the number of T-shirts to order, was a bit tight for the Publicity committee. It was also suggested that for next year, the delegates take down the gender t-shirt wished by the student coming to the convention as well as the size of the T-shirt so there are no shortage. As for the posters, the Publicity Committee would wish to be given a clear budget for years to come. Another great UQAM initiative was to save all the logos of companies and of ASNA on a cd for years to come, instead of constantly asking for logos year in and year out. UQAM requested that each university sends its logo so they can add it to the cd-rom. The logos should be sent to fograel@videotron.ca. All in all, the publicity for this year's convention was well managed and was another success.
- **International Employment (University of Manitoba):** The delegates were absent.
- **Translation (University of Montreal):** The translation committee has been a great help to all committees and continues to do a great job.

6. Treasurer's Report

Since Evelyne Giguere is in Paris right now, Celine Ng Tong is taking on her responsibilities until she returns at the start of May. As mentioned earlier, there should be a surplus once all bills are taken care of. The balance right now is of about \$11,000 – the hotel has been completely paid for and we are still waiting after a few cheques from sponsors and universities.

7. Round Table:

The only subject brought up was the location of next year's convention. Usually, the convention alternates between the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. However, as Maude and Karelle pointed out, the convention should go to the university that volunteers to host it since we cannot force any school to host this annual event. The decision could also wait until March, but it is usually better to start the organization of such an event as early as possible. The University of Toronto has expressed an interest but needs to ponder the issue some more. Western University has volunteered to help the U of T if it decides to take on the convention. It could therefore be a jointly hosted convention. More on the subject in March.

8. Next Meeting

Jennifer wants to set a date for next year's meeting in March. It was suggested that the Ontario and Quebec students get together for the March meeting, either in Montreal or in Toronto. It was encouraged to look for another sponsor for the ASNA/ANEA meetings than Towers Perrins, since ASNA does not want to overrun its welcome at the company.

9. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed by Jennifer Kang at 11:10 am.