

Present: Zack Baker (Member), Andrew Bartlett (Board), Ian Dennis (Secretary-Treasurer), Eric Gans (Board), Adam Katz (Member) Marina Ludwigs (Board), Zenon McKinnon (Member), Stacey Meeker (Board), Matthew Taylor (Board) Richard van Oort (President), Magdalena Złocka-Dąbrowska (Board)

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 11:30 EDT and other time zones. Richard van Oort chaired.

### **1. President's Welcome**

Richard welcomed members to the meeting, noting that this was the last time he would perform this function. Richard was thanked for his service as President.

### **2. Election of a New President**

Magdalena Złocka-Dąbrowska stood for President and was elected unanimously (voting Board members included Matthew Schneider, in absentia). Magdalena thanked the Board for their confidence, and in turn was thanked for taking on this role.

### **3. GASC 2023 Planning**

Next year's GA Summer conference was discussed. Zach Baker and Zen McKinnon reported that a convenient location was available close to Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. A seminar room seating between 10 and 14 people was proposed, although it was agreed that if in-person attendance exceeded that number alternative spaces were easily available. Zen and Zack would work through Nathan Pinkoski at the Zephyr Institute (<https://www.zephyr.org>). The Board welcomed this choice, and various aspects of the conference were discussed. The venue would be available at a modest fee and would be fully equipped for both in-person and online use.

Zen and Zack will be in California next summer and could be the contacts on the ground. Andrew Bartlett would head up the academic side of the operation, and would meet separately with Zen and Zack for further planning. Andrew might also be able to come to the venue a few days early to help.

The conference would be planned for late June, 2023, with exact dates established shortly. It was noted that this worked well with Matthew Taylor and Kiyoshi Kawahara's desire to hold GASC 2024 in Tokyo.

### 3. GASC 2022 Planning - Continued

Adam Katz proposed the conference theme “Improbable Futures of the Sacred” and this was discussed and approved. It was felt that this would likely appeal well to staff in the region’s tech sector as well as to others. Adam volunteered to draft a Call for Papers and circulate this shortly by email.

Various practical issues were discussed, partly with a view to learning from previous experience. It was suggested that there be a deadline for conference presenters to pay their conference fees in advance of the event. It was agreed that such decisions would ultimately be made by the conference organisers, however.

### 4. Treasurer’s Report

Ian presented the annual financial statement, noting that the Society was ending the year with a balance of \$CDN 2456, which is about normal for most years, although due to the lack of conference expenses in 2019-2021 a larger balance had been available for 2022. Expenses for the 2022 conference were fairly high, with limited conference fees to offset them.

Annual fees were discussed and it was decided unanimously to increase membership dues to the following levels:

Regular:	\$CDN 60
Students, Under-employed, Retired:	\$CDN 40

Members would continue to receive a discount on conference fees and other benefits.

### 5. Any Other Business

Eric appealed for more article contributions for the upcoming issues of *Anthropoetics*. Book reviews were also discussed and Adam volunteered to review Magdalena’s *Generative Anthropology in Contexts and Texts* for the fall issue. Ian volunteered to review Richard’s *Shakespeare’s Mad Men* for the spring 2023 issue.

The Zoom recordings from the 2022 Conference in Ottawa were discussed and Ian and Stacey planned to work together to see what could be done with them.

### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 13:00 EDT.