

Report of the CASCA Nominating Committee – May 2006

Membership: For the period of May 2005-2006, the nominating committee consisted of Pierre Bergeron, Gretchen Harris (Chair), and Rachid Ouyed.

Activities: During this period our tasks was to secure nominations for CASCA Board becoming vacant at the time of the Business Meeting at the Annual General Meeting in June 2006. These offices are: President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President and according to the bylaws at least one name must be secured for the membership to consider. In addition, CASCA members may nominate additional persons to stand for these positions. In January 2006 the Nominating Committee advised CASCA members of the positions that will expire in June and solicited nominations. None was received, but we believe that the Nominating Committee should continue to make a practice of informing the membership well in advance of the positions being vacated and their option of placing a name on the ballot.

Peter Martin (current VP1) has agreed to stand for election to President and Paul Hickson (VP2) has agreed to stand for VP1. The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that Gilles Joncas has agreed to have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate for Second Vice-President.

Chair's Comments: While I initially considered this to be an extremely difficult and challenging job, it has been a genuine pleasure to work with the two Nominating Committees set for 2004-2005 (Samar Safi-Harb, Charles Kerton) and 2005-2006 (Bergeron, Ouyed), the energy and engagement of both committees has made it almost a pleasure. In the past two years we have found excellent candidates for all positions, and the majority of those who declined to run expressed a willingness to reconsider if asked again. This is a sign of a healthy society and a strong future.

Gretchen Harris, Chair