

Harvard University Club of Ottawa (HUCO)
Board Meeting – Wednesday December 8, 2009 – Summary by Kimberly Ellard

HUCO Board met at the home of Margaret Moriarity.

Attendees: Chris Baird, James Baxter, Teresa Crockett, Kimberly Ellard, Jose Gerstl, Peter Kieran, Alain Martin, Robin McLay, Margaret Moriarty

1. Current State of HUCO

- *Astronaut Mike Mullane Video Seminar, Oct. 7, 2009:* well attended successful event. Active participation lively interaction between participants and speaker. Revenue \$909.72 less \$196.37 expenses. Net \$713.35 earmarked for HUCO Scholarship Fund. \$280 private donation for CHEO.
- *Anthropologist Rebecca Cragg's Anthropological Examination of Japanese Culture and Values:* Sold-out session accomplishing two objectives: (1) permit Harvard alums to reconnect and (2) examine Japanese culture and its values. Revenue: \$378 less GST \$18, credit card fees: \$18.90. Balance of \$341 paid to host to recover her direct labour and ingredient costs (as agreed prior to event). We therefore broke even and generated new memberships.
- *Financial Update by Peter Kieran* (cf. financial figures distributed): \$5600 in the bank and a \$20,380.44 GIC – approved transfer of \$4000 to Harvard Scholarship fund
- *Student Learning Opportunities: Actions:* James Baxter to further investigate the Harvard Office Career Services (student training & placement programs) and its summer jobs program which focuses on finding employer opportunities – Alain Martin suggested canvassing CHEO hospital physicians, Ottawa University biomedical/biotech faculty and NRC – James Baxter suggested soliciting fellows in Harvard houses re: non-profit opportunities

2. Membership Drive and Status

- Ongoing – board members thanked Teresa Crockett for the preparation and distribution of alumni list; reviewed and commented on Teresa's well-crafted message targeting new members.
Action: Teresa to incorporate comments, finalize and send out email to grads

3. Upcoming Events

- *Book live video Event Jan/Feb 2010 HBS Bruce Scott's Concept of Capitalism:* Major work of roughly 850 pages being completed – many interviewees, including senior Bank of Canada executives – potential interest in NFB/PBS mini series – while Prof. Scott unable to visit Ottawa, he will be available through video for interactive session – potential venue MBA Conference Room in the Desmarais Building at University of Ottawa
- *Lunch Event with Mr. David Jacobson, U.S. Ambassador to Canada:* Invited by Alain Martin – Given the topic to be of Ambassador Jacobson's choice
- *Book Event R. Cohen's 2007 Bibliography of Winston Churchill's Writings:* BF to Spring 2010.
- *Chinese Ambassador to Canada:* Alain Martin suggested exploring potential for inviting Lan Lijun to be a guest speaker

4. Visiting Harvard Faculty Member under HAA Speaker Program

- Members supported Jose Gerstl's suggestion to invite a Harvard faculty speaker

5. Governance and Constitution Status – deferred to next meeting

- 6. High-Schools:** Harvard on-site admissions interviews very targeted due to tight budgets – will include Toronto, Ottawa & Halifax – *Actions:* New principal at Lisgar to be contacted by Board member (Kim Ellard) and Alain Martin will contact Glebe and Franco-Cité, among others, to encourage high-school participation in HUCO events.

- 7. Inter-University Cooperation:** McGill interested in joint events. Alain to follow-up.

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Board Meeting – Tuesday September 1, 2009 – Summary by Kimberly Ellard

HUCO Board met at the home of Penny Collenette.

Attendees: James Baxter, Ron Cohen, Penny Collenette, Teresa Crockett, Kimberly Ellard, Jose Gerstl, Peter Kieran, Alain Martin, Robin McLay, Margaret Moriarty, André Potworowski

1. Social, Cultural & Learning Events:

- *Wed. October 7, 2009 astronaut Mike Mullane's video seminar*
 - Alain Martin: turnout 35 to 85 people, invite MIT, U of T and Carleton University alums. Consider media announcement, if Mr. Mullane confirms his availability for a question period.
- *Potential second event in November/December, 2009*
 - Michael Adams (author, and founder of Environics Research Group)
Action: S. Kahn to speak with him about a lunch session in November.
- *Brainstorming on other possible events*
 - Peter Kieran: *Zambian-born economist and author, Dr. Dambisa Moyo (Dead Aid).*
Action: J. Baxter to speak with her next week at the Canada 2020 event.
 - Robin McClay: Upcoming Canada School of Public Service speakers (Geraldine Fraser-Molketi on Nov. 5-6, IMF board member Leslie Lipschitz in Dec./Jan.'10)
Action: Robin McClay to review speakers/topics roster for HUCO's events.
 - Alain Martin: suggests informal social events.
 - Jose Gerstl: \$100-\$150 for dinner & speaker
 - Jose Gerstl: mini summit on leadership
 - Penny Collenette: author Elaine Karmack (*Primary Politics: How Presidential Candidates Have Shaped The Modern Nominating System*)
 - Jose Gerstl: Invite HUCO to HBS Global Networking Event Oct 2009. Jose to follow-up
 - James Baxter: Introduce topic of "energy" into the Global Networking Event (e.g. arctic research of Danish Professor Reinhardt M. Kristensen, oil sands)
 - Spring 2010 – Herb Gray (Canadian Chair, International Joint Commission of Can/USA)
 - Book event Jan/Feb. '10: HBS Bruce Scott's *Concept of Capitalism* – author interview (Skype). Action: James Baxter (Ashbury College) Alain Martin: CIDA (Paul Samson) or Bank of Canada (Mark Carney)
 - HUCO book event – piggyback R. Cohen's 2007 *Bibliography of Winston Churchill's Writings*, with a Churchill-related event (Fall of the Berlin Wall 50th anniversary)

2. Progress Report:

- *Constitution:* deferred
- *Membership:* Actions: Each board member to enrol 2 new members by Christmas.
- Teresa Crockett to send out a word version of the grad list for members to review
- *Inter-University Cooperation:* (Queens, Laval, U of T, MIT, Carleton) – For now Alain Martin will remain the lead with Jose Gerstl offering to help with U of Ottawa)
- *Community Outreach:* deferred – Interim Actions: Alain Martin to liaise with Glebe and Franco-Cité, Lycée Claudel and Kimberly Ellard to liaise with Lisgar regarding participation in Mike Mullane's session on Oct. 7th.
- *Sponsorships:* deferred
- *Web and Social Media:* James Baxter & Jose Gerstl to seek a webmaster.

3. HUCO Board Secretary

- Members thanked Margaret for her excellent work as secretary and echoed Alain Martin's appreciation in her continuing on as a board member at large.
- Agreement that in absence of a new secretary, a member at each meeting would be chosen to prepare a meeting summary, with Kimberly Ellard to prepare summary of this meeting.

4. Next Board Meeting: November 26, 2009 at 12 noon

Harvard University Club of Ottawa Annual General Meeting 18 June 2009

Approximately 25 members and their guests convened at the Courtyard Restaurant from 5:30 pm onwards.

Report from the Interim President and Treasurer

Interim president Peter Kieran reported that the club is currently in transition. He stated that members who had already paid their membership and those who would be signing up at the AGM are eligible to vote. All are invited to submit ideas for the club's future.

A written financial report was distributed, covering the period 2000/01 to 2008/09. The financial health of the club continues to be sound.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee, consisting of Paul Samson and André Potworowski, presented the slate of board members for the coming year. Peter Kieran and Margaret Moriarty will continue on the board as treasurer and secretary respectively. André mentioned his long association with the board, including in the role of president of the club in the past, and he acknowledged the contributions of past members of the Board, and in particular, Barbara Lukaszewicz, who had played a major role in drafting the constitution of the Club. A copy of this constitution was available for members to consult.

Recent experience has shown that, for the purposes of having a vibrant club, the current number of board members is inadequate. On motion duly made (Paul Samson) and seconded (Barbara McDougall), it was proposed to increase the number of directors from 10 to 12. The proposal was approved unanimously.

The Board of Directors for 2009-2010 was approved unanimously as follows:

- President: Alain Martin,
- Vice President: Penny Collette
- Treasurer: Peter Kieran,
- Secretary: Margaret Moriarty
- School's Committee Chair: Chris Baird
- President, HBS Club: Jose Gerstl
- Directors Jim Baxter, Ron Cohen, Theresa Crockett, Kimberley Eller, Sheema Khan, Robin McLay

Report from School's Committee

Chris Baird reported that the number of applications to Harvard reached a record high this year. Early admission has been dropped. All candidates are now assessed as part of the regular admission process. The financial aid package has been extended, with a sliding scale of assistance available up to household income of \$180,000. Two candidates interviewed by the Ottawa School's Committee secured admission and there are two on a waiting list. Bill Horton, regional director of HAA, stressed the importance of the work of the School's Committee and encouraged members to get involved.

Report from the President of Harvard Business School (HBS)

Alain Martin reported that the HBS Club Canada's Capital Region had a highly successful centennial year, with several memorable events, the chief of which was the event at the National Gallery of Canada with Professor Bruce Scott. The HBS exceeded its goal of raising 10,000 dollars for CHEO and Harvard Medical School. All events were well attended. A list of events was distributed.

Alain also noted that, starting 2011, each Canadian student admitted to HBS will receive \$20,000 per year, under John McArthur Fellowship. The dual purpose is to enable the recipients to defray part of the costs of the MBA program and to encourage more Canadians to consider HBS.

David Baird rose to express special thanks to Alain Martin for his efforts during the centennial year. Bill Horton, regional director of the HAA, also rose to extend warm thanks to Alain Martin. Both stressed that the success of the centennial year was due in large part to his efforts.

André Potworowski noted that one of the key responsibilities of the Club President to ensure the survival of the club was the preservation of the membership list and putting in place a smooth succession. Alain Martin indicated that each HUCO executive should prepare successors as practiced at HBS Club.

The evening came to a close at 8:30 pm.

Margaret Moriarty, HUCO Secretary and Director