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1983 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our 1983 conference, held in conjunction with the Learned Societies' annual conference, was attended by 61 registered delegates. Feedback was highly favourable though some delegates expressed a desire for sessions with more participation such as workshops and roundtable discussions. These ideas were passed on to the COHA executive. The Conference did not include a general meeting but it was agreed to hold one at the next convenient time. Over the past year various members have expressed concerns that should be addressed at our next meeting. A major question was whether or not COHA is a large enough organization to hold nation-wide conferences every year and suggestions were to meet on alternate years or to hold joint conferences with other associations. Another concern was whether or not to print a newsletter and a third concern was how to increase member involvement in COHA activities.

COHA FINANCES

For publication of the COHA Journal and administrative costs COHA relies solely on membership fees but a recent SSHRCC program held out the prospect of greater financial stability. This is SSHRC's "Aid to Scholarly Associations" four year grant. COHA applied but did not qualify under its new criteria. We were near the mark, however, and will apply again in 1985. An application for SSHRC's "Special Conferences Grant" is underway for assistance towards our 1984 Conference.

1984 CONFERENCE

The 1984 COHA Conference is planned for October 11th and 12th in Winnipeg at the Fort Garry Hotel. Winnipeg was chosen because Manitoba has not yet hosted a COHA Conference and because of a high level of oral history activity this year. The date was chosen to coincide with the official opening of the Provincial Archives' Moving Image & Sound Division, a significant repository and centre of oral history, among other things. Details of the conference will be mailed to COHA members.

PUBLICATIONS

The printing of this issue of the Journal plus a second issue this fall will bring our publication schedule up to date. This fall's issue will consist of a Directory of oral history in Canada, a significant event for practitioners and researchers alike. Of significance also is the recently published Voices: A Guide to Oral History by the Sound & Moving Image Division of the Provincial Archives of B.C. This is a comprehensive guide, and is highly recommended by the COHA executive. For details see inside back cover.