



News from the Annual Meeting Report of the annual general meeting

by: Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250)

On September 13, your association held its annual general meeting. The meeting took place as a « Web meeting », on the Zoom platform, on September 13, 2020. We brought together participants from Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and the United States (50% of our membership is outside of Canada)

We would have liked more participation from our members, but for a first virtual experience, we are satisfied with the participation. Below is a summary of the report of this meeting. Your administrators are available to answer your questions.

For questions on the various reports presented during this meeting, click on this link:



<https://www.levasseur.org/en/general-assembly-2020/>

To View a video clip of this web meeting:



<https://www.levasseur.org/fr/assemblee-generale-2020-extrait/>

Highlights

Board of directors 2020-2022

- President: [Roger Levasseur](#) (Ottawa, ON) (613) 841-7690
- Vice-president: [Jean-Pierre Levasseur](#) (Québec, QC)
- Treasurer: [Pauline Carmel](#) (Granby, QC)
- Secretary: [Gilles Carmel](#) (Notre-Dame-des-Prairies, QC)

Some collaborators with the Association

- Responsible for American members: Ernest Levasseur (Boiling Spring, PA)
- Bulletin webmaster and layout: Jean-Pierre Levasseur (Quebec, QC)
- Genealogist: Joceline Levasseur (Quebec, QC)
- Text revision: Ginette Levasseur (Quebec, QC)
- Historian: Jean-Marie Levasseur (Trois-Rivières, QC)
- Obituaries and register of members: Gilles Carmel (Notre-Dame-des-Prairies, QC)
- Social media manager: Carmen Trottier (Longueuil, Qc)
- Text translation: Roger Levasseur (Ottawa, ON) (613) 841-7690

Main resolution adopted

During the assembly, following a proposal from Mr. André Levasseur (66), seconded by Ms. Pauline Carmel (578), the members unanimously agreed to use the term "Association of the Levasseur and Carmel families". in their future communications However, for administrative and legal purposes, the name "Association des Levasseur d'Amérique inc. Will remain the one entered in the enterprise register.

LEVASSEUR ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (ALA)

Member's General annual Meeting

Date: 2019-09-13-10:00

Location: ZOOM

list of members present: [See this document](#)

1 - Agenda: [Click on this link](#)

The President informed all Meeting participants that all reports and minutes had been sent in their full versions prior to the opening of this meeting by email to all members.

2 - Reading and adoption of the minutes of the last general meeting held on September 14, 2019, at the Trav-elodge (Hochelaga Street) in Quebec City:

Gilles Carmel read the summary of the minutes. The report was adopted.

Proposed: Lisette Levasseur (531)

Assist: Ginette Levasseur (457)

The directors appointed Gilles Carmel as secretary.

3 - Nomination of an Auditor AG-2020-01

Proposed: Patrick Levasseur (388)

Second: Carmen Trottier (279)

The General Assembly appointed, as stipulated in Section 12.4 of the ALA regulations, Mr. Paul Levasseur (46), auditor of the ALA's accounting books.

4 - Election

Gilles Carmel received the names of one candidate for each position to be filled

The following were elected:

- Roger Levasseur: President
- Jean-Pierre Levasseur: :Vice-President
- Pauline Carmel: Treasurer

Congratulations to the newly elected officials.

The Administrators nominated Gilles Carmel as secretary for the next two years.

5 - President's report (Roger Levasseur)

Our Association is in an exceptional position, judged by the quality of its database, its Bulletin, the website, its genealogy and obituaries.

Our main problem is that the average age of its members and its board of directors, is 80 years of age. We need some of our younger members to step up to replace some of our older administrators in order to keep our Association as active as it is. Recruiting new members and volunteers to serve on our Board is the aim of this new council. Otherwise, several tasks will have to be reduced or will have to stop. The board will have to find replacements. Those who volunteer will receive the necessary training.

6 - Vice-President's Report (Jean-Pierre Levasseur)

Archives and database:

For the past few months we have been archiving the printed documents accumulated by the association over the past thirty years on cloud media. Archiving to electronic medium will help us identify, classify, destroy and store our archives, on a secure medium, with the aim of making them accessible over time.

The website

10,500 different visitors made 250,000 queries on the site levasseur.org. A recent update to the genealogical database brings it to 142,000 records. Additionally, the site has 2,500 media files (mainly obituaries and photographs) which have been added in recent months.

Within the next 24 months, members will need to get involved now and signal their interest in taking over from the current directors to ensure the sustainability of our association.

7 - Treasurer's report (Pauline Carmel)

As you can see from the reports submitted on our website, we are in excellent financial position. Our investment at Sun Life of \$14,260.00 has increased since March and is now at \$15,663.00, an increase of \$1403.00.

Our deficit of \$1158.36 is due to the meeting in Quebec City in 2019 and the expenses incurred by updating our website.

For the rest, expenses are normal.

Adoption of the Proposed Report:

- Proposed : Patrick Levasseur (388)
- Second: Carmen Trottier (279)

Paul Levasseur (46) is appointed auditor.

8 - Genealogist's Report (Joceline Levasseur) (328).

The database contains the names of nearly 142,000 people. An update was made in July 2020. The next update will be in December.

Additional data comes from the inclusion of information found in obituaries and the inscription of data and additions received from families.

From September to December, Gilles Carmel will integrate new registrations into the database. An update will be made periodically to keep it current.

The dictionaries of Laurent Levasseur's descendants are all sold. There are still six copies on the descendants of Jean and Pierre available for sale.

Listte Levasseur congratulated the association for removing the birth dates of people still living..

9 - Membership report (Gilles Carmel) (352)

Last year identified a declining trend of membership.

Fortunately, this trend has reversed this year. We have 123 members, 23 more than what was anticipated. There are 61 English speaking and 62 French speaking. 52 Americans (42%) One Australian and 70 Canadians. 60% of new members are Americans.

Obituaries' report

There are over 2000 photos in the obituaries section. In the section "WHAT'S NEW" some obituaries inscriptions are not tied to information in the database. We need your help to find the link.

We have recently accessed old obituaries of American and Canadian newspapers published in the 20th century through the Ancestry-Newspaper. It is possible to integrate the text into our database and keep a copy in jpg or pdf format in our archives. This is a gold mine.

10 - Newsletter Report (Roger Levasseur et Jean-Pierre Levasseur)

Twelve (12) issues have been published since September 2019

Unfortunately less than 50% of our members consult the newsletter. Considering the tens of hours of work required to produce a single issue, we had hoped for a larger audience.

Non-members have access to our newsletters through our website and on our facebook page. We want information about our Association to be easily available to the public. We welcome any member suggestions to accomplish this.

The future of the Levasseur Bulletin is in jeopardy. We need your input and stories about your family members. Without the input of our members, our volunteers will not be able to sustain the pace of the production of articles on a regular basis.

11 - Facebook Report (Carmen Trottier) (279)

From September 9, 2019 to August 28, 2020, 79 articles were published on the page. The content was displayed on the screen of 5,114 persons, of which; 1437 clicked on the integrated publications and 429 of them shared the information.

132 people liked our page (42% female, 46% male) and 145 subscribe.

12-Motion to change the name of the Levasseur Association of America

It was noted that many Carmel's, whose ancestor was Pierre Levasseur, contribute to our Association, Roger Levasseur our president mentions that Gilles was a past President, that Pauline is Treasurer and that Carmen Trottier (her mother is Olive Carmel) contributes to our Facebook Account.

Motion : AG2020-02 The new name of the Association should be:

L'Association des familles Levasseur et Carmel

- Proposed: André Levasseur (66)
- Second: Pauline Carmel (578)

13 - Varia - Ernie Levasseur USA Administrator

Ernie advised the participants that he periodically contacts members of the association. Frequently, he leaves a message but does not often receive follow-up calls. Those he reaches are very appreciative of his calls especially those who live in western USA. Some mention that they are too old to participate actively or do not speak French. Not having birth date or the year of birth presents a small problem because he has no idea of the age of members with whom he speaks. Also, since we use PayPal the only information available for new members, is an E-Mail address.

He finds satisfaction in doing these follow-ups for the Association. He is presently working with Gilles to update his list of Members

Sometimes, language is a problem in meetings. A meeting for English-speaking members in the US could be set up. Both Joseph and Ernie had previously tried to hold a meeting in the USA but failed to attract many participants. If US members are interested in an Association meeting in the US please advise Ernie, your Association representative

Assistance :

Heidi Levasseur has offered her assistance in the production of the Newsletter.

14 - Call to end meeting.

Proposed : Carmen Trottier (279)

Second : André Levasseur (66)



The Association, Levasseur d'Amérique Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in 1988, in accordance to a federal charter. Its goals are:

- To join together and unite a large number of Levasseur and other descendants who have adopted the patronymic Borgia, Carmel, Carmell, Vasseur, Vassor, Vasser.
- To promote, develop and diffuse historical genealogical knowledge about the Levasseur families with Internet, an electronic Newsletter published three times per year also the publication of genealogical dictionaries.
- To maintain and update, on an ongoing basis, the genealogical data base available to members at all times on the Internet.
- To make available to members a family photo album and the Newsletters that the Association has published since 1988.
- To honor the memory of our forefathers and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events that are chronicle the Levasseur family.
- To gather all documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage of our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

We would appreciate if you could send us family related documents that would add to our data base of archives and also enable us to continue the publication of the Levasseur Newsletter three times per year. The participation of the Levasseurs and members of their families is essential to allow us to pursue our mission. Send us your photos and texts for the next publication of the Newsletter. You can download them very easily with this new tool and by providing a brief description of the photo or text that is being sent. Following receipt of your documents, a copy of all information to be published in the Newsletter will be sent to you for approval prior to final publication.

Join our team of volunteers, contact us ! !

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Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/associationlevasseur>

Other Levasseur Association Web sites:

irma.levasseur.org
militaires.levasseur.org
carmel.levasseur.org
borgia.levasseur.org

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Fam_Levasseur