

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hexagram Members  
September 29, 2017, 4 p.m.  
Hexagram-UQAM, CO-R500, 175 avenue du Président Kennedy, Montréal H2X 1Y4

<p><b>Membres réguliers codemandeurs présent</b></p> <p>Thierry Bardini Sandeep Bhagwati Yan Breuleux Mario Côté Ghyslain Gagnon Angela Konrad François-Joseph Lapointe André Éric Létourneau Jonathan Lessard Armando Menicacci Louis-Claude Paquin Christopher Salter Robert Saucier Gisèle Trudel</p> <p><b>Collaborators, students, regular members non- co-applicants, staff, observers present</b></p> <p>Dany Beaupré Catherine, Béliveau Chantal duPont Simon-Pierre Gourde</p>	<p>Natalie Lafortune Richard Lavoie Sonia Léontieff Marielle Nitoslawska Alain Paiement Jason Pomrensky Claire Savoie Victor Gabriel Silva-Morales Kelly Thompson</p> <p><b>Excused absences</b></p> <p>Barbara Clausen Ricardo Dal Farra Jean Décarie Tagny Duff Martine Époque Lynn Hughes Martin L'Abbé Paul Landon Barbara Layne Cécile Martin Cynthia Noury Denis Poulin Éric Raymond Leila Sujir</p>	<p><b>Unexcused absences</b></p> <p>Raymonde April Gwenaël Bélanger Joanna Berzowska Michael Blum Michel Boulanger Nancy Bussièrès Alexandre Castonguay Juan Carlos Castro Owen Chapman Mia Consalvo Thomas Corriveau Jean Dubois Hélène Doyon Monika Gagnon Radhantha Gagnon Ying Gao Alice Jim Orit Halpern David Howes Rilla Khaled Brigitte Kerhervé Anick La Bissonnière Louise Lamarre Thomas Lamarre</p>	<p>pk Langshaw Patrick Leroux Marie-Christine Lesage Jason Lewis Krista Lynes Erin Manning Brian Massumi Elizabeth Miller Michael Montanaro Diane Poitras Marisa Portolese Martin Racine Anne Ramsden Sylvie Readman Nicolas Reeves Jean-François Renaud Margot Ricard Luis Rodrigues Kim Sawchuk Bart Simon Mark Steinberg Jeremy Stolow Mark Sussman Eldad Tsabary Kathleen Vaughan Bill Vorn</p>
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**1. Election of a chair and a secretary**

On a motion by André Éric Létourneau, seconded by Thierry Bardini, Louis-Claude Paquin was appointed chair of the meeting and Natalie Lafortune took the minutes.

**2. Reading and adoption of the agenda**

On a motion by André Éric Létourneau, seconded by Sandeep Bhagwati, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**3. Reading and adoption of the minutes of the AGM of September 15, 2016**

On a motion by Gisèle Trudel, seconded by Mario Côté, the minutes were adopted as presented.

**4. Presentation of the 2016-2017 activity report**

**a. Hexagram network**

André Éric Létourneau presented an overview of 2016 - 2017 activities (see annual report attached) and main decisions regarding programming. Year 2016-2017 went without any committee meetings which was not ideal to create strong orientations. The programming committee is now meeting again, three axis leaders were nominated. This committee was formed to better define the objectives of Hexagram and to be present during the midterm evaluation.

Main decisions by the executive committee are presented by Natalie Lafortune (preparation to the midterm evaluation, new members...). The student grant committee revised the grant categories and created a fund for projects valorization. She also presents the new web site which better promotes research done at Hexagram (podcasts, forum, research-creation and axes definitions).

**b. UQAM antenna**

CFI committee did 75% of total purchases. Dany Beaupré presents the recent acquisitions. Jean Décarie could not be present, so André Éric Létourneau presents the antenna's activities (see document attached). The antenna was evaluated this Spring by UQAM's office of research.

Ghyslain Gagnon asks about accessibility to that equipment for members.

André Éric Létourneau – the idea is to make them available to all members but an agreement has still to be formalized.

**c. Concordia antenna**

Every five years Hexagram-Concordia is evaluated by the office of research. The Spring's visit showed the integration of Hexagram-Concordia in the Milieux structure.

Hexagram is now a virtual entity supporting 4 clusters: Textile & materiality, Speculative life, Post image, and the new le PARC. These clusters should become self-financed in the long term. Other clusters at Milieux don't receive Hexagram-Concordia funding or don't have Hexagram members.

70k are distributed to these clusters for technical resources, coordination... 30k of that amount are meant for network-based research-creation activities.

Reciprocity in term of access still has to be formalized within the content of the M.O.U.

**d. 2016-2017 new members**

Executive committee members accepted these new members.

**New collaborator members**

Isabelle Choinière  
WhiteFeather Hunter  
Christine Palmieri  
Gretchen Schiller

**New regular members**

Orit Halpern co-applicant  
Rilla Khaled co-applicant  
Andrée Martin co-applicant  
Patrice Loubier co-applicant  
Johanne Bienaise  
Nicole Harbonnier-Topin

**New honorary members**

Louise Poissant  
Martine Époque  
**Artist in residence**  
Alexandre St-Onge

**5. 2016-2017 preliminary budget**

FRQSC is restructuring the way in which we can send the budget. For that reason, Concordia did not send the year end budget. A definite version of the 2016-2017 budget will be available next January.

**6. 2017-2018 Perspectives**

**a. 2017-2018 Research program**

Natalie presents the midterm evaluation process: first a written report sent in April to FRQSC followed by an on-site visit in May in which a lot of members participated.

FRQSC just sent the jury's comments. Christopher Salter comments these:

- show what is the added value of the strategic cluster which is more than the sum of individual member's researches;
- work with heterogeneity and multiplicity by showing common the thread;
- Hexagram model is implicit, there is a need for the network to be explicit;
- two main challenges: developing the field and position the Montreal model internationally;
- network is characterized by Hexagram's history and its multiple iterations;
- MAH is a good example of what Hexagram can do to contribute to the field
- Hexagram helped leverage grants for its members, now members must develop and contribute to the discourse on Research-creation. Hexagram is rarely cited by its members as the place where research-creation is being developed. A quick Internet search shows very little entries linked with Hexagram led reflection on the subject.
- Produce discourse, reflexive practice allowing members to think collectively, beyond their individual production, through the axes and the means by which it that can be shared and that will demonstrate the group's strength.
- comments of 2013 address the fact that Hexagram's positioning needs to be more affirmative;

André Éric Létourneau – There should have been at least one jury member with some knowledge of research-creation.

Ghyslain Gagnon – What are the actions linked with these comments ?

Christopher Salter – Comments arrived just recently, discussion has just started within the committees and will be shared / open to co-applicants.

Sandeep Bhagwati - On what are based next actions? Or is this more a about PR? What is the actual glue you referring to ? Is it your comment or FRQSC's? And what form will that take ?

Thierry Bardini – Some members are here since 1995, there is, of course, a PR effort made here but also a Montreal phenomenon that can be investigated.

Christopher Salter - Georgina Borne, Jean-Paul Formentaux talked about how social science change research. This was discussed at MAH. Now, Hexagram members should be concerned with a concerted action to frame the conceptual epistemology of the Montreal specificity. How interdisciplinarity is done here is a reference internationally. A lot of us couldn't explain it and this is our challenge. To position Research-creation for the development of the field not only for the sake of the *regroupement*.

Louis-Claude Paquin – there is a lot of pressure to perform and go forward and little time to stop and reflect.

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On a motion by Louis-Claude Paquin, seconded by Christopher Salter, another assembly will be organized this Spring to follow up on the budget and committee decisions.  
Adopted unanimously.

**b. 2017-2018 preliminary budget**

Next year's budget will be finalized with the programming committee's orientations.

**7. Elections**

a. executive (1 UQAM member, 1 Concordia student)

Armando Menicacci and Cécile Martin will renew their mandate. Adopted unanimously.

b. comité de programmation (2 student members)

The committee will have to nominate 2 other student members and these nominations will be voted by the executive committee.

c. Student grants committee (1 president)

Louis-Claude Paquin will renew his mandate.

Adopted unanimously.

**8. Miscellaneous**

Invitation to the Action concertée pour la conduite responsable en recherche workshop November 16 at Milieux.

Invitation to LASER 4 October 6 at Milieux.

**9. Adjournment of the meeting 17h54**