My thoughts on when and where to hold the A.G.M. are habitually tortured and have yet to produce dramatic results. The belief that by coordinating with the Annual Learned Societies Conference we would improve attendance figures was not born out in 1972 and the June 1973 meeting, called for Toronto (a major CFMS membership centre and in the path of Learned Society travellers) proved little better.

This year the C.M.C. Folklore Canada Conference May 2-4 makes the thought of Sunday May 5th in Halifax for the CFMS Annual Meeting irresistible. However for the future a date in October might prove more satisfactory, on the following grounds.

The CFMS financial and membership year should remain May to April, but the calendar of potential CFMS activities, and particularly a research program, suggests a different focus. Newsletters at the moment run 2 per year. Until they can be quarterly they should be published in October, immediately after a newsworthy Annual Meeting and in April, before the new CFMS year and to announce summer activities. A separate notice to give date, location, and agenda of the A.G.M. (together with membership reminders if necessary) could be distributed at the end of August.

As a Learned Society it seems reasonable that we should relate as far as possible to the academic year: the mood for beginning and organising things is strong in October, weak in May, and non-existent in June. The CFMS has struggled with a fitful research program and a sleeping giant bibliography project; both could profit for being tied in with the academic year. October is a crowded month but at least students and professors are in attendance. It is the time to hear reports on the fruits of summer research and give a fresh mandate to a CFMS Research Committee which then has the winter to coordinate people, money and projects for the new hunting season. Who knows - the bibliography might be made the winter-works program for a complete class of incipient librarians. A little united professorial pushing at U of T, York University, McGill and U.B.C. could go a long way. October is also the time to start planning March mini-folkmusic festivals to compliment the last weeks of undergraduate folklore courses; their success could be reported in April!

As soon as our activity warrants it (and possibly even before) there should be two official meetings per year; the A.G.M. in October and a May on-going/accountability Directors' meeting. May I ask all CFMS members to think about how they would like the CFMS to function and come to the May 5th meeting with views to share. If you cannot attend please write so that your views can be represented. For the time being, and to repeat, this year's meeting will be at the Hotel Nova Scotian, Halifax on Sunday May 5th, starting at 10:00am.
Vous êtes invités à assister à notre Conférence annuelle qui se tiendra à 10:00 a.m. dimanche le 5 mai à l'Hotel Nova Scotian, Halifax, Nouvelle Ecosse. Une lettre datant du 4 avril a dû déjà vous parvenir. Nous espérons que vous n'hésitez pas à venir nous donner vos opinions tout en appréciant la valeur statistique que vous représentez auprès du Conseil des Arts quant à une subvention pour frais de voyage.

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Autres sujets (Les membres intéressés peuvent soumettre leurs items au Président avant l'ouverture de la Conférence).
La conférence se terminera à 3:30 pour permettre à nos membres de rencontrer leurs engagements de voyage.