



Canadian Studies Network
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

14 October 2017, 1:30 to 2:45 pm
Assembly Hall, Founders College, York University

1. Adoption of agenda
 - a. Moved: Jane; seconded: Tayo; approved.
2. Adoption of minutes from previous AGM: 29 October 2016
 - a. Moved: Colin; seconded: Jane; approved.
3. Business arising
 - a. none
4. President's report (Andrea Beverley)
 - a. Thanks to conference organizers and to Marcel Martel for hosting CSN-REC and coordinating our participation in the conference.
 - b. Thanks to membership, advisory board, executive for their hard work and support over the past year.
 - c. Thanks to Karli Whitmore for invaluable administrative support, which includes acting as our Membership Coordinator, helping with all the logistics and administrative tasks and communications behind the scenes for our six prizes, constantly gathering information for our membership about news, CFPs, publications, awards, ... and generally going above and beyond to support CSN!
 - i. As evidence of Karli's hard work, UnwrittenHistories recently said this about CSN: "The [Canadian Studies Network \(CSN\)](#) is an independent organization affiliated with the [International Council for Canadian Studies](#). The CSN operates much like a

clearing house and resource centre for all things related to the field of Canadian Studies. In addition to posting information on jobs and various Canadian Studies programs, they also collect together [conference CFPs](#) and [Calls for Submission for prizes and awards](#) for anything related to the field of Canadian Studies. This often includes Canadian history. Generally speaking, the CSN is the most comprehensive resource for conference and prize calls, though since it is not specific to Canadian history, you will have to wade through lots of stuff that isn't relevant."

- d. Thanks to Peter Thompson and Jane Koustas for their YEARS of service on the exec!
- e. Thanks to Tayo for acting as our Student Member-at-large. And thanks to Kevin Spooner, whose incredible work as CSN Secretary Treasurer will be evident over the course of this meeting through his various reports.
- f. Jane was elected Secretary-Treasurer of ICCS! CSN was thrilled to sponsor her nomination and very pleased that she was elected
- g. Encouraging memberships! We are always happy to have new individual and institutional members join the network! New postcards: we have a new bilingual promo handout! Thanks to Andrea's colleague at Mount Allison who helped design it, Tasia Alexopoulos
- h. Andrea's report on ICCS conference
 - i. AGM took place at the University of Ottawa in June, included the second meeting of the ICCS Women's Caucus; next morning: a reception at Global Affairs. Jane Koustas and I in attendance, along with representatives from all over the world (Mexico, China, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Brazil, Australia etc.)

- ii. In advance of the AGM, CSN, like all member institutions, provided an association report to ICCS. Our members are so active that we can only highlight a few of the publications, prizes, honours, and events that our members produce / receive / organize!
- iii. ICCS Election of a new President: Stewart Gill; Past President Susan Hodgett did an outstanding job
- iv. As I mentioned, election of new Treasurer: our very own Jane Koustas!
- v. Best Doctoral Thesis re-named Brian Long Best Doctoral Thesis in Canadian Studies, in honour of Brian Long who passed away earlier this year.¹
- vi. Awards ceremony: address by General Andrew Leslie, parliamentary secretary at Global Affairs;
- vii. CSN's candidate for Best Doctoral Thesis won the ICCS Award and was present to accept it:
 - 1. Jane Griffith from the University of Toronto for her thesis: "News from School: Language, Time and Place in the Newspapers of 1890s Indian Boarding Schools in Canada"
- viii. Desire and discussion re international community coming together to share research and also increasing student mobility internationally

¹ From Kerstin of GKS: "We regret to announce that the long-standing member of the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) and honorary member of the Association for Canadian Studies in German-Speaking Countries (GKS) Brian Long passed on this spring. Brian Long was instrumental in establishing the ICCS and worked tirelessly in support of Canadian Studies worldwide. For example, he helped setting up ICCS's operating funds and received the ICCS Award of Merit in 1991. He worked for External Affairs and International Trade Canada and there is no doubt that he made a major contribution to Canadian Studies also in this function. In order to honor his achievements, the ICCS renamed its Best Doctoral Thesis Award into Brian Long Best Doctoral Thesis Award."

5. Secretary and Treasurer's report (Kevin Spooner)
 - a. memberships – data provided on attached was reviewed; thanks to Karli for her careful record keeping of all our membership data
 - b. financial statements
 - i. Kevin presented the financial statements as prepared by our accountants (Allied Associates LLP); approval of statements moved: Colin; seconded: Jane; approved
 - c. budget – budget projections provided on attached; [projected deficit was ultimately much less than expected]
6. Student report
 - a. thanks to Karli – maintaining updates on the website
 - b. student numbers expected to increase, with renewals and institutional memberships
 - c. student zone on website is amazing – welcome suggestions for further development
 - d. Jamie Jelinski was provided with funding to attend a conference in Ireland
 - e. student support opportunities encourage membership
 - f. congratulations to all student winners of CSN-REC prizes
7. Prizes
 - a. Our prizes are an important contribution to our field. They are unique because they are bilingual and interdisciplinary, and because they are for students and scholars publishing in different genres (articles, monographs, collections, student work). They also create community as people get to know each other by working on these important committees together.
 - b. Best PhD dissertation:
 - i. Brittany Luby's Drowned: Anishinabek Economies and Resistance to Hydroelectric Development in the Winnipeg River Drainage Basin, 1873-1975 (York University).

- ii. An honourable mention is extended to Julia Maureen Smith (Trent University) for her excellent dissertation entitled *Union Organizing in the Canadian Banking Industry, 1940-1980*.
- c. Best Book:
 - i. Shiri Pasternak's *Grounded Authority: The Algonquins of Barriere Lake Against the State* (University of Minnesota Press).
- d. Best MA thesis:
 - i. James Rhatigan "Afterlife of a Mine: The Tangled Legacies of the Britannia Mine." (UBC)
- e. Best Article in the *Journal of Canadian Studies*: (This is only the second year we've awarded this relatively new prize!)
 - i. Scott Thompson "Real Canadians: Exclusion, Participation, Belonging and Male Military Mobilization in Wartime Canada, 1939-1945." *JCS* 50.3
- f. Best Edited Collection:
 - i. forth-coming BUT we can announce last year's, which was not announced at the 2016 AGM
 - ii. LAST YEAR's winners: Arn Keeling and John Sandlos, eds., *Mining and Communities in Northern Canada: History, Politics, and Memory* (Calgary: 2015).
- g. Best Undergraduate essay:
 - i. cancelled
- h. The CSN Exec has discussed ways to boost student participation in prizes. We thought of developing a poster that highlights our student prizes, direct emails to department secretaries, Deans of Graduate Studies, and graduate student supervisors. What other ways might there be to develop greater awareness of student nominations for prizes? Jane reminds us that PhD prize does go forward to ICCS for international prizes; reach out to student societies directly by ICCS;

reach out to disciplinary not just interdisciplinary (e.g. chairs of various disciplines committees – English, History, etc.)

i. Thanks to all committee adjudication members

i. Undergrad Essay

1. n/a

ii. MA Thesis

1. Peter Thompson

2. Karen Foster

3. Alan MacEachern

iii. Best JCS Article

1. Paul Huebener

2. Candida Rifkind

3. Meaghan Beaton

iv. Best Book

1. Jane Griffith

2. Stephanie Bangarth

3. Katherine Roberts

v. Best PhD Thesis

1. Amber Dean

2. Jane Koustas

3. Margery Fee

vi. Best Edited Collection

1. Adjudication still in process

8. Student support funding

a. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, we supported Jamie Jelinski who presented, “ ‘An Artist’s View of Tattooing’: Aba Bayefsky and Tattooing in Toronto and Yokohoma, 1978-1986” at the conference “Untold Stories of the Past 150 Years” April 28-30, 2017 in Dublin. See his Report about this conference experience on our website!

b. So far for the 2017-18 year, we have had an unprecedented number of requests. Currently our website advises prospective applicants that

we are not currently accepting new requests for Student Support to travel to international conferences.

- c. Discussion on the idea of how to better manage Student Support Funding so that it's not first-come-first-serve. Set application dates? Max amounts per student? Stephanie Bangarth: other association -- committee adjudicates support; two deadlines: spring and fall; Colin: originally, money for this was from originating grants (DFAIT, ICCS), so maybe no longer needs to be constrained to travel for international conferences, perhaps now also for national conferences; audience: unique award for international award perhaps good, given costs of international travel; Marcel: mixed minds; audience: keep in mind that students also can find funding at their own institutions, especially for international travel and important to move as many students as possible; Jane: if in a given year, just one person, and a worthwhile project – give full funding, but encourage leveraging and add a deadline; audience: Canadian dollar impacts costs and some institutions have more funds than others, so maybe stick with one larger amount; audience: if splitting, then make that clear ahead of time with the website; given the work of doing the application, make clear that money may not be \$1000; perhaps add a line on the application that indicates any funding that is coming from other sources (Andrea notes this is on application)

9. Advisory Board membership

- a. Our current Advisory Board includes:
 - i. Roberta Lexier (Mont Royal University)
 - ii. Raymond Blake (University of Regina)
 - iii. Alain-G. Gagnon (UQAM)
 - iv. Claire Campbell (Dalhousie)
 - v. Pierre Anctil (U de Ottawa)
 - vi. Andrew Nurse (Mount Allison University)
 - vii. Christl Verduyn (Mount Allison University)

viii. Colin Coates (Glendon College, York University)

ix. Donald Wright (University of New Brunswick)

x. Andrew Potter (McGill)

- b. We are thrilled that exiting Executive members Jane Koustas and Peter Thompson have agreed to now serve on the Advisory Board. The Executive has also identified a couple other colleagues who will be invited to join. We would love to have more geographical diversity on our Advisory Board (recruit from the West!).

10. Elections

- a. VP and Member-at large; nominations received for both positions –
Renee Hulan (VP) and Jamie Yard (Member at large)
- b. Acclaimed unanimously

11. Location of next AGM

- a. We have not yet determined the location of our 2018 Annual General Meeting, though we have an idea we're pursuing. CSN-REC is committed to holding our annual meeting in conjunction with a Canadian Studies conference. Stay tuned for details for October 2018; MANACS at Lake Placid raised as a possible location for an AGM.
- b. History of where they've been held.
- i. 2016: Carleton University
 - 2015: McGill
 - 2014: UPEI
 - 2013: St Mary's, Halifax
 - 2012: UBC
 - 2011: Glendon College, York University
 - 2010: Brock (first official meeting of the CSN)
- a. Planning meetings: pre-CSN
- 2009: Trent (largely a planning meeting, but some presentations)
 - 2009: Mount Allison
 - 2008: Carleton

2005: Ottawa U (not a conference)

2005: Trent (not a conference, but a discussion)

12. AOB

13. Adjournment: moved: Jane; seconded: Carolyn; unanimous

Budget Projections 2017-2018

Prepared by Kevin Spooner, Secretary-Treasurer

Revenue

Grants	-
Donations	850
Memberships	11,980
Interest	100
<i>Total Revenue</i>	12,930

General Expenses

Fees, dues and registrations	-
Interest and service charges	35
Meeting costs	
Contribution to host of AGM	1000
Executive travel: AGM and ICCS	2000
Teleconference fees	75
Office supplies	50
Prizes	1200
Book Prize	250
Edited Book Prize	250
PhD Prize	250
JCS Article Prize	200
MA Prize	150
Undergraduate Essay Prize	100
Professional fees	830
Travel (Student Travel Award)	2250
Website and Administration	
Administrative / Membership Coordinator	9,000
Website Development and Maintenance	900
<i>Total Expenses</i>	17,340
2017-2018 anticipated deficit/surplus	(4,410)

Bank Balances (at October 11, 2017)

Cash	20,737.84	
GIC Investments	1,575.68	
<i>Total</i>	22,313.52	(22,009.27 last year)

Membership and Revenue

Membership Category	2015-16 Numbers	2016-17 Numbers	2017-18 Numbers	Fee	Revenue
Institutional	16	21	19	\$150	\$2,850
Regular	72	117	95	\$80	\$7,600
Graduate Student	24	22	26	\$30	\$780
Low Income	14	12	11	\$30	\$330
Retired	7	10	14	\$30	\$420
Free (IM / Prize)	45	42	33	\$0	\$0
<i>Totals</i>	162 (not IM)	203 (not IM)	179 (not IM)		\$11,980

Revenue received from 3 Year Memberships in this membership cycle: \$5,640

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