



## **Canadian Studies Network**

### **Réseau d'études canadiennes**

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**September 27, 2014**

**12:20 to 1:10pm**

**Versions of Canada Conference**

**UPEI**

**Charlottetown, PEI**

**12:15 to 1:10 pm**

Present: Colin Coates (York), Christl Verduyn (Mount Allison), Jamie Trepanier (York – Museum of Canadian History), Will Straw (McGill), Joseph Glass (Centennial), Donica Belisle (Athabasca), Joe Blades (UNB), Jenny Ellison (Trent), Andrew Nurse (Mount Allison)

Via Skype: Peter Thompson (Carleton), Julia Harrison (Trent), Shannon Stunden-Bower (Alberta)

1. Adoption of agenda:  
Moved: Will Straw/ seconded: Christl Verduyn/approved
2. Adoption of minutes from AGM: September 19, 2013.  
Moved Christl Verduyn/Seconded Donica Belisle/approved
3. Business Arising  
Will follow below
4. President's Report (Colin Coates)
  - Thanks to the local organizers for hosting the CSN-REC at UPEI in Charlottetown. It is important for the CSN-REC to have its AGM in the context of a scholarly conference. Colin presented an overview of the history and mandate of the CSN-REC, highlighting that it is intended to support those who study Canada/who call themselves Canadianists in the scholarly and professional community in Canada.

- Website upgrades are now completed. In the past year it was re-designed and much of it translated. We now have online membership renewal which is very important. Some items remain to be translated. This work is in process. Executive to follow up to completion.
- Karli Whitmore does a phenomenal job as membership coordinator/administrator for the CSN-REC. Offers us great ideas. Launches membership drives. Circulates conference CFPs and a very valuable job list. Tweets for us. Her work demonstrates to our members the value of joining the CSN-REC.

Motion: Will Straw moved/ Christl Verduyn seconded: We want to express our sincere appreciation to Karli Whitmore for all that she does for the CSN-REC. Passed unanimously.

- CSN-REC book/theses/dissertation prizes have increased our profile in the community. Gave the first BA and MA prizes this year. Many members contribute to this process through their work on the nominating committees and in preparing nominations. Our prizes are unique as they recognize scholarly work on Canada that straddles intellectual/disciplinary boundaries.
- 2014 prize winners were:
  - **BA:** Jaya Bordeleau-Cass: *The War Between Oil and Water: an Analysis of Anti-shale Gas Resistance in Kent County, New Brunswick* (McGill)
  - **MA:** Caroline Grego: *Imagining a Community-Oriented 'National Park Nature: Conflict, Management, and Conservation in the Proposed South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen National Park Reserve* (UBC)
  - **PhD:** Jaime Yard *Working Natures: An Ethnography of Love, Labour, and Accumulation on the British Columbia Coast* (York University)
  - **Book:** Kathryn LaBelle *Dispersed but not Destroyed: A History of the Seventeenth Century Wendat People* (UBC Press)
- We have proposed an annual prize for a prize for the best article in the JCS. Discussions have begun with the JCS. New executive will have to follow up on this.
- Graduate student awards: We have funds for students to travel to international conferences. This is an important benefit for student members. Publicize with your students.
- Ongoing issues:
  - Should the CSN-REC join the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences? Is likely a good long time goal but need to consider of costs and benefits. Would be a good venue for our annual conference.
  - Canadian Studies as a teachable. This is a multi-year project to follow up on. Needs to be kept on the agenda. CAST is not listed

a teachable and therefore deters enrollment in UG courses.  
Criteria for teachable varies from province to province.

5. Secretary's Report (Julia Harrison)

- Membership numbers doubled in one year thanks to Karli's work.
- As of September 26 we have 131 2014-2015 members:
  - 2 undergraduate
  - 18 graduate
  - 9 low income
  - 75 regular
  - 8 retired
  - 19 IM members (each of which nominate 5 student members)
- Karli will send out another renewal reminder in early October.
- Introduced 3-year memberships this year. Has been very successful. These renewals have implications for CSN-REC financial planning. See Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve Secretary's report: moved: Christl Verduyn/seconded: Joseph Glass/approved

6. Treasurer's Report (Julia Harrison):

*See attached* Report to Reader, Treasurer's Report and Budget Projections for 2014-2015.

*Discussion:* Categories such as Prizes and Karli Whitmore's salary need to be separated out in the Report to Reader to accurately reflect the work of the CSN-REC; our annual deficit reflects the obligation of the CSN-REC to spend the monies from ICCS for the specific purposes (listed in Treasurer's Report); Julia recommends that the new Executive consider raising the institutional membership fees.

Adoption of Treasurer's Report: Moved Jamie Trepanier/seconded Joseph Glass/approved

7. ICCS representative Report (Colin Coates)

- In 2014 CSN-REC moved from associate member status to full member status. This is a very important step as now CSN-REC is a full voting member.
- Important year in the history of the ICCS due to the federal government decision to end the Understanding Canada program which eliminated much of the funding which supported the ICCS and international member associations. ICCS has reduced its staff and has a re-structuring committee of which Colin Coates is a member. ICCS took the decision (which CSN-REC did not support) to eliminate membership fees. Will be important for the ICCS to determine what associations are still active. Colin reported that (along with the

backing of the CSN-REC executive) is trying to push the ICCS to become more of a scholarly association. The ICCS will next meet again at the Trent Contesting Canada conference in May, 2015.

8. Student Report (Jamie Trepanier): Our numbers are up. Unfortunately we did not give out any money for student travel this year. Prizes very supportive for students. Karli Whitmore does a fabulous job.  
Colin: Thank Jamie for his service as a student representative.

9. Future AGMs (Colin Coates)

- 2015 Will Straw will host AGM and conference at Institute for the Study of Canada at McGill
- 2016 School of Canadian Studies at Carleton will host the following year. Peter Thompson is the contact.
- 2017 Faculty St Jean at University of Alberta has expressed interest. Executive to follow up to confirm.

*Discussion:* Colin confirmed that it is the intention to keep the timing of meetings in September

10. Elections (Colin Coates)

Colin Coates (York), Julia Harrison (Trent), and Jamie Trepanier (York/CMH) are leaving the executive. Christl Verduyn (Mount Allison) and Peter Thompson (Carleton) will remain.

Three new members acclaimed to the Executive:

- Jane Koustas (Brock) President
- Kevin Spooner (WLU) Secretary/treasurer
- Joe Blades (UNB) Graduate student representative

Thank you to Jane, Kevin and Joe for stepping forward.

11. AOB:

- Christl Verduyn: Want to acknowledge the work of the Colin Coates and Julia Harrison (over two terms on the Executive) in getting the CSN-REC off the ground. Have done a superb job. Our sincere thanks to them.

Meeting adjourned. 1:10pm.

Julia Harrison recording secretary