

2007 MINUTES FROM THE CWSA/ACEF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**May 30, 2007, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
Prepared by Wendee Kubik, Secretary**

WELCOME

President of the CWSA/ACEF, Lori Chambers, extended a warm welcome to everyone at the AGM.

The Agenda for this year's AGM was reviewed and there were no additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2006 AGM

Motion: Ann Braithwaite moved to accept the minutes of the 2006 AGM.

Second: Barbara Crow

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Travel grants from SSHRC

Kate McPherson noted that the issue of CWSA/ACEF not receiving travel money from SSHRC has not been resolved yet. Darlene Juschka wrote SSHRC about the situation and asked them to re-new travel grants that were previously given to CWSA/ACEF. Darlene received a letter back from Diane Belanjan stating SSHRC is looking into this and they are hoping to resolve this soon.

REPORTS

President's Report

Lori Chambers thanked all the members who worked so hard to make this year a success. Lori specifically thanked the executive: Sikata Banerjee (MAL), Darlene Juschka (Treasurer), and Wendee Kubik (Secretary) for their work, the newsletter and for support. Appreciation was expressed to Margaret Toye for organizing the coordinator's meeting. Lori also thanked the conference committee, in particular Marie Lovrod and Lynda Ross. Appreciation was also extended to Stephanie Ross for looking after memberships and Ann Braithwaite for work on the website. The Book Award, Graduate and Undergraduate essay prize committees were also thanked.

Lori reflected on the changes and the growth of CWSA/ACEF and expressed her appreciation to everyone for a very successful conference; however, she reiterated that we need more people to become involved if we want to maintain a healthy organization. We need new faces, new ideas and new members.

Financial Report

Darlene Juschka, treasurer, reported that CWSA/ACEF is in good financial shape. The bank

balance as of December 31, 2006, was \$18,908.64. The balance as of April 30, 2007 was \$19,379.16 with no major expenditures outstanding. Income from all sources exceeded expenditures by \$2,858.36. This is about 2000.00 less than last year and due to conference costs.

Motion: Darlene Juschka moved acceptance of the 2006 Treasurer's Report.

Second: Fiona Green

Motion Carried.

There was discussion that no audit had been done last year.

Motion: Darlene Juschka moved to waive the need for an external audit.

Second: Ann Braithwaite

Motion Carried.

Membership Report

Stephanie Ross reported that membership numbers continue to be healthy. Currently there are 206 individual members and 10 institutional members. Institutions need to be encouraged to sign up for institutional membership. Stephanie has spent approximate 120 hours working on membership business. Most of the time has been spent processing individual memberships and keeping the existing spreadsheet and mailing list current. There are no problems to report, however on-line registration would be a good idea to look into. Stephanie thanked Beth McAuley who made her transition into the job so seamless.

Discussion: How to increase membership? Suggestions were made to ask co-ordinators to take out an institutional membership. One suggestion was the need to be an institutional member or pay a fee for attending the Co-ordinator's meeting.

Motion: Margaret Toye moved that a nominal fee (\$10.00) be charged to co-ordinators to help defray the costs of lunch and catering at the co-ordinators meeting.

Second: Annalee Lepp

Motion carried

Motion: Moved by Lori Chambers to accept membership report

Second: Annalee Lepp

Motion Carried

Book Award Report

The winner of the Book Award for 2007 is *Negotiating Citizenship: Migrant Women in Canada and the Global System* by Daiva K. Stasiulis and Abigail B. Bakan, University of Toronto Press.

This year was also the first year a French book was nominated. The work of reading, evaluating and ranking the books is an ongoing concern as there were a large number of nominations this year. The work is onerous for the committee. Discussion centred on the need to discuss strategies to reduce the reading such as getting the books in reader's hands earlier, co-ordination of the committee, and making a decision earlier in the year. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Book Award Committee. It was noted that it is hard work but also very rewarding.

Motion: Moved by Darlene Juschka to accept the Book Award Report.
Second: Fiona Green
Motion Carried.

Undergraduate Essay Prize Report

The initial deadline for the CWSA/ACEF Undergraduate Essay Prize only solicited one entry. Upon discussion with the other committee members, Renee Sgroi, Anne Wagner, and with President Lori Chambers, the deadline for submissions was extended to April 18, 2007.

In doing so, 14 more submissions from students across the country were received. Dalhousie, U of Manitoba, U of Winnipeg, York, U of Toronto, U of Victoria, and Concordia were represented.

The papers covered a range of topics, and also a range of skill levels concerning articulation, argument, organization and presentation. Six papers were given marks in the 70s; six papers were given marks in the low to mid 80s; and two were given marks in the high 80s.

The two papers that surfaced with high 80s were exceptional; both were granted the same average mark of 89%. The rankings, however, declared a clear victor. Ms. Lauren Warbek from the University of Victoria is the winner of the 2007 CWSA/ACEF Undergraduate Essay Prize for her paper "Problematizing Whale Rider: Maori Story, Pakeha Storytellers."

Discussion:

Submissions should be preceded by a letter of support from an academic.

It was decided that each university can only submit one student essay in order to keep the evaluation of the papers at a reasonable rate. It was suggested that winning essays could be placed on the CWSA/ACEF website.

Motion: Moved by Barbara Crow to accept the Undergraduate Essay Prize committee report.

Second: Darlene Juschka

Motion carried.

Graduate Essay Prize

2006 Graduate prize: This prize was not awarded this year. There was only one submission and so the deadline was extended. There were no further submissions and it deemed the essay submitted was not of a high enough quality. CWSA/ACEF will make direct contact with Graduate chairs to let them know of the deadline at the end of April.

Motion: Moved by Barbara Crow that students who win the Graduate essay prize will be asked to speak the following year and 2 paid memberships will be set aside for the essay prize. If it is not used the executive can decide who can use it (e.g., donate to unwaged local activist).

Second: Fiona Green

Motion carried.

The program chairs will need to be alerted so there is a time slot for the winners to speak/present the following year.

Elections

Lori noted that 2 positions are open this year. Nominations were called for President-elect. None were forthcoming so it was decided to send out a call to the membership with a job description (month by month breakdown of duties). All job descriptions will be posted on the website so that the membership has an understanding of what is involved in each position.

Nominated for:

Secretary: 2 year term (2007-09) -- Annalee Lepp

Member at Large #2: 2 year term (2007-09) -- Habiba Zaman

Both positions were acclaimed.

Selection of members for committees

a) Conference committee

Local co-ordinator: Lori is to contact UBC looking for a local co-ordinator

Program co-ordinator: Sikata Banerjee

Program committee members: Annalee Lepp, Ann Braithwaite, Jacqueline Preyde, Selena Crosson

We will need input from membership for panels as well.

b) Book Award Committee

Marie Lovrod, Annalee Lepp, Mary Lynn Stewart (French submissions)

c) Undergraduate Prize Committee

Lise Gotell, Wendee Kubik

d) Graduate Prize Committee

PRESENTATION BY CFHSS

Federation Representatives Donna Pennee, Women's Equity Issues (WEI) portfolio and Stephanie Turkel (Federal Structures) with SSHRC spoke to the AGM. The Federation lobbies SSHRC on behalf of university members and lobbies for SSHRC to the Federal government. They updated the membership on the new president, Chad Gadfield, and the budget. The government increased the research budget this year by 11 billion however it is slated for business and management research, speaking to the priorities of Federal government. This year, only 200 of the 1000 CGS scholarships went to the Social Sciences while the rest into NSERC and other areas. Funding of journals in the ASPP (Aid to Scholarly publishing) program were discussed. 185 books a year are now funded and the program also funds up to 5 translations as well. The Federation is looking for a Member of the General Assembly and for a Board Member. The presenters asked for volunteers for these positions.

Upcoming Conference dates:

2008: UBC June 1st 2nd 3rd Theme: "Thinking beyond borders: Global Ideas: Global Values"

2009: Ottawa, (Carlton)

2010: Montreal, (Concordia)

2011: Fredericton (University of New Brunswick)

2012: Kitchener/Waterloo (Wilfred Lauier/University of Waterloo)

Lori thanked the presenters on behalf of the membership.

THANKS TO BOARD MEMBERS LEAVING

Lori expressed thanks to the board members whose terms are up this year; Wendee Kubik, secretary and Sikata Banerjee, MAL. A big thank-you was given Marie Lovrod and the Saskatoon Programme Committee for co-ordinating the conference. The membership thanked Lori.

Final Reminder to all: To send links and material to Ann Braithwaite for the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ann Braithwaite moved to adjourn

Second: Darlene Juschka

Carried.

Attendance at the 2007 AGM:

Ann Braithwaite

Sikata Banerjee

Glenda Bonifacis

Lori Chambers

Barbara Crow

Lise Gotell

Fiona Green

Darlene Juschka

Wendee Kubik

Annalee Lepp

Kate McPherson

Jacqueline Preyde

Linda Ross

Mary Lynn Stewart

Margaret Toye

Habiba Zaman

Marie Lovrod

Any omissions are the responsibility of the minute taker.