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Message from the President by Lori Chambers

Hello everyone. With the term in full swing, we want to keep you updated with regard to the work being done by CWSA/ACEF on your behalf. Our conference committee is busy getting festivities organized for next spring, and the book award committee is hard at work reading all of the great books that were nominated for this year's prize. We welcome suggestions that you may have for invited speakers and panels for the conference, and encourage you all to plan to attend in the spring. Vancouver is beautiful in June!! Volunteers for all sorts of tasks are still needed, so contact us if you wish to offer your services! Also, we have important positions outstanding on the executive, in particular the president-elect, so put on your collective thinking caps and make suggestions, please.

Congress 2008 Update by Sikata Banerjee, Program Chair, Women's Studies, University of Victoria

The CWSA/ACEF Conference Committee – Kim Snowden, Ann Braithwaite, Selena Crosson, Jacqueline Preyde, Lauren Warbeck, and Sikata Banerjee (Chair) – has been busy organizing for the upcoming CWSA/ACEF Annual Conference to be held June 1st-3rd, 2008 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The Congress theme "Thinking Beyond Borders: Global Ideas/Global Values" highlights the increasing ways in which the multi-faceted phenomenon known as globalization is complicating our ideas about and definitions of "borders." In keeping with the Congress theme, CWSA sent out a call for papers in early September emphasizing two themes: 1) Challenging/Crossing Borders in Women's Studies: Present Tensions and Future Possibilities and 2) Identities and Globalization: Transnational Feminisms.

CWSA/ACEF is now accepting proposals for presentations related to these themes. Although, we are focussing on these themes, panels/papers/roundtable submissions do not have to necessarily deal with them. We welcome submissions dealing with all aspects of Women's Studies scholarship.

The proposal form (Word document) can be found on the CWSA/ACEF website www.yorku.ca/cwsaacef. The form provides more information on each of these themes as well as detailed submission guidelines. The Committee would like to remind you that the deadline for submission is Friday November 16th, 2007. If you haven't already responded, we would encourage you to submit your proposals for either a single presentation or for a panel session or a roundtable soon! The Committee is looking forward to reading your proposals and organizing the conference sessions around them. We will be reviewing submissions in early December and will let you know our decision, if possible, before the holiday break.

We are also in the process of organizing keynote speakers and plenary sessions and will be able to share more information about speakers and specific topics in the next CWSA/ACEF newsletter. However, we do encourage nominations for possible keynote speakers and plenary sessions. Please contact at Sikata Banerjee or Lauren Warbeck. The CWSA/ACEF 2008 conference promises to be an exciting event. We look forward to seeing you all at the Conference and to the sharing of ideas between the many and diverse members of CWSA/ACEF!

Treasurer's Report
by Darlene Juschka, Women's Studies, University of Regina

The association is in good financial shape. The conference held at the annual Congress in Saskatoon, which was attended by 125 members, cost the association \$1,005.06. Most of the costs were defrayed by CIDA support (5,000.00) and International speaker support from the CFHSS (1,000.00), both secured by Marie Lovrod. Other costs, aside from speaker fees and travel, consist of catering, AV, and tax. Support from the membership keeps the association healthy and strong. I might suggest that the association consider putting 500.00 aside each year for student travel support.