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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

The current volume of the Bulletin is coming from the Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology at University of Saskatchewan. Conducting membership business has been particularly difficult this year due to the labour issues and strike at Wilfred Laurier University. Cheryl Beaupre of WLU Press who handles our membership subscription lists and payments is on the picket line with the rest of the union staff and our communication has been impeded for several months. We are trying to keep membership accounts up-to-date under these adverse circumstances and ask for your patience and understanding.

I have included some updated information on our executive, but intend to have more substantial material in this section in April. Likewise I would hope to provide members and colleagues with more news of a general and individual nature on Religious Studies from across the country in the spring issue. In order to do this, I would gratefully request you to send me personal updates and reports, and any other information that you want to share with members, to be published in the next CSSR bulletin. For the purpose of informing members about the general internal proceedings of the society, the minutes from the 2002 executive meeting and annual general meeting have been included here.

Readers are reminded that the CSSR website has grown and developed over the past years, and that archived issues of the Bulletin can be found there. In my opinion we are rapidly reaching the point where an electronic version of the Bulletin ought to replace the printed copy you're holding now. Please let me know whether an e-mailed version, or directions to the current issue on the CSSR website, would be sufficient for your needs. Thanks.

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EXECUTIVE: Notes and Updates

André Couture, president

Projets de recherche subventionnés en cours:

Fonds Cardinal-Maurice-Roy: Harivamsha Transliteration project, Convention, Fondation de l'Université Laval, du 2002-06-01 au 2003-05-31

Recherches sur le Harivamsha et son contexte religieux, philosophique, iconographique, Subvention, Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada, Subventions ordinaires de recherche, du 2001-04-01 au 2004-03-31

Projets de recherche subventionnés au cours des deux dernières années

Étude du Harivamsha: analyse narrative et discursive, interprétation globale, Subvention, Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada, Subventions ordinaires de recherche, du 1998-04-01 au 2001-03-31

Fonds Cardinal-Maurice-Roy: L'étude du Harivamsha: étude narrative et discursive, interprétation globale, Convention, Fondation de l'Université Laval, du 2000-07-01 au 2001-06-30

Fonds Gérard Dion: L'étude du Harivamsha: étude narrative et discursive, interprétation globale, Convention, Fondation de l'Université Laval, du 2001-07-01 au 2002-06-30

Randi Warne, vice president

will be chair of Department of Philosophy/Religious Studies 2003-2006 as well as the Coordinator of Cultural Studies in the 2003-4 term. Also, she is teaching Intro to Cultural Studies in the fall of 2002 and developing a new course to be team taught and cross-listed, Religious Studies/Women's Studies, entitled "Women, Culture, and Food"

Darlene Juschka, secretary

is Co-ordinator and Associate Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Regina. She currently is working on a project *Body Politic/Political Bodies: The Semiotics of Gender* and recently published an edited volume *Feminism and the Study of Religion: A Reader* (2001). Her areas of study are myth, symbol and ritual, ancient religions, gender issues and feminist methods, theories and epistemologies.

James Mullens, membership secretary

is head of the Religious Studies and Anthropology department at the University of Saskatchewan. He obtained his Ph.D. at McMaster University, M.A from the University of Victoria, and B.A. from Simon Fraser. Main teaching area: Buddhist Studies area. Primary research interest: Survival and adaptation of Tibetan tradition in exile. UofS is the home of the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* and the web-based *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*.

Aaron Hughes, member at large

has a BA from the University of Alberta and an MA and PhD from Indiana University, Bloomington. Specializes in medieval Judeo-Islamic texts (esp. philosophy and mysticism) and has an ongoing interest in methodology in Religious Studies. Representative publications include "Imagining the Divine: Ghazali on Imagination, Dreams, and Dreaming" **Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70.1 (2002): 33_53; "The Three Worlds of Ibn Ezra's Hay ben Meqiz" **Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy** 12.1 (2002): 1_24. Aaron has just finished a book-length manuscript tentatively entitled **The Texture of the Divine: Hayy ibn Yaqzan in Medieval Judaism and Islam.** and recently begun a new project devoted to the thought of the 14th century Jewish thinker Isaac Pulcher and his **Ezer ha Daat*.

Mavis L. Fenn, member at large

received her Ph.D. from McMaster University and is currently working at St. Paul's College at the university of Waterloo. She is the general editor for the book review section of the *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Global Buddhism*.

Faydra Shapiro, program chair

is an assistant professor in the department of Religion & Culture at Wilfrid Laurier University. Her specialization is in the social scientific study of religion, with an emphasis on Jews in North

America. Faydra is currently working on a project dealing with religion and the experience of infertility.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CSSR

2000-2002	Randi R. Warne (Mount St. Vincent University)
1998-2000	Paul Bowlby (St. Mary's University)
1996-1998	William Closson James (Queen's)
1994-1996	Morny Joy (University of Calgary)
1992-1994	Jacques Goulet (Mount St. Vincent University)
1990-1992	Martin Rumscheidt (Atlantic School of Theology)
1988-1990	Monique Dumais (Université de Quebec - Rimouski)
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1980-1982	Jacques Langlais (Champlain College)
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1971-1974	Charles Davis (McGill)
1969-1971	Fr. Simon Davis (Laurentian)
1967-1969	Eugene Combs (McMaster)
1966-1967	M. Giroux (University of Ottawa)

GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 2002: Winner

As reported in the April Bulletin, there were nine papers submitted for the 2002 contest. The winner of the graduate student essay contest was Jane Margaret Mulesion, Emmanuel College with her paper on "Wittgenstein and Feminist Hermeneutics." Congratulations, Jane.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 2002; Winners

Fourteen papers were submitted for the undergraduate student contest in 2002, adjudicated by Terry Woo, Andre Maintenay and Kenneth MacKendrick. 1st place went to Gord Cruess (University of Toronto) for an extraordinary paper on "Buddhist Political History in Sri Lanka and the Rise of Modern Sinhalese Nationalism." 2nd place went to Sohrob Nabatian (Concordia University) for "Cosmogony and Transcendence in Nasadiya Sukta and Purusa Sukta". Congratulations to both Sohrob and Nasadiya.

2003 CONGRESS: A WORD FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Greetings Colleagues.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of the CSSR executive. As program chair, it is my job, among others, to organize the program for our annual meeting, which will be taking place in Halifax at the end of May as part of the 2003 Congress. The major themes for the Congress this year are:

- I. Conflict and Cooperation: Local, National, Global
- II. Conflict and Cooperation: Representations of Justice
- III. Conflict and Cooperation: Wealth and Creativity

We are eager to develop sessions on these topics as part of our annual meeting. Of course, we will continue to run sessions in more "traditional" areas of religious studies scholarship. We encourage everyone to consider the Call for Papers and how they can participate. Housing Information will be posted on the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion website (www.ccsr.ca) early in the new year. I am sure that the 2003 Congress will prove to be an exciting venue for the exchange of ideas and research. I look forward to meeting you there!

**SEMINAR ON VIOLENCE & RELIGION
CALL FOR PAPERS**

In May 2002, the CSSR in conjunction with the CSBS and the CTS agreed to sponsor a seminar on Violence and Religion. The seminar will be a useful forum for CSSR members working in at least three areas:

- a) Studies on the origin, definition, and character of violence from the perspective of Religious Studies (broadly defined);
- b) Case Studies examining the intersection of violence and religion in a Canadian context;
- c) Studies on certain religious texts and their use in the construction of particular positions that may lead to the use and justification of violence.

This topic is of special interest for the seminar in 2003.

Interested members of the society are invited to please contact Aaron Hughes hughesa@ucalgary.ca for more information or to submit a proposal by Dec.15, 2002.

CSSR Annual Meeting May 28-31, 2003
Call for Papers

The Programme Committee invites submissions for the 2003 Annual Meeting of the CSSR, to be held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and the Social Sciences on the campus of Dalhousie University, Halifax from 28-31 May, 2003.

The Board of the Federation has adopted the following as major themes for Congress 2003:

- I. Conflict and Cooperation: Local, National, Global
- II. Conflict and Cooperation: Representations of Justice
- III. Conflict and Cooperation: Wealth and Creativity

The Board of the Federation encourages associations to adopt these themes and to develop sessions related to the topics within their own programs.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Abstracts are to be no more than 150 words. Those greatly exceeding this limit will not be printed in the programme.
2. The CSSR strongly discourages panel presentations of more than three papers as it inhibits discussion. Presentations of more than 3 papers should use the Roundtable format (see below).
3. Abstracts are due on the due date (see below). Panel organisers should submit both the panel abstract and the individual paper abstracts as one package (see below).

4. Those who are participating in the meetings of other societies should check the meeting date of those societies before submitting their proposals. Panel and Roundtable organisers should check with their presenters. Requests for specific dates *MUST* accompany the initial proposal.

5. Joint proposals (two societies combining their efforts) should be submitted to both societies for approval.

6. Acceptance of proposals will be done via e-mail, and Panel/Roundtable organisers will be responsible for informing their presenters. Members who require a 'hard copy' acceptance of their proposal for funding purposes may request one from the Programme Chair (see below)

7. All organisers, presenters and chairs are expected to read the "Guidelines for Chairing a Session" (see below)

Submissions for the CSSR Annual Meeting may be of four types.

a. Special Papers

In order to effect a fuller discussion of complete studies by Society members, blocks of time may be set aside for the presentation of, responses to, and discussion of "special" or "major" papers. A special paper may be grounded in a special field, but it should address matters important to all students of religion. In order to be considered, a complete version of the paper together with an abstract is to be submitted by January 15, 2003.

b. Regular Papers

The Committee invites proposals for presentations of works in progress and shorter scholarly papers for presentation. Normally, the time for actual delivery is twenty minutes, with ten minutes for questions and discussion. A 150 (maximum) word abstract should be submitted by January 15, 2003. All audio-visual needs must be clearly noted with your initial submission. Submission on a three-and-one-half-inch disk (IBM format/Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) would be helpful.

c. Panels

The Committee encourages proposals for panels, workshops and seminars. The organiser is responsible for setting the topic and involving the participants in a maximum three hour block of time (two sessions of an hour and a half each). An abstract(s) as above, together with the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, equipment needs, and the name of a chair (who should not be making a presentation) is to be submitted by January 15, 2003. Panel organizers will be expected to coordinate communication between members of the panel(s) and the Programme Chair. The order of presentation should be indicated (see below: "Guidelines for Chairing a Session").

d. Roundtables

The Roundtable format usually focuses on a particular issue, book, or the body of work of an individual. It consists of four (or more) short presentations followed by discussion, both with the roundtable members and audience members. As with the panel, the organiser is responsible for submitting an abstract for the Roundtable which includes the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, equipment needs, and chair (who may also be a participant).

Completed special papers, abstracts of regular papers, panels and roundtables, are to be sent to:

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 Fax: (519) 884-9387

** Please include the following information with your submission: institutional affiliation, Mailing address, phone number(s), fax number, and E-mail address (if available).

La Société Canadienne pour l'Étude de la Religion (SCER)
Conférence Annuelle, 28 à 31 mai, 2003
Invitation de Proposer une Communication

Le comité de programmation de la Société Canadienne pour l'Étude de la Religion vous invite à lui envoyer des propositions de participation à la prochaine conférence annuelle qui doit se tenir dans la cadre du Congrès des sciences sociales et humaines (CSSH) de l'Université de Dalhousie, Halifax, du 28 à 31 mai, 2003.

Le Conseil de la fédération a accepté les thèmes de recherches suivants pour le Congrès de l'année 2003 :

- I. Conflits et coopération : À l'échelle locale, nationale et mondiale
- II. Conflits et coopération : Les représentations de la justice
- III. Conflits et coopération : Richesse et créativité.

Le Conseil de la fédération encourage les associations à adopter ces thèmes dans le cadre de leur programme.

Informations importantes :

1. *Les résumés des communications proposés ne doivent pas excéder la limite de 150 mots. Des précis d'article qui excède amplement la limite de 150 mots seront exclus de la publication du programme.*
2. *Afin de favoriser le discours scientifique la SCER souhaite que les séances aient un maximum de trois communications. L'organisateur/l'organisatrice qui souhaite une séance de plus que trois communications est invité à choisir le format d'une « table ronde ».*
3. *La date limite pour la réception des précis de communications est le 17 janvier 2003. Ceux et celles qui organisent les séances sont demandé(e)s de présenter comme un ensemble un précis du thème de la séance ainsi que les précis des communications des participants.*
4. *Ceux et celles qui participent aussi à des rencontres d'autres sociétés scientifiques sont invités à vérifier les dates des rencontres des sociétés en questions avant de soumettre leurs propositions de communications à la SCER. Les organisateurs des séances et des tables rondes sont aussi priés de bien vouloir vérifier la disponibilité des participants. Toute demande de participation pour une journée spécifique doit accompagner la proposition de communication initiale.*
5. *Toute proposition de communication conjointe (celles qui impliquent la participation des membres de deux sociétés scientifiques à la fois) doit être soumise et approuvée par les deux sociétés scientifiques en question.*
6. *Les personnes dont les propositions de communications sont acceptées seront avisées par courrier électronique. Ceux et celles qui organisent des séances ou des tables rondes sont priés de prendre contact avec les participants individuellement. Toute personne ayant besoin d'une lettre officielle de participation pour des raisons de subvention doit présenter sa demande auprès du président(e) du comité de programmation nommé(e) ci-dessous.*
7. *Toutes et tous qui souhaitent participer à la conférence annuelle de la SCER sont priés de lire les informations ci-dessous.*

Quatre types de propositions sont recevables :

a) Conférence

Afin de permettre un débat plus en profondeur sur des travaux d'envergure préparés par nos membres, un certain nombre des périodes seront réservées à la présentation, à la réponse préparée à l'avance et à la discussion des conférences. Solidement appuyé sur une expertise précise, ce type de communication doit cependant déborder la spécialisation étroite pour aborder des questions générales intéressant tous ceux et celles qui étudient la religion. On prendra en considération que le texte complet de ce type de communication soumis avant le 17 janvier 2003 accompagné d'un résumé.

b) Communication régulière

Le comité vous invite à proposer des communications faisant état de travaux en voie de réalisation ou des communications érudites plus brèves. Normalement la durée de l'exposé sera de vingt minutes suivi de dix minutes de questions et de discussion. Un précis de 150 mots (maximum) doit être soumis avant le 17 janvier 2003. La demande pour des machines audio-visuelles doit être signalée dans votre soumission initiale. Veuillez faire votre soumission sur disquette 3 1/2 ", format IBM, Microsoft Word/WordPerfect si possible.

c) Séminaires

Le comité encourage les propositions pour l'organisation des séminaires. La personne responsable du choix du sujet (l'organisateur/l'organisatrice) s'occupe également de l'engagement des participant(e)s pour une période maximum de deux heures et demie. Un précis, comme ci-dessus, avec les nom et les institutions des participant(e)s, le matériel requis et le nom du président (de la présidente) de la séance (qui ne devrait pas faire de présentation) doit être soumis avant le 17 janvier 2003. L'organisateur/l'organisatrice assurera la coordination nécessaire entre le président du comité du programme et les autres participants.

Envoyer les textes complets des conférences, ainsi que le précis des communications régulières, des séances ou des tables rondes à :

*Faydra Shapiro, Department of Religion & Culture
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** Veuillez indiquer les informations suivantes avec votre proposition de communication : Nom, Institution d'affiliation, Adresse postale, Numéro de téléphone, Numéro de télécopie, Adresse de courrier électronique (si disponible).

DALHOUSIE CONGRESS – PLAN AHEAD!

Information on Congress 2003 at Dalhousie University 28 May to 5 June can be found at <http://www.hssfc.ca/>

Randi informs us that the Congress takes place just as the tourist season in NS is starting to move into high gear. The prices for hotels are comparable to Toronto, in the upper cost range. That may sound outrageous but it is tourist season. As a heads up on finding early accommodation, check out www.halifaxinfo.com OR www.checkinnovascotia.com OR call toll free 1-800-565-0000 po #807 OR contact tourism Nova Scotia and get the "Doers and Dreamers Guide" (esp. if you're planning an extended stay/holiday).

Randi stresses that anyone attending the Congress needs to check things out asap, esp. if they want to stay somewhere other than campus. There are 1200 rooms in residence at Dal and Kings, and they're hoping for an attendance of around 6000. (Toronto was 8000). Residence rooms range from around \$50 - \$90, not including 15% tax; hotels within a reasonable walking distance or short (\$5-\$8) cab ride range from \$140 - \$210, plus tax. There are cheaper

accommodations further from the centre of town where room rates are substantially less (e.g. under \$100/night) and shared cabs only cost \$8-10 per person.

GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Concours d'essai pour étudiant.e.s diplômé.e.s

The Graduate contest is now open to all graduate students (MA and PhD).

Subject/Sujet: A theme in the general field of religious studies/Un thème relevant du dans le champ général des sciences religieuses.

Language/Langue: English or French/Anglais ou français

Length/Longueur: 3000-5000 words/mots

Eligibility/Éligibilité: Full-time M.A. or PhD student status in a Canadian university/Tout.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit(e) à temps plein dans un programme de maîtrise ou de doctorat appartenant à une université ou un collège au Canada.

Prize/Prix: \$300

Deadline/Echéance: 25 March 2003 / 25 mars 2003

The winner will be invited to read her/his paper at the next annual meeting./ Le gagnant / La gagnante sera invité à présenter son texte lors de la prochaine réunion annuelle. Submissions must include the full mailing address of the candidate and a letter from the chairperson of the department certifying the degree and programme status of the candidate. / Les essais doivent être accompagné d'une lettre rédigée par le directeur (la directrice) du programme de l'institution attestant que l'auteur.e est bien un.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit.e à temps plein dans un programme d'études supérieures.

Students entering the contest should send a hard copy of her/his essay, their full mailing address on the first page of the essay and a letter of certification, to / Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre d'attestation, à l'attention de:

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Subject: Any topic in the general field of religious studies

Length: 10-15 pages, typed and double-spaced

Eligibility: Any undergraduate currently registered in a Canadian university. Prize :1st prize: \$200/2nd prize: \$100

Deadline: one copy of the completed essay, with the accompanying letter, must be submitted no later than April 18, 2003. Essays do not need to be written specifically for this contest. They may be assignments from a religious studies course. Essays must be accompanied by a letter from a member of the religious studies department, that the student is an undergraduate in good standing in that university or college. Students entering the contest should send a hard copy of her/his essay, their full mailing address on the first page of the essay, and a letter of certification to:

Dr. Aaron Hughes, Dept. of Religious Studies
University of Calgary
2500 University Dr. NW
Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

Concours d'essai pour Étudiant.e.s du 1er cycle

Sujet: Un thème relevant du domaine des sciences religieuses
 Longueur: 10 à 15 pages dactylographiées, double interligne
 Éligibilité: Toute personne inscrite dans un programme du premier cycle dans une université ou un collège canadien
 Prix: 1er prix: 200\$/2e prix: 100\$
 Échéance: La rédaction et l'attestation d'inscription doivent être reçues au plus tard le 18 avril, 2003. Les rédactions présentées dans le cadre du concours peuvent avoir été rédigées en vue de répondre aux exigences d'un cours de sciences religieuses. Une attestation d'inscription, rédigée par un professeur de département des sciences religieuses de l'institution, doit accompagner la rédaction. Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre d'attestation, à l'attention de:

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 Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES - May 25, 2002.

University of Toronto, Emmanuel College

Present: Darlene Juschka, Randi Warne, William E. Arnal, Paul Bowlby, Ken MacKendrick, and Paul Bramadat

Regrets: Mavis Fenn, Adela Sandness

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

Warne welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to the meeting.

Warne reported on the illness of the exec member Adela Sandness.

MOTION: That a card be sent to Adela and thank her for her participation on the exec.

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION: To adopt the agenda. Bowlby/Arnal carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 23th May 2001 meetings of the Executive Committee/ Adoption des procès-verbaux des réunions du conseil du May 23th 2001

MOTION: To adopt the minutes. MacKendrick/Arnal carried

4. Business Arising From the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbaux

4.1 Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Representative/ Représentative/Représentante de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales

David Seljek is the current HSSFC representative and would continue to act in this role for another year.

MOTION: That David Seljak be named as the representative of the CSSR/SCÉR to the Federation. Warne/Bowlby carried.

4.2 Charitable Status

There was again another discussion in regard to the CSSR establishing charitable status. It was noted that in order to do such there would need to be a change the constitution. The principle objection is that charitable status would limit political activity, e.g., cannot lobby government. It was pointed out that the Society of Socialist Studies just secured charitable status and noted that CSBS has had this status for some time. It was decided that the President or her/his designate

from the executive keep in touch with the Society of Socialist Studies President to see how they fare with charitable status over the next few years. We will return to the question of seeking such status ourselves after that information is gathered.

MOTION: That the president would bring the decision to study charitable status to the AGM. Warne/Juschka carried.

4.3 Receipts for membership payment from WLU Press

Arnal indicated that one way to ensure official confirmation for payment of membership was via the issuance of a receipt from WLU Press. This receipt could also be used for income tax purposes.

MOTION: That the CSSR pay the cost of WLU issuing official receipts for membership dues, if the cost was one dollar or less per member. Arnal/Warne carried.

4.4 CSSR Web Site/Site Web de la SCÉR

The exec was instrumental in furthering changes to the CSSR website. Warne worked with Don Eldershaw to revise and correct information posted on the site. It was felt, however, that the site should be conceptually updated. It was agreed that Don Eldershaw maintains the site in good order, but that the committee needs to take stock of how much work to update.

MOTION: That the Society renew its agreement with Don Eldershaw as webmaster for the year 2002-2003, at a fee of \$750. Further, that Ken MacKendrick and Bill Arnal assess the necessary changes to revamp the CSSR website. Juschka/Warne carried.

4.5 HSSFC Booth

It was unclear whether the booth be staffed by the CSSR. It was agreed to set out a programme at the table along with a sign -up sheet for the CSSR dinner.

4.6 Meeting with Barbara DiConcini (AAR)

Margaret MacDonald and Randi Warne met with Barbara DiConcini at last year's Congress at Laval. DiConcini had approached both the CCSR and the CSSR with a request to provide/ensure a Canadian presence at the AAR meetings in Toronto in November 2002. The best way to do that, in the opinion of the CCSR executive, was to have a Canadian featured in one of the Special Speaker sessions. (The AAR had previously suggested that there be a section for Canadian scholars that the CCSR rejected as both token and ghettoizing.) DiConcini informed MacDonald and Warne that there was not enough time to provide space for special Canadian speaker at the Toronto AAR, as the CCSR had requested. Instead, Di Concini indicated that the AAR would try to achieve a Canadian presence by including Canadian RS scholars in various sections throughout the AAR program. However it was unclear to the President of the CCSR and the CSSR how this would create a Canadian presence given the fact that Canadians are already widely active in the AAR across the board. With some dismay, it was noted that there appears to be a pattern of dismissiveness in the AAR's attitude toward Canadian Scholars. Based on recent experiences, specifically the treatment of Canadian content in the Lilly funded AAR project on a Census of Programs in Theology and Religion in North America, the treatment of officers of both the CCSR and CSSR in this context, and treatment of Canadian scholars, and CCSR and CSSR concerns regarding the Toronto AAR, Bowlby and Warne agreed to express their concern in regard to organizational relations between CSSR, CCSR and the AAR, for publication in the Bulletin.

MOTION: Warne and Bowlby will put forward a statement to the membership in regard to the concern about AAR attitudes toward Canadian scholars and organizations. Arnal/MacKendrick carried.

4.7 Regulations for undergrad essay contest

There was discussion in regard to requirements for the undergraduate essay context. It was restated that the basic requirements were:

1. That only one essay per student would be accepted.
2. That the papers submitted would engage the academic study religion.

3. That with the paper submitted there be accompanying endorsement of their student status by the institution to which they belong.

4.8 Allied associations (ACCUTE)

Attendance of a member of the CSSR executive was requested at a reception to be held by ACCUTE on May 29th. Warne indicated she would try to attend.

4.9 IAHR membership

MacKendrick reported that \$400.00 was earmarked each year to send a delegate (usually the President) to the IAHR, which meets every five years. The next meeting will be held in Japan in 2005.

4.10 Restructuring of Executive

Add a new office (filled by graduate student) to exec to representation student membership, which will not limit student members to the exec. In light of this new position, there will be an attempt to appoint ex-officio for upcoming year to act on the executive. Approved in principal by committee, noted funding problems for student.

MOTION: To bring a notice of motion to establish a student position to the executive to the AGM Warne/Bowlby carried.

5. Reports/Rapports

5.1 President/Président Randi Warne

Copies of President's address are to be made available in the Bulletin. Warne indicated her travels and outreach to RS Depts and grad students was very successful. She reported that the archives project was going forward. Because some material had gone astray or never been gather there needs to be an awareness to collect and protect material in regard to the history of the CSSR. She indicated that this project would likely take from three to five years to complete.

In terms of the Congress 2003 at Dalhousie, the HSSFC had noted and responded to such problems as 1. compressed nature of Congress and 2. Lack of signage at Laval in regard to meetings that resulted in people being unable to locate sessions. . HSSFC has decided to add one day to the Congress, beginning with Dalhousie in 2003, but it appears that this day is to be filled with HSSFC business. The lack of signage at Laval was attributed to "ill-doers" who tore down building signs. However, the problem with signage was not remedied at the Toronto meeting rather there simply were no signs.

Warne also reported on the Lilly-funded AAR project , the Census of Programs in Theology and Religion in North American. There were numerous problems. Because of the way data was categorized, the statistics were of little value to Canadians. Canadian specificity was either erased, or the information gathered was incorrect. Warne expressed her concern that Canada was included in name, but not in fact. Warne concluded her report by expressing her thanks to all members of the exec for their assistance.

MOTION: To accept President's report. Arnal/MacKendrick carried.

Bowlby and the exec thanked Randi Warne for her creative and synergetic initiatives as president of the Society.

5.2 Treasurer/Trésorier Ken MacKendrick

The Treasurer presented his report that included a review of the Society's books in the form of a memorandum from Irene Kao Departmental Officer at the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. The review included a Statement of Income and Expenditures for the year ending April 30, 2002.

MacKendrick noted that the Society was in good shape financially and that income from membership remained stable. The SSHRC grant continues to be sufficient to support the needs of the Association.

Table 1 of the Treasurer's Report explained the source of the year's surplus of \$946.00. Table 2 contained a budget for 2002-2003. Given these new figures the budgeted surplus for 2002-3 is projected at \$300. The drop in projected surplus is due to usage of Special Speaker Fund dispensed this year in order to arrange Yvonne Haddad Address and Symposium (\$3000). It was noted that WLUP expenses increased by \$.05 per member. The increase in the HSSFC membership fee amounted to \$3.00 per person and was instituted 2002.

MOTION: To accept treasurer's report to recommend approval of the budget at the AGM. MacKendrick/Arnal carried.

5.3 Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions William Arnal

William Arnal membership secretary pro tem

The membership total is 248 as of 30 April: 163 paid, 85 unpaid. Arnal suggested tax receipts be issued to all members henceforth. He suggested two main areas for future recruitment: 1) grad students; 2) members of other societies, e.g., CSBS. Bowlby suggested that there is a need for a comprehensive list of all RS faculty in Canada. There was discussion of role of CSSR in actively defending religion as area of study; and the role of the Corporation in this.

MOTION: To accept the Membership Secretary's report. Arnal/Warne carried.
Thanks to Bill Arnal for his work as Membership Secretary

5.4 Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations

The report was given by Warne. Members of the committee were Warne, Arnal, Bowlby, Jusckha. A list of at least 20-25 names were variously suggested. Two nominees for members at large were Aaron Hughes, U of Calgary and Faydra Shapiro, WLU. Dr. Shapiro also graciously agreed to serve as next year's program chair. No nominee was found to serve a full term as membership secretary. However, Dr. James Mullens of the U of Sask has agreed to take up the task for one year. The nominee for president is Andre Couture, Laval University.

MOTION: That the executive committee receive the report of the Nominations Committee. Arnal/Bowlby carried

5.5 2002 Programme Chair/Présidence pour le programme 2002 Paul Bowlby (replacing Mavis Fenn)

Bowlby noted various last minute changes and bailouts to the programme. He also gave thanks for Lucian Turcescu who produced the joint program, for allowing us to resubmit updated copy of program for the combined program. Bowlby noted that currently the first day of our allotted 3 ½ meeting days is devoted to the executive meeting. He recommended that the full 3 ½ days be devoted to academic presentations, with the executive meeting the day prior to the CSSR program's commencement. Bowlby noted that the outgoing program chair should debrief new incoming program chair, especially in regard to the need for special calls for papers. It was also commented again on the necessity for registration for paper presenters and attendees.

MOTION: That the exec meeting a day in advance of the regular program meeting Warne/Bowlby carried.

MOTION: That the Programme Chair's report be accepted Bowlby/Warne carried.

--Thanks to Paul Bowlby for his work as program chair.

5.6 Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s Paul Bramadat

The graduate student winner was announced in the April Bulletin (Jane Barter Moulaison PhD student, Emmanuel College). Congratulations to the winner.

Mackendrick raised issue of clarifying whether we would cover costs for presentation of these papers at the congresses. This does not include paying for travel above and beyond what everyone presenting a paper gets. He argued that there is a need to put aside funding for winner of grad paper, and change deadline for this contest to an early enough date for their name to be printed in the program. The prize is \$300 plus one year's free membership in the society.

5.7 Undergraduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant(e) du 1er cycle

MacKendrick reported 14 papers submitted for undergrad contest. Papers adjudicated by Terry Woo, Andre Maintenay and MacKendrick. 1st place went to Gord Cruess (University of Toronto) - extraordinary paper "Buddhist Political History in Sri Lanka and the Rise of Modern Sinhalese Nationalism." 2nd place went to Sohrob Nabatian (Concordia University) "Cosmogony and Transcendence in Nasadiya Sukta and Purusa Sukta". Congratulations to the winners.

MOTION: That the report of Graduate Essay Contest and Undergraduate Essay Contest judge be accepted. Warne/Arnal carried.

5.8 CCSR rep

5.9 SQER rep

Both positions will be filled by André Couture incoming president.

5.10 Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Representative/ Représentative/Représentante de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales David Seljak

Seljak was elected to board of directors to represent medium societies for a three-year term and he is completing his third year of the three year term.

Seljak reported that:

1. Name of Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada changed July 1st 2002 to **Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences**
2. Under presidency of Pat Clements, organization moving forward
3. 60,000 grant from SSHRC to begin a broader study as to how Federation could help associations
4. New scholars task force to assess challenges for new scholars, e.g., teaching and admin load gone up for new scholars, exploitation of sessional labour
5. Aid to scholarly publications programme celebrates 25 yrs
6. Women Issues Network quite active in Federation Ivory Towers Feminist Audit; CRC and gender
7. A participant of the HSSFC project, Breakfast on the Hill, this year was Morny Joy from U of Calgary who gave a talk "Women and World Religions."
8. Fund raising campaign has been initiated Federation. This is in order to unhook CFHSS from SSHRC and seeks funds themselves from government. Robert Merrett from U of Alberta new VP of Development at the Federation. Five year goal is to raise 11.4 million dollars. Guy Laforest has resigned position as president elect so that the Federation is seeking an appropriate president elect.
9. David Seljak will continue as CFHSS rep for the CSSR.
10. Signage at and length of Congress continue to be problems and were reported to Seljak so he could bring them to the attention of the Federation exec.

MOTION: that the report of David Seljak be accepted. Warne/Juschka carried.

5.11 CSSR Web Site/Site Web de la SCÉR

Website committee assessed that there is a need to design new page. Bill Arnal and Ken MacKendrick are willing to assist in this work. In terms of design, Randi Warne will work on the aesthetics, while MacKendrick and Arnal will develop HTML aspects. It was noted that Eldershaw should refer all communications to president/exec.

MOTION: That the Society renew its agreement with Don Eldershaw as webmaster for the year 2002-2003, \$750. Juschka/Bowlby--carried

5.12 Academic Freedom//Liberté académique Paul Bowlby

Bowlby indicated there was nothing to report.

6. CSSR Congress Fees

Warne commented that the CSSR fees are out of line with other associations. These fees have not been raised in last 25 years. She noted that the normal range is from \$20 to \$60 while CSSR is \$10.

It was agreed in principle that an increase in fees is a good idea. In terms of rationale:

1. Assist to cover costs of grad student member on the Exec (it was felt that a student member required full financial assistance).
2. In light of the increase of CFHSS fee. (The increase in the CFHSS (formerly the HSSFC) membership fee amounted to \$3.00 per person and was instituted 2002.)
3. It would bring the CSSR in line with other societies.

Notice of Motion to the AGM in regard to Congress Fee for the CSSR, to increase to \$35.00 for members: \$15.00 for students and unwaged, non-members \$50.00. Bowlby/Bramadat carried.

Ken will bring forward the issue of the fee increase to AGM under Treasurer's Report.

7. Religion and Violence proposal

Dr. William Morrow, of Queen's University, has approached several scholarly societies with a project to develop a theme on Religion and Violence to be featured at the next several congresses. He requested approval in principle for this initiative, and also for a CSSR representative on the project's steering committee. One name suggested was Johannes Wolfart, who will be contacted to determine his interest.

8. Local arrangements rep Congress 2003, Dalhousie, Halifax, NS.

Dalhousie - Darlene Juschka will email Tom Faulkner to ask if he is available to act as local arrangements person. If he cannot act in this capacity Randi Warne has volunteered to be local arrangements officer. Arnal/Juschka carried.

9. RS departments in Canada (advocacy, hiring needs, role of CSSR)

See membership secretary's report.

10. E-mail discussion list

A preliminary email list generated by Paul Bramadat will be conveyed to the incoming membership secretary to be used in order to announce and remind folks of society matters. Vote of thanks to Paul Bramadat for putting together email list.

11. Other business/Autres Affaires

Regarding the joint CSSR/CSBS programme booklet issued, it was suggested that the person who puts together the joint program list academic affiliation of participants only once and this would be at the back of the program. This is done in order to ensure a cleaner and less cluttered look to the printed programme. In regard to the second executive meeting, last year this meeting was dispensed with, and this year one has been not scheduled. The main Factor related to this is that the shortened congress makes this second meeting difficult to arrange. We will leave the decision to hold a second executive meeting at the 2003 congress to the incoming president. Warne/Juschka carried.

12. Adjournment/Ajournement

MOTION: to Adjourn Juschka/Bramadat carried.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - May 27, 2002.

Toronto, ON

Present: There were approximately 40 persons present including but not limited to: Leona Anderson, Will Oxtoby, Morny Joy, William Arnal, Paul Bowlby, Darlene Juschka, Kenneth MacKendrick, Paul Bramadat, Randi Warne, Bill James, David Seljak, Earl Waugh, André Couture, Herb Berg, Aaron Hughes, and Faydra Shapiro. As the AGM attendance list was not

returned to the recording secretary, some names have not appeared. If you attended and wish this to be acknowledge in the Minutes, please send an email to Darlene.juschka@uregina.ca.

Regrets: Adela Sandness, Mavis Fenn

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Warne/Bowlby carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the (May 25, 2001) meeting of the Annual General Meeting/ Adoption des procès-verbaux de l'assemblée annuelle (le mai 25, 2001)

Arnal/Seljak carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbaux

There continues to be work on teaching 100 level intro level courses panels in Religious Studies at the CSSR. However, the individuals who were to report on this to the AGM were not present. None-the-less interest on this matter is ongoing among the membership of the CSSR.

In light of a past suggestion made by David Seljak that an email distribution list be created Paul Bramadat created an email list of current CSSR members. This list will be use in order to remind members of upcoming events.

Warne thanked Paul Bramadat for his work.

5. Reports/Rapports

5.1 President/Présidente, Randi Warne

1. Warne reported that her travels were successful. In addition to discussing the association with Religious Studies Departments, she brought information about CSSR to graduate students many of whom did not have a clear idea about the association.
2. Warne indicated that the archives project going forward. There is missing historical information concerning the CSSR and to deal with this gap she will request submissions of information from CSSR members.
3. Warne indicated that the May 28th to June 5th 2003 Congress focus is Conflict and Cooperation.
4. Warne brought her concerns to HSSFC in August of 2001 in regard to the compressed congress and lack of signage that occurred at the 2001 congress in At Laval University. She received a reply Jan 8th 2002 wherein, she reports, 1. That the HSSFC agreed to expand the conference by one day. However, it would appear that the one day will be filled with HSSFC focused events and therefore of little value to associations in that it does not remedy the problem of an overly dense programme; 2. It was reported to her that the signage problem at Laval was caused by ill-doers. Warne also noted that Morny Joy's HSSFC sponsored event "Breakfast on the Hill," wherein Canadian scholarship is brought to the attention of Canadian politicians, was a success and useful in order to increase awareness of Religious Studies in Canada to said politicians.
5. Warne brought to the members attention special sessions: 1. Johannes Vorster, a South African biblical scholar would speaking and 2. A session on women and war, and remapping the body at the current Congress.
6. Warne suggested that because of the current events at the University of Alberta, the reduction of the RS department to "Abrahamic" traditions that the chairs of RS in Canada might prepare a 1-2 page description of departments and how they are faring.
7. Margaret MacDonald and Randi Warne met with Barbara DiConcini at last year's Congress at Laval. DiConcini had approached both the CSSR and the CSSR with a request to provide/ensure a Canadian presence at the AAR meetings in Toronto in November 2002. The best way to do that, in the opinion of the CSSR executive, was to have a Canadian featured in one of the Special Speaker sessions. (The AAR had previously suggested that there be a section for Canadian scholars that the CSSR rejected as both token and ghettoizing.) DiConcini informed MacDonald and Warne that there was not enough time to provide space for special Canadian speaker at the Toronto AAR, as the CSSR had requested. Instead, Di Concini indicated that the AAR would try

to achieve a Canadian presence by including Canadian RS scholars in various sections throughout the AAR program. However it was unclear to the President of the CCSR and the CSSR how this would create a Canadian presence given the fact that Canadians are already widely active in the AAR across the board. With some dismay, it was noted that there appears to be a pattern of dismissiveness in the AAR's attitude toward Canadian Scholars. Based on recent experiences, specifically the treatment of Canadian content in the Lilly funded AAR project on a Census of Programs in Theology and Religion in North America, the treatment of officers of both the CCSR and CSSR in this context, and treatment of Canadian scholars, and CCSR and CSSR concerns regarding the Toronto AAR, Bowlby and Warne agreed to express their concern in regard to organizational relations between CSSR, CCSR and the AAR, for publication in the Bulletin.

8. Warne thanked Paul Bowlby for acting as program chair this year in light of Adela Sandness' illness. She went on to thank Juschka and Herb Berg for their organization of the Haddad symposium.

5.2 Treasurer/Trésorier, Ken MacKendrick

Ken MacKendrick presented the budget. He indicated there was a surplus of \$946.92. The drop in projected surplus is due to usage of Special Speaker Fund dispensed this year in order to arrange Yvonne Haddad Address and Symposium (\$3000).

Charitable Status was discussed. It was felt that the cost in time and money did not warrant the CSSR initiating this process. It was decided that the President or her/his designate from the executive keep in touch with the Society of Socialist Studies president, an organization of which recently established charitable status, to see how they fare over the next few years. It was agreed that charitable status would be an ongoing discussion to be revisited when and if increased money held by the CSSR warranted this action.

Mackendrick indicated that thanks were due to Irene Kao Departmental Officer at the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto for her work as controller.

MOTION to accept Treasurer's report MacKendrick/Bramadat carried.

MOTION to the members in regard to Congress Fees for the CSSR to increase current fee to \$35.00 for members, \$15.00 for students, underwaged, and unwaged, and \$50.00 for non-members. Mackendrick/Bowlby carried.

Mackendrick provided the executive's rationale to increase Congress fees:

1. The current rate of 10.00 has not changed in ten years.
2. HSSFC rates change in 2002 from \$7.00 to \$10.00 .
3. In order to provide financial support a new student exec member.

In the discussion that followed it was noted that in principle fees should be raised. But why raise Congress fees and not membership fees and affect those who attend Congress? Warne pointed out that fees for the congress had not changed for many years and the exec felt that membership fees were connected more to the cost of the journal and production of the Bulletin. She also noted that the current CSSR conference fees are out of line in regard to other associations while membership fees are not. There was discussion in regard to charging non-members more than members. It was felt there was no good rationale for doing this other than other societies did so. After further discussion as to how the increase of fees would affect members it was decided to amend Congress fees to \$40 members and non-members; \$15 for students, underwaged and unwaged. Bowlby/Oxtoby carried.

GENERAL VOTE on proposal of \$40 members; \$40 non-members; \$15 unwaged, underwaged, and students for Congress Fees. Passed with all present in favour.

5.3 Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions, William Arnal

Arnal indicated that membership figures remain stable with 248 members. He noted that there continued to be a problem in regard to acknowledgment of membership as there nothing in place to notify new and old members in regard to WLU Press's processing of payment. Arnal indicated that some mechanism should be in place. In light of this the costs would be determined in order for WLU Press to automatically generate an income tax receipt. If \$1.00 dollar per person or less

the Exec has determined they will go forward with this plan. If more than \$1.00 this decision will come back to exec.

Arnal indicated that in regard to recruitment to the CSSR the focus should be on two major constituencies: grad students and members of other societies related to Religious Studies, e.g., CSBS.

Thanks to Bill Arnal for his labour as membership secretary.

5.4 Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations, Bill Arnal (Chair), Randi Warne Paul Bowlby, and Darlene Juschka

Arnal reported on behalf of the nominations committee.

The following person were put forward for the vacant positions (MAL as Paul Bramadat stepped down due to paternity leave, President, Membership Secretary, and a second MAL who would act as programme chair):

MAL (Graduate Student Essay Contest) Dr. Aaron Hughes (University of Calgary)

MAL (Programme Chair) Dr. Faydra Shapiro (Wilfrid Laurier University)

President Dr. André Couture (Laval University)

Membership Secretary: There were no nominations put forward by the committee, nominations were opened to floor. No nominations were made. Empowered by constitution James Mullens (U of Saskatchewan) was nominated to act as Membership Secretary for 1 year.

Nominations were open for the first position of MAL. None were forthcoming.

MOTION: That nominations be closed. Joy/Warne carried.

Aaron Hughes (U of C) was acclaimed member at large.

Nominations were open for the second position of MAL. None were forthcoming.

MOTION: That nominations be closed. MacKendrick/Anderson carried.

Faydra Shapiro was acclaimed member at large.

Nominations were open for the positions of President. None were forthcoming.

MOTION: That nominations be closed. Warne/Arnal carried.

President Dr. André Couture (Laval University) was acclaimed president.

5.5 2002 Programme Chair/Présidence pour le programme 2002, Acting Paul Bowlby

Warne thanked Mavis Fenn her preparation work in the role as Programme Chair.

Thanks were made to Ken MacKendrick as local arrangements officer.

Thanks to Darlene Juschka and Herb Berg for their work of arranging the special speaker Yvonne Haddad and symposium that followed.

Paul Bowlby, acting Programme Chair, indicated that was a pleasure to work with material sent in and that it all worked together very nicely. Bowlby recommended to CSSR executive that because there is nominally a four day programme the CSSR executive come one day early in order to hold their meeting and use the four days to fill programme which could include special speakers or papers on the first day. He also suggested that because of time constraints that folks may want to think about 2 paper panels instead of 3. The floor was open to comments and suggestions in regard to the programme. No comments made.

Thanks to Paul Bowlby for all his work and for stepping in to take over the role of Programme Chair in light of Mavis Fenn's illness.

There was discussion in regard to the local coordinator for Congress 2003 at Dalhousie in NS. It was decided that Juschka will approach Tom Faulkner in order to act as local arrangements officer. If Faulkner cannot act as such, Randi Warne indicated her willingness to take up the position. Terry Woo, who has currently taken up a limited term position at Dalhousie, will also be approached to assist in this matter.

5.6 Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s, Paul Bramadat and Kenneth MacKendrick

Paul Bramadat reported that there were nine papers submitted all of which were excellent papers for the most part. The winner of the graduate student essay contest was Jane Margaret Mulesion ("Wittgenstein and Feminist Hermeneutics.") Kenneth Mackendrick reported that there were 14 undergraduate papers submitted, 80% of which were women, with the majority of papers written on the subject of Hinduism and Buddhism. The papers were adjudicated by Ken MacKendrick, Terry Woo and Andre Maintenay. 1st place went to Gord Cruess (University of Toronto) for his extraordinary paper "Buddhist Political History in Sri Lanka and the Rise of Modern Sinhalese Nationalism." 2nd place went to Sohrob Nabatian (Concordia University) "Cosmogony and Transcendence in Nasadiya Sukta and Purusa Sukta."

5.7 Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses representative, Randi Warne

Randi Warne reported that there is to be a restructure meeting formats with May meeting of the CSSR cancelled. This means that all business will be covered at the January meeting.

5.8 Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)

No rep present to report on SQER.

5.9 Allied associations (ACCUTE)

Attendance of a member of the CSSR executive was requested at a reception to be held by ACCUTE on May 29th. Warne indicated she would try to attend this meeting.

5.10 IAHR membership

Mackendrick reported that \$400.00 was earmarked each year to send a delegate (usually the President) to the IAHR, which meets every five years. The next meeting will be held in Japan in 2005.

5.11 Academic Freedom/Liberté académique, Paul Bowlby

Nothing to report.

5.12 CSSR Web Site/Site Web de la SCÉR

A website committee has been established consisting of Randi Warne, William Arnal and Kenneth MacKendrick. MacKendrick reported that he, Arnal and Warne are working on developing the web-site in terms of aesthetics and ease of moving around the CSSR site. This work will continue over the next year.

6. Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Representative/ Représentative/Représentante de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales, David Seljak

David Seljak introduced Michael Owens and Jackie Wright

Seljak reported on HSSFC activities:

Seljak was elected to board of directors to represent medium societies for a three year term (has already served 2 years of his term Fall 2002).

1. As of July 1st 2002 HSSFC will change their name to Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. Under presidency of Pat Clements the organization is moving forward.
3. CFHSS has received a 60,000 grant from SSHRC to begin a broader study as to how Federation could further assist associations.
4. A New Scholars Task Force has been established in order to assess challenges for new scholars, e.g., teaching and admin load gone up for new scholars while exploitation of sessional labour continues.
5. The Aid to Scholarly Publications programme is celebrating its 25th year.
6. The Women's Issues Network has been quite active in Federation producing the Ivory Towers Feminist Audit as well as examining gender issues in regard to CRC's.

7. Breakfast on the Hill continues and this year Morny Joy from U of Calgary gave a talk entitled "Women and World Religions."

8. A fund raising campaign by the Federation has been initiated. This is in order to unhook the HSSFC from SSHRC and seek funding for themselves from government. Robert Merrett from U of Alberta is the new VP of Development at the Federation. His five year goal is to raise 11.4 million dollars. Guy Laforest has resigned his position as president elect and the Federation looking for new president elect.

9. Question and comments re HSSFC can be directed to David Seljak.

Warne thanked Seljak for his informative presentation.

Michael Owen reported that 69 Universities; 68 Associations belong to HSSFC. The upcoming congress at Dalhousie is May 28-May 31st. 2003. Congress 2004 will be in Manitoba. The issue of a lack of signage will be brought to the attention of the HSSFC for the meeting in Halifax.

7. SHRC representative/Représentative/Représentante de SSHRC

Michel Le Foi spoke and indicated that 26% of the research work was supported by SSHRC as opposed to 16% of 4 years ago. He also indicated that there was hope to support 50% of its community in the coming years. He noted that NSERC able to support 80% of community. Furthermore he indicated that funding will be made available to masters students, however, core SSHRC grant problems came in the form of an increase in new scholars submissions. Standard research grant money to be allot to research work from the government amounted to 168 million. SSHRC received 1300 applications of these 738 were awarded while 525 applications were recommended but not funded. The success rate was 41%. In terms of Committee 1: 123 applications were received this past year with 46 awarded funding, 56 recommended (4A) and 24 not recommended. In terms of Religious Studies there were 25 applications with 9 being funded. This represents 36%. 33% of the applications received came from new scholars with a success rate of success rate 19.5%. 10% recommended but not funded. The Committee members advised universities of the problem of forcing young scholars, who might not be ready, to apply every year. In terms of the new (and regular) scholars the Committee suggests the need for mentoring in regard to applications. It was commented that there were a distressing large number of 4As. Ultimately the Grants and Scholarship budget is under great pressure.

8. President's letter on behalf of the CSSR in response to RS program at the U of Alberta

Warne sent a letter to the dean of Arts at the University of Alberta expressing her dismay over the lack of support to the RS dept there. She was informed in a letter from the dean that the "Abrahamic" traditions were covered. His response demonstrates his lack of knowledge in regard to the study of Religion, which to be viable must also ensure that current traditions with thousands and even millions of adherents (e.g., Hinduism, Taoism, Buddhism, to name but a few) be covered.

9. Religion and Violence proposal

Dr. William Morrow, of Queen's University, has approached several scholarly societies with a project to develop a theme on Religion and Violence to be featured at the next several congresses. There was a general discussion of proposal. In principal the members of the CSSR are happy to endorse the religion and violence proposal as an ongoing project at the CSSR congress meetings.

10. Remembering Julia Ching

There were a number of panels commemorating Julia Ching's contribution to the field. Will Oxtoby spoke of his long relationship both personal and professional with Julia. He also indicated that there would be a festivities and symposium on Julia works at the AAR in Toronto this year. Available to all is "The Butterfly Feeling," which are personal memories of Julia Ching. In order to acquire these memoirs please contact Will Oxtoby.

11. Other Business/Autres Affaires

Notice of motion to add a new office (filled by graduate student) to exec. This position is that of student liaison and a representation of student membership. (This position does not limit student members to the executive). The exec will attempt to appoint ex-officio for upcoming year. Bowlby/Anderson carried.

It was reported that the BC government has approved a RS programme at the University of Victoria. Circulated at the meeting were menus for CSSR dinner. Randi Warne thanked all members of the Executive and gave special thanks to Paul Bramadat and Adela Sandness, both of whom are leaving the executive due to personal constraints. She also thanked Paul Bowlby for his support and expertise shared over the past two years in his role as Vice-president. Morny Joy thanked Randi Warne for her excellent leadership over the last two years.

12. Adjournment/Ajournement

Seljak/Bramadat carried.

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