

**CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE POUR L'ÉTUDE DE LA
RELIGION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ASSEMBLÉE ANNUELLE

Victoria, British Columbia

University of Victoria – David Strong C116/118

June 1, 2013 1400-1600

Minutes

Present: Sharon Lindenburger (UWO), Joe Velaidum (UPEI), Yasaman Munro (WLU-UW), Richard Mann (Carleton), Noel Salmond (Carleton), Morny Joy (Calgary), Harold Coward (Victoria), Braj Sinha (U of Saskatchewan), Bill James (Queen's), Rebekka King (Emory), Paul Bramadat (Victoria), Mary Beth White (WLU), David Feltmate (Auburn U @ Montgomery), Morganna Mayou (Brandon), Paul Myhre (Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion), Alison Marshall (Brandon), Hayley Glaholt (Northwestern U Illinois), Jennifer Selby (Memorial), Jonathan Napier (Calgary), Neil George (York), Michael Hawley (Mount Royal), Patricia Dold (Memorial), Paul Crowe (SFU), Ruby Ramji (Cape Breton), Darlene Juschka (Regina), Aldea Mulhern (Toronto), Scott Wall (Waterloo), Iaroslav Pankorski (Alberta).

1. Welcome/Bienvenue: Ruby Ramji

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

Moved: David Feltmate, seconded Aldea Mulhern. Motion passed.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2012 meeting of the Annual General Meeting/ /
Adoption du procès verbal de l'assemblée annuelle 2012

Motion to approve: Alison Marshall, seconded Yasaman Munro. Motion passed.

4. Business arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbal

5. Reports/Rapports

a) Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions
Arlene MacDonald (in absentia)

Stable membership numbers since 2010

133 members now

Working to increase membership via website improvements

b) Treasurer/Trésorier
Richard Mann

Last year's report: surplus 3500, investment gain 1700 = 5200 – but owe 3000 to

SR and \$130 IAHR.

We are bringing in changes to compensate for loss of SSHCR travel funds, some in effect this year.

We still projected loss of \$6000 but this not as bad as it looks (\$3000 to CCSR actually for this year).

We have reviewed investments – plan to take 2.5% or about 1500 from investment income again to make up for loss of SSHRC travel funds.

Motion to approve budget: Darlene Juschka, seconded and Aldea Mulhern.

Motion passed.

c) President/Présidente
Rubina Ramji

Thanks to the executive who are all volunteers.

Thanks to executive members coming to the end of their terms.

Communications changes: members and friends must make a profile on the website to receive news items.

Working to centralize membership and conference submissions.

Aid and attendance grants from SSHRC have been cut. We worked with associations to protest effect on grad students.

In response to cuts to SSHRC, stats can, employment center, prison chaplains, a collaborative letter was written. No responses received.

The first awarding of the CSSR book prize this year.

CSSR is for you – let us know what you need, problems you face.

d) 2013 Programme Chairs/ Responsables du programme 2013
Alison Marshall and Joe Velaidum

Thanks to Paul Bramadat and Martin Adam for their work here.

Helped to organize special events like Daug Saunder's meet.

Many thanks to Joe Velaidum will bring technology to bear on program co-ordination.

Many submissions were received, despite location. The program has strong coverage of many areas: east asia, gender, Christianity. Our program reflects a thriving discipline.

Book prize will be awarded tonight at the reception, to be followed by a screening of a documentary film and discussion with the producer.

For next year, we will have a new submission system, one automated to check membership, ensure submission is complete and within the word limit.

We will introduce workshops: up to 8 people, who can be from the same institution. Each would offer a 10 minute presentation, followed by discussion.

CHA joint talk June 3, from 3-5pm.

Craige lecture cancelled; applications for funding were rejected by Congress, the joint corporation (CCSR) one as well as the little bit of inter-disciplinary funding each society applied for, and used to get.

Wabash Center can offer another funding possibility. Paul Myhre is willing to be our contact. General agreement that we should check into this possibility.

Elimination of restriction that only one presenter from any given institutions on a panel, workshop, or roundtable.

Pat Dold moves and David Feltmate seconds: That CSSR remove the restriction on institutional affiliation for presenters and roundtable participants.

Motion passed with 3 abstentions.

Motion: Aldea Mulhern, seconded by Darlene Juschka: That members can participate in one roundtable, give one panel presentation, and participate in one workshop at Congress.

Passed unanimously

Ruby offers thanks to Alision and Joe

e) Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations

Darlene Juschka

i) Nominations for:

Secretary: Heather Shipley -- Acclaimed

Member-at-Large: Catherine Caufield: Acclaimed.

Graduate Student Member-at-Large: Judith Brunton – Acclaimed

Next year we will need a new program co-ordinator when Alison finishes her term – let us know if you are interested.

Will need three names for book prize adjudication committee.

f) Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s

Paul Crowe and Brenda Anderson

Undergraduate:

First Prize Winner (\$300): Jonathan Harper, Undergraduate Program,
University of Calgary

Title of Paper: *Scholastic Defiance: Paul Mus's Life's Work Reconsidered*

Second Prize Winner (\$100): Roxanne Korpan, Undergraduate Program,
University of Regina

Title of Paper: *"I say this...to promote seemliness: Sex and Ethics in
Rom 1:18-2:16, 1 Cor 7, 1 Cor 11:2-16*

Graduate:

1st Prize (\$700): Booker Thomas Alston, PhD Program, University of
Cape Town

"The Politics of Colonial Comparative Religion: The Ghost Dance of 1890
and Mormonism"

2nd Prize (\$300): Craig Skrumedi, PhD Program, University of Ottawa
"The Peoples' Temple/Jonestown: A Case Study in Religious Violence"

g) CSSR Book Prize

Darlene Juschka, Committee Chair.

Committee's ranking:

1. William James, *God's Plenty: Religious Diversity in Kingston*, McGill-
Queen's University Press, 2011

2. Alison Marshall, *The Way of the Bachelor: Early Chinese Settlement in
Manitoba*, UBC Press, 2012

3. Jennifer Selby, *Questioning French Secularism: Gender Politics and
Islam in a Parisian Suburb*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012

h) Graduate Student Member at Large/ Conseiller étudiant

Aldea Mulhern

Please see report.

i) Communications Liaison/Liaison de la Communition

Yasaman Munro

Thanks to Exec and members for collaborating on website; membership
lists have been consolidated; FAQ section added, Wikipedia article online.

Upcoming: online submission for conference, uploading executive job descriptions.

j) Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/ Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses

The Corporation will again run its post doctoral travel scholarship competition. Please encourage PhD students at the dissertation stage to apply.

The CSSR is investigating a move to a different publisher for its books. It has set aside funding to help with the cost of publishing in the series, enough funding to support one book every two years. There has been discussion about asking member societies to contribute to this fund.

k) Allied Associations/Associations alliées: no reports.

l) Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)
no report.

8. Other Business/ Varia

a) Final motion - Additional fee category for partner/family of CSSR member/
catégorie de frais supplémentaires pour le partenaire / la famille d'un
membre CSSR motion finale

FEES

Member: \$40.00

Non-member: \$55.00

Retired Member: \$20.00

Retired Non-member: \$55.00

Student Member: \$20.00

Student Non-member: \$55.00

Unwaged Member: \$20.00

Unwaged Non-member: \$55.00

Motion: Create and Family/partner/spouse conference fee category at zero dollars

Paul Bramadat moves, David Feltmate seconds. Motion passed

b) Final ratification that all presenters at the CSSR congress meetings be members in good standing/ motion finale que les présentateurs lors des réunions du congrès CSSR être membres en règle

Motion: Bill James, Morny Joy seconds. Motion passed.

IAHR: We need a representative to IAHR, send suggestions to Ruby Ramji
Morny Joy: negotiations going on with Equinox for new book series. The IAHR
also has a section for women in religious studies, and this is a very helpful group.

9. Reminders/Rappels

Presidential Reception/Réception présidentielle

18:00 – 19:00 SSM Building Upper Lobby

Enjoy a free drink and hors d'oeuvres (along with a cash bar)

Announcement of Book Prize and Student Essay Prizes [sessions may be
videotaped]

Film Presentation

Lonnie Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippie presented by Michael Wilkinson

19:00 – 22:00 Social Sciences/Mathematics A104

10. Adjournment/ Levée de l'assemblée

Submitted by Patricia Dold, recording secretary.