

**CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE POUR L'ÉTUDE DE
LA RELIGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ASSEMBLÉE ANNUELLE**

AGENDA/ L'Order du Jour

May 28, 2011 1400-1600
James Dunn Hall (JDH) G-1

Present: Darlene Juschka, Richard Mann, Patricia Dold, Michael Wilkinson, Alison Marshall, Paul Crowe, Aldea Mulhern, Zeha Mulhern, Matt Sheedy, Yasaman Munro, Thom Parkhill, David Feltmate, Mark Rummel, Alexander Damm, Michael Wilkinson, Mark Chapman, Michael Hawley, Jessica Ford, Peter Beyer, Céline Leduc, Peter Althouse.

Regrets: Michel Desjardins, Mavis Fenn, Ruby Ramji.

1. Welcome!

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour-- Moved by Mark Rummel; Alison Marshall seconded. Passed.

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2010 meeting of the Annual General Meeting/ /
Adoption du procès verbal de l'assemblée annuelle 2010** Motion: Moved by Mark Rummel and seconded by Aldea Mulhern. Passed.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbal
Book prize will be discussed under other business.

**5. (2:15) Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences / Fédération
canadienne des sciences humaines:** Kel Morin-Parsons and Karen Diepeveen

New strategic plan – please look at it. Overall aim is to raise our profile.

Three elements:

Reach – communication

Relevance – explaining our disciplines to public, government, etc..

Resources – enhance improve resources on line; experience Congress blog; connect researchers and policy makers.

Big thinking breakfasts: If you have a researcher who should be heard by policy makers, please inform the Federation.

Provide tool for societies to renew memberships.

Darlene Juschka asked about issue of poor communication

Promise from the two Federation representatives to follow up. There has been discussion of the issue but the representatives did not know details.

6. A proposal: Gandhi in a Canadian Context: An Interdisciplinary Conference under the Auspices of the Canadian Society for the Study for Religion: Alexander Damm

Alexander asked for CCSR to host this event; Gandhi in Canada; relevance to economics, politics, non-violence etc.. Nine of ten have confirmed; AD would ensure that all presenters would be CSSR members.

Website: www.wlusetta.com/gandhi

CSSR most appropriate venue because all of Gandhi's thought and practice is religious; seen as a religious figure. All directed to Truth/God.

Discussion followed: Participants' membership fees would more than cover av costs. A call for papers will be issued.

Motion: Thom Parkhill; David Feltmate seconded. That program chairs work with Alexander Damm to incorporate "Gandhi in a Canadian context "into the 2012 programme. Passed unanimously.

7. Reports/Rapports

a) President/Présidente: Darlene Juschka

Reports on Federation/SSHRC

CCSR: Travel Scholarship – see Secretary's report.

Craige Lecture: our turn comes up in 2014.

Workshop during Congress: association to discuss membership numbers and strategies to improve these.

New CSSR Website is launched.

b) Secretary/ Secrétaire: Patricia Dold:

CCSR Travel Scholarship for doctoral students – This scholarship is open to PhD students in whose research pertains to religion. More information including application procedures is available at CCSR website.

In memory of Leslie Kawamura, who passed away recently.

There will be a memorial at AAR

Donations to a scholarship in his memory can be made via the website of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary.

Suggest CSSR organize panel for next year

c) Treasurer/Trésorier: Richard Mann

Surplus is due to under spending on essay prizes.

New spending commitment for:

Expenses of graduate student/underemployed members of the Executive.

President's Reception at CSSR meeting, replaces society dinner.

Admin support for Membership Secretary

Totals roughly \$1500 more in ongoing costs.

We have now committed what was saved by abandoning paper bulletin.

SSHRC subvention \$4350/year

We need to be sure to tell graduate students especially that they can apply for Congress travel expenses.

We are doing well financially.

Motion: Alison Marshall. Aldea Mulhern seconded. To adopt last year's financial report.
Passed

Motion to accept budget: Mark Chapman. Paul Crowe seconded. Passed

d) Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions: Michael Wilkinson

MW began as membership sec in 2009 and that was year that we took over management from WLU. This required adjusted to difference in reporting methods required by Sage.

Last year at this point we had 108 members. At year end, 112.

Many are now using pay pal online for membership fees, more efficient for all.

Membership goes from January 1 and payment is for one calendar year. Sage will not carry you if you are unpaid for one calendar year.

We are now ahead of where we were last year, so our numbers might be up.

We have many new student members.

Bulletin: discussion followed about the fate of the Bulletin.

Motion: David Feltmate. Thom Parkhill seconded: That the contents of the CSSR Bulletin be incorporated into the CSSR website. Passed.

e) 2011 Programme Chairs/ Responsables du programme 2011: Alison Marshall and

Ruby Ramji

Alison Marshall: Program overview:

Program features an evening reception with free drink and food. It will be followed by a panel and film.

Thom Parkhill was the local organizer. Thanks to Thom.

AV available in all conference rooms.

Program: Abstracts listed alphabetically by author.

Graduate Luncheon on Pedagogy

CSSR meeting room available.

Panel Chairs must chair, i.e., keep speakers to their time limits.

Darlene Juschka offers thanks to all for their great work.

f) Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations : Michel Desjardins

Treasurer : Richard Mann: Thom Parkhill moved that nominations cease; Mark Chapman seconded. Richard Mann elected by acclamation.

Member at Large/Program: Ruby Ramji. Thom Parkhill moved that nominations cease. Mark Chapman seconded. Ruby Ramji elected by acclamation.

Graduate Student Member at Large: Aldea Mulhern. Peter Beyer moved that nominations cease. Thom Parkhill seconded. Aldea Mulhern elected by acclamation.

g) Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s: Paul Crowe and Mavis Fenn

Graduate contest: 12 submissions; 6 PhD and 6 MA

Winners: PhD "Domestic Relational Material: Remarks on the Hermeneutics of Lived Ayurveda among Hindu Immigrants in Canada" PhD Yasaman WLU

MA "More than critique? The Secular and the Practice of Religious Studies." Ryan Olfert U of Alberta

Motion: Paul Crowe. David Feltmate seconded : To remove the stipulation that graduate students submitting to essay contest need to be full time.

No longer any need to submit a paper copy.

Undergraduate:

First Place Winner: Martina Moreau, "Science and Religion "Can science act as religion?""

Second Place Winner: Dakin McDonald, "Violence of Language: Genocide, Metaphors of Disease, and the Need to Foster an Ethic of Care."

h) Graduate Student Member at Large/ Conseiller étudiant: Aldea Mulhern

Aiming to have a student liaison in every department as part of Aldea's communication network.

Facebook page up and running.

50 student members.

140 are on Facebook group.

i) Technology Liaison/Liaison de la Technologie: Yasaman Munro

Introduced the New Website: all members are encouraged to set up their profiles.

Yasaman demonstrated the Website, questions and discussion followed.

Technology at Congress: AV in all rooms and tech assistance available.

j) Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/ Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses. Discussed under President's and Secretary's reports.

k) Allied Associations

l) Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR): Alain Bouchard

8. Other Business/ Varia

The CSSR establish an annual book prize of \$500, the criteria and procedures of which the Executive will circulate to the membership for discussion prior to 2012 AGM.

9. Adjournment/ Levée de l'assemblée Michael Hawley. Thom Parkhill seconded. Passed.