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**Assemblée générale annuelle / 2019 Annual General Meeting  
Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses /  
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Minutes / Procès verbale**

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**Lieu / Location:** BUTO 323 (Buchanan Tower)

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2019 from 12:00pm to 12:30pm over light lunch

**Étaient presents / Présents:**

**Exécutif / Executive:** Mathieu Boisvert (P), Lori Beaman (VP), Adéla Sandness (PP), Christopher Austin (T), Catherine Caufield (S)

**Représentants des sociétés / Society Reps:** Steven Muir (CSPS), Stanley Porter (CSBS), Catherine McLean (CTS), Heather Shipley (CSSR), Anne Letourneau (ACÉBAC)

**Autres / others:** Paul-Hubert Poirier (co-éditeur sortant, Matière à pensée), Terry Donaldson (coeditor, Studies in Christianity and Judaism), Diana Dimitrova,

**1. Mot de bienvenue / Welcome**

President Mathieu Boisvert thanked Patristics for providing access to the meeting room; noted that AGM will be short due to Chair meeting to follow. Mathieu introduced the executive team.

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

Motion to approve the agenda made by Diana Dimitrova, seconded by Catherine Caufield. Motion carried.

**3. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale du 28 mai 2019 / Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 28, 2019**

Motion to approve the minutes made by Terry Donaldson, seconded by Adela Sandness. Motion carried.

**4. Affaires en découlant / Business arising**

None.

## 5. Rapport du président / President's report (Mathieu Boisvert)

Mathieu commented that most of time this past year was spent dealing with the turnover in editorship for *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. A posting will be circulated shortly for an assistant editor, which has a stipend of \$10,000/year.

## 6. Treasurer's report / Rapport du trésorier (Chris Austin)

- a. Financial statements for 2018
  - Chris reviewed the breakdown of income and expenses:
    - page 1:
      - ❖ Sage did not invoice CCSR for several years; this created a large debt for the Corporation in 2015; this will be paid off in 2019 and will not appear on the 2020 budget
      - ❖ normally, CCSR receives \$42,000–45,000/year in royalties from Sage ( $\pm$ \$21,000 in January;  $\pm$ \$21,000 in April)
      - ❖ normally, CCSR pays about \$12,000 back to Sage for member subscriptions (April/May)
      - ❖ CCSR must purchase 520 copies of SR/year, yet only 284 copies are circulated to members across all member societies
    - page 2:
      - CCSR annual income: \$54,000
      - CCSR annual expenses: \$75,000
        - ❖ investments (\$295,000); \$12,000–15,000/year can likely be withdrawn
- b. Auditor's report for 2018 (see ("Full Spreadsheet 2018.pdf"))
  - nothing to report
- c. Budget for 2019
  - there is an annual deficit of 15,000–20,000; it is not certain that withdrawing a portion of the investment income will cover this deficit each year going forward
- d. Investments
  - Chris will explore possibilities for higher return on investments, within Very Conservative or Conservative portfolios

Motion to accept the budget made by Mathieu Boisvert, seconded by Heather Shipley.  
Motion carried.

## 7. Rapport des rédacteurs *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* editors' report (Frédéric Dejean/Zeba Crook)

Mathieu read both reports; attached.

Transition re: Sage, now francophone platform; both editors happy with system and Sage

contacts who respond promptly. *Sciences Religieuses* has three thematic volumes in process.

## 8. Book Publications Report / Rapport des publications de livres (Christine Mitchell, Terry Donaldson, Mathieu Boisvert/Paul-Hubert Poirier); see attached reports

- i. **Studies in Christianity and Judaism**, 30 years now, McGill-Queen's; Terry Donaldson; 10 years as series editor, will be stepping down within next year; 1 volume/year; see attached report. This series came out of CSBS and existed prior to the creation of CCSR, thus the previous tradition of CSBS and CCSR appointing an Editor for the Studies in Judaism and Christianity series will continue. It would be great if Terry would communicate the information to the CSBS executive so that both bodies will have a record of the arrangement.
- ii. **Matière à Penser**, Paul-Hubert; UMontréal; 2 volumes; 6 publier sur 8; need proper financing
- iii. **Advancing Studies in Religion**, McGill-Queen's; Christine Mitchell; 4 books published

## 9. Bourse de voyage au doctorat / PhD travel scholarship (Catherine Caufield)

**2018 laureates were:** Denis Boivin (Laval University) for his project on animism and spirituality among Innu in Labrador and Québec, Helena Reddington (McGill University) for her project on south Indian poetry, and Roxanne Korpan (University of Toronto) for her project on the translation and circulation of nineteenth century First Nations Bibles

## 10. ACÉBAC's integration into CCSR.

Mathieu welcomed society as new member of CCSR.

## 11. Nominations and elections and appointments / Nomination et élections

- Éditeur francophone: **Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses** (Sage), 3-year term. Paul-Hubert Poirier nominated Jean-François Laniel, second by Diana Dimitrova. Nomination accepted.
- Codirection de **Matière à pensée** (PUM), 3-year term. Mathieu Boisvert nominated Diana Dimitrova, seconded by Anne Letourneau. Nomination accepted.
- Editor for **Christianity and Judaism** series (McGill-Queens), [3-year term]. Chris Austin nominated Terry Donaldson, Marie-Josée Blanchard seconded. Nomination accepted. This is normally a 3-year term; however, over the next year a replacement Editor will be found, in collaboration with CSBS.
- Editor for **Advancing Studies in Religion** (McGill-Queens), 3-year term. Steven



Muir nominated Christine Mitchell, Paul-Hubert Poirier seconded. Nomination accepted.

- Student representative: Heather Shipley nominated Sandra Huber, seconded by Steven Muir. Nomination accepted.

## **12. Other business / Varia**

Joint Lecture will be hosted by CSSR during Congress 2020 (University of Western Ontario).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Catherine McLean, Catherine Caufield seconded. Motion carried.