

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / REUNION DU CONSEIL**

**Victoria, British Columbia**

**University of Victoria: David Strong C114**

**June 1, 2013 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Minutes**

Present: Alison Marshall, Joe Velaidum, Paul Crowe, Richard Mann, Aldea Mulhern, Ruby Ramji, Patricia Dold, Yasaman Munro,

**1. Welcome/Bienvenue**

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

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the March 2012 meetings of the Executive Committee/  
Adoption des procès-verbal des reunions du conseil du Mai 2012**

Motion: Alison Marshall, seconded by Paul Crowe. Approved.

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

We want to talk to CCSR about opting out of journal. Have a cheaper membership category; many not using paper copy at all any more.

An on-line subscription membership rate as well as a non-subscriber membership rate.

But need to understand tie between existing as a society and journal subscription.

We pay CCSR a subscription rate as well as individual subscriber cost

**5. Reports/Rapports**

**5.1 President/Président**

Rubina Ramji

- Exec members carrying a big load; all volunteer work
- Website is working well; Wiki entry has helped push us up in google search. Folks can and should add to wiki piece.
- Need to develop website so it automatically registers who has paid membership.
- Many thanks to Sean for all his work on the site.

- Letter sent to SSHRC re travel funding cut. Big issue for us especially for supporting our grad students. Put this on website.

- Letter re: cuts to prison chaplaincy – we should put it on website –many thanks to all the folks who contributed to these letters, from different societies and from the corporation.
- First book prize this year: Bill James very excited.
- SSHRC no longer coming to Congress.

## 5.2 Secretary/Sécretaire

Patricia Dold: Thanks to all. Especially Yasaman. Transition to website database has been great. Much appreciation to Yasaman for her on-going work with announcements too. Transition to new secretary should be easy, with membership database on the website and news items posted there. Still getting appreciation for messages sent out to membership, this should continue.

## 5.3 Treasurer/Trésorier

Richard Mann

- Investment changes done.
- Bank balance healthy – could take 10 thousand and put it into investment.
- We do need to continue to review investments; e.g., bonds do well when interest rates are low but not when they are going up.
- Budget cuts we approved are in budget as much as possible – could not put all in because we have made commitments. Over next few years will balance things out, as we review expenses and income.
- SR subscription dues not paid – no invoice from CCSR
- IAHR dues, invoiced but need payment in US\$ -- \$1 per member
- Actual surplus therefore is really only about \$300, not 3300 (see pg 5)
- SSHRC subvention 1600 left but after this year, 0
- Now have about 87,000 but this will not continue to increase as it has been.
- More stability with Membership and Congress registrations income.
- AV costs continue to rise. Unavoidable.
- Student rep fees – 0 for last year
- Airstream conference calls very inexpensive compared to Bell, next year use Skype, only audio, and it is free. Other online options too.
- Draw down 2.5 % each year, hopefully investments will make that back.
- Loss of \$6600 (but real loss will be around 3000 – cuts come to about \$1000 but need to find more savings or new income
- Reception budget? Do we want to continue free drink?

- International speaker costs - \$2500
- Can no longer expect to receive speaker funding for InterD and International speaker funding from Congress.
- CSBS applied for it this year, but were rejected.
- Need to ask CCSR – if we cannot get the funding, do we want to continue?  
Or, find someone with international reputation who is local and invite them?  
Or save small amount each year, to have an adequate amount to do the invite without Congress funding?

Suggestions:

Ron Grimes

Lori Beaman

Nancy Nason Clarke

-Reduce from 2500 to 2000 for outside speaker.

Darlene Juschka moves approval of the budget for AGM, Yasaman Munro seconds.  
Passed.

Aldea Mulhern moves we accept revised budget, Darlene Juschka seconded. Passed.

#### **5.4 Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions**

Arlene MacDonald (in absentia)

133; last year 138.

Membership roster on website – much simplified process for tracking  
How to increase memberships.?

Can we merge paypal with website? Joe has people who can do this. Joe will work with Sean on the merge.

#### **5.5 Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations**

Darlene Juschka

Secretary – Heather Shipley, University of Ottawa has full time job with religion and diversity project and teaches part time at Waterloo

Member-at-Large – Catherine Caufield, University of Alberta (grad student essay)

Graduate Student Member-at-Large – Judith Brenton

Darlene has sent updated exec rotation sheet to help keep track of who is coming to the end of their term.

Membership secretary term ends in 2015.

Joe Velaidum's MAL is also on a three-year term.

Alison Marshall will help with program, stay on exec until 2014 but we need another to come on board and begin learning the ropes – need someone who is on-line a lot, late Oct., Nov., and Feb., March, need high availability. DJ will ask for a volunteer at AGM.

Will need a treasurer next year – Richard Mann's term is up in 2014 and he will not stand again.

### **5.6 2011 Programme Chairs/Présidences pour le programme**

Alison Marshall and Joe Velaidum

Joe's done a great job and has ideas to automate the process.

Paul Bramadat and Martin Adams too – rooms food arrangements; grad luncheon in Paul's Centre for the study of Rels, Doug Saunders. Yasaman, Pat, Ruby, thanks to all.

Lots of program changes this year – too many emails to take care of. No day care here, high travel costs and fewer SSHRC funds for individuals.

Great range of papers – East Asian and Asian studies has grown over the last few years. Lots in other areas too.

Forum for discussing new books, invite author, see if publisher will contribute \$. Two books here Peter Beyer's and Morny Joy's.

Only one film put forward but looks good; discussion with producer will follow screening.

90% of submissions this year had something wrong.

Callum Brown – joint talk with CHA June 3, from 3-5.

Craige lecture has been cancelled.

Great Exec, great work. CSSR must change, people need to follow the rules.

New rule – all participants will have to pay a membership, including roundtable and panel, cannot be from all the same institution.

out of fairness and in response to complaints, people who think rules and deadlines do not apply to them.

Richard asks about "no two people from same institution on panels."

Problem is/was certain professors didn't like it that large numbers of grad students were putting together panels when they need to make connections outside their own institution. Too insular.

Bring this up at the AGM: need a motion at AGM to change the rule.

Put in a workshop option – circulate papers and then each presents for ten minutes on papers Up to 8 papers two sessions, papers must circulate; ten minutes to present paper, then conversation. All must attend conference; only contributors talk, other audience can attend but not talk because they have not seen the papers.

Lack of feedback is a common complaint and a common reason people give for not coming

General restriction: one panel paper, one round table participation; one workshop participation – this needs to go to AGM too.

Motion re creation of workshop category for Congress meeting: Richard Mann moves, Alison Marshall seconds.

Getting submission system on line will help reduce work of program co-ordinators.

### **5.7 Graduate Student Member at Large/ Conseiller étudiant**

Aldea Mulhern – last term as GMAL see report.

Luncheon – Paul Bramadat and Willi Braun on grant writing on Monday.

Last year – good turn out and strong faculty participation.

Thanks to all and all offer thanks.

Alison: Canadian grad students applying to AAR are being rejected because they are not providing the required description, different from abstract!! Aldea will write letter to grad students

### **5.8 Communication Liaison/Liaison de la Communication**

Yasaman Munro – see report

People can check their membership status on-line

Online abstract submission app on Drupal. We'll use this!!

Linking paypal to website

Archiving: Darlene Juschka will go through her box and send to Ruby Ramji what is worth keeping. Richard Mann will do the box he has.

Description of exec duties:– want to have on the website a public description and one private to exec, all on website.

### **5.9 Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s**

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

Brenda Anderson –see report

#### **b) Graduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour Graduate étudiant(e) du 1er cycle**

Paul Crowe –see report

Ruby will send addresses of winners

Motion to accept winners: Richard Mann, Aldea seconded. Passed.

### **5.10 CSSR Book Prize**

Darlene Juschka: 5 books submitted

Close competition: Bill James first

Alison Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jenn Selby 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bill James will be on committee next year; will ask for more volunteers at AGM.

Motion to approve Paul Crowe, Yasaman Munro seconded. Passed

### **5.11 Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses (CCSR)**

Rubina Ramji and Pat Dold

Doctoral travel scholarship competition is on again this year. Encourage ABDs to apply.

### **5.12 Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)**

Alain Bouchard – not here

Put SQER in touch with Aldea, who is bilingual.

## **6. Local arrangements rep Congress 2012**

Paul Bramadat and Martin Adam

Awesome job. Lots of work – no major issues.

Need co-ordinator at Brock; difficult – if anyone knows anyone, what building to request. Joe Velaidum has a contact there!!

## **7. Other business/ Varia**

a) Final motion - 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

Spouse/partner 0.00

b) Final motion 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. Add: any exceptions will be at the discretion of the program co-ordinators.

c) Local Arrangement folks for next year's Congress/ Les gens de arrangement local pour le Congrès de l'an prochain

CCSR meeting on Sunday

IAHR exec meeting in Liverpool and we should have someone there from CSSR.

## **8. Adjournment/Ajournement**

**Adjourned**