

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

**TORONTO, ONTARIO
RYERSON UNIVERSITY
MAY 27TH, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

AGENDA/ L'Order du Jour

Present: Rubina Ramji (Cape Breton), Alyshea Cummins (Ottawa), Saliha Chattoo (Toronto), Bethany Berard (Ottawa), Heather Shipley (Ottawa), Marybeth White (Waterloo), Catherine Caufield; Roxanne Korpan (LAC); Danielle Baillargeon (LAC)

Regrets: Samiksa Munro, Brenda Anderson, David Feltmate (Auburn), Arlene MacDonald (Texas),

- 1. Welcome/Bienvenue**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour**

MOTION: approve the agenda.

Catherine; Marybeth

In Favour: 8

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 3. Adoption of the minutes of the April 1st meeting of the 2017 Executive Meeting / /
Adoption du procès verbal de l'assemblée d'exécutive (2017)**

MOTION: accept the minutes

Saliha; Bethany

In Favour: 8

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

None.

- 5. Reports/Rapports**

- 1. President/Présidente (Heather Shipley)**

- Chantal Meda (SSHRC Representative) will come to the AGM to speak about Innovation Funding, Research and Scholarship
- Christine Mitchel will attend AGM to speak about a new book series
- Travel Fund: Bethany has amended the travel fund to make things more clear; Members can now apply in advance to secure funding support.
- Website: CSSR Executive Term Times are now on the website
- Website: Student ambassadors have been added to the CSSR website

2. Recording Secretary (Alyshea Cummins)

- There are 529 newsletter members and friends
- 59 Users have opted out of email

3. Treasurer/Trésorier (Bethany Berard)

- Bethany proposes to Change the Fiscal Year to June-May
 - If we add the May membership payments to this year's fiscal calendar, this will bring down the deficit
- CCSR is looking to make changes to how Luncheon is funded.
 - CCSR proposing either funding one luncheon for all umbrella associations or revolving funds to umbrella
 - CCSR is leaning towards funding one collective luncheon. CCSR should prepare to finance our own Luncheon if necessary.
- Bethany has created a document outlining the roles and responsibilities of the treasurer; This should ease the transition of a new member
- Although most members submit their renewal payments online, some still prefer mailing a cheque. The executive will discuss pros and cons of removing this option

4. Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions (Catherine Caufield)

- 134 Members
 - 68 regular
 - 20 associate
 - 46 students
- 3 Membership Categories: Regular, Associate, and Student
 - Streamlining has made the membership options more succinct
 - Regular members automatically receive a copy of *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* with their membership
 - Associate and Student can choose whether they want to receive *Religion/Sciences Religieuses* or not (membership costs more if you choose to receive the journal)

5. Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations (Ruby Ramji)

- Ruby Ramji informed Executive of the following nominations for Treasurer; Member at Large; Student Member at Large: Program Co-Chair

Treasurer: Extension: Bethany Berard (1 year)

Member at Large: Nominations: Salima Versi; Sharday Mosurihjohn

Graduate Student Member at Large: Nomination: Roxanne Korpan

Program Co-Chair: Nomination: Qamer Hameed

6. 2017 Programme Chair/ Responsable du programme 2017 (Marybeth White)

- Sunflower:
 - The new December deadline worked well for receiving abstract submissions for Congress
 - Will continue to keep submission platform open for 1 extra week without an announcement to ensure any submission issues are handled easily
- Program:
 - 110 proposals
 - 36 panels
 - some withdrawals

- 3 chairs still needed; Marybeth will sit in
- Film:
 - David put together a series of questions for the Q & A which is happening via recording as director cannot be at Congress
 - The film is a documentary entitled, In God We Trust.
 - The director, Astrid Schau-Larsen
- Congress 2018
 - Theme: Gathering Diversities, University of Regina, May 26 to June 1
 - Regina University
 - Ruby proposed book session re: Diversity Books
 - Can advertise via/ Congress Ideas

7. MAL Graduate Students/Étudiants des études supérieures (Saliha Chattoo)

- Student ambassadors:
 - Initiative has been successful, lots of student response
 - One year term, can serve multiple years in a row, program is first come first served
- Call circulated at the beginning of year, explaining the role and asking for volunteers
- Student Luncheon 2017
 - The speaker is Cathy Holtmann, Associate Professor at the University of New Brunswick
 - The presentation is entitled, Digital Humanities and the Study of Religion
 - Expecting around 50 students
- Marie Josée Blanchard is CSSR Student Rep who Saliha has been corresponding with regarding the Student Luncheons
 - We will need to determine outcome of discussions at CSSR
 - CSSR is prepared to fund our own Luncheons

8. Communications Liaison/ Liaison de la Communication (Samiksa Munro, absent – Read by Heather Shipley)

- Steady and running as usual
- Website backed up regularly
- 583 Members registered on the website
- Have worked to regulate the PayPal System so that can send to more than one email so that Treasurer doesn't have to email the Membership Sec. each time a PayPal payment is made
 - Suggest using a generic email - Ruby has created one and will circulate to exec.
CSSR.Executive@gmail.com P: cssrscer B: Jan. 1 1990

9. Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s (Brenda Anderson and Arlene Macdonald)

CSSR Undergraduate Essay Winners (Brenda Anderson):

- 7 submissions
- BA First Place Winner: "The Problem of Female Endogamy in Islam: The Case of Tunisia" (Jonathan Widell, McGill University)
- BA Second Place Winner: "A Lived Theology: An Exploration of the life, work and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" (Cole Miller, Nipissing University)

CSSR Graduate Essay Winners (Arlene Macdonald) :

- M.A. Award Recipient: “Between Recognition and Regulation: Relating Indigenous Sovereignty to Canadian Secularism and State Violence” (Stacie Swain, University of Ottawa)
- PhD Award Recipient: “Conversion to Civilization: Protestant Missionary Writings in Colonial South India Before and After the Pious Clause” (Lisa Blake, McGill University)

10. CSSR Book Prize (Ruby Ramji)

- The CSSR Book Prize Committee
 - 8 book prize submissions
 - still looking for a 3rd reviewer; possibly Marybeth White
 - Created review template for committee members in order to be more critical and also to offer academic integrity to the process
 - Suggest moving announcement of winner to the subsequent congress (2018) because of issues in committee composition this year and also because by the time winners are notified it is too late for them to plan to attend Congress, if they aren't already
 - Deadline for submissions will move to December instead of August

Winner: TBD will know by end of summer

- To be presented at Congress 2018 President's Reception

11. CCSR

- Launched New Book series
 - University of Montreal Press (French Series)
- McGill/Queen's Press (English Series)
 - Named: Advancing Studies in Religion (Kyla Madden)

12. SQER

- Attempts to revive the SQER ongoing

6. Local Arrangements Representative Congress 2017

- Danielle Baillargeon and Roxanne Korpan

7. Other Business/ Varia

- Photographer for student profile photos:
 - Honourarium for the photographer (\$25 gift card)
 - Will pick best of photos and email to students (Alyshea and Saliha)
 - Track participation with Excel sign up
- In Memorium – Helen Mo:
 - Announce website dedicated to Helen's memory at AGM (heather) so that members are aware of ways to engage and connect; flowers and photo will be on a table at Student Luncheon
 - RememberingHelen.ca
- Congress 2018
 - Identify Local Arrangement folks for next year's Congress/Les gens de arrangement local pour le congrès de l'an prochain
 - Michelle Folk, Sessional Lecturer III, University of Regina volunteered during the AGM

9. Adjournment/ Levée de l'assemblée

12:33PM