

# CASCA

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

### Procès-verbal Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la CASCA

Université Laval / University of Laval, Québec

Friday 15 May 2015 / vendredi le 15 mai 2015

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**Executive Present/present:** President / Présidente Christine Jourdan, Past President / Présidente sortant Lorne Holyoak, President Elect / Président élu Michel Bouchard, Treasurer / Trésorière Rapport Caura Wood, Représentante francophone / Francophone Member at Large Éric Gagnon-Poulin, Anglophone Member at Large / Représentante Anglophone Mary-Lee Mulholland, Secretary / Secrétaire Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Communications Officer / Responsable des communications Nathalie Boucher.

The CASCA President called the AGM meeting to order, circulated the Agenda and thanked the LOC committee at Laval University (Francine Saillant, Sylvie Poirier, Natasha Gagné, F. Laugrand, M. Guinon) for an excellent conference.

A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Martha Radice, seconded by Nathasha Gagné.

The motion to approve the AGM Minutes from 2014 was forwarded by Mary-Lee Mulholland and seconded by Chris Fletcher.

The President noted changes to the Executive; thanks were given to the Past President Lorne Holyoak, who was on the Executive for 4 years as Treasurer (1 year) and as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier was 3 years as MAL-Francophone. The Treasurer, Caura Wood is stepping down after 3 years, and Karl Schmidt (YorkU) will replace her. Michel Bouchard is coming in as President, and Donna Patrick is the President-Elect. Nathalie Boucher will be the Communications person, and she and Michel Bouchard were thanked for their work setting up the new CASCA website. Éric Gagnon-Poulin will be the new MAL-Francophone.

Regarding *Anthropologica*, Naomi MacPherson has stepped down as EIC and been replaced by Jasmin Habib. Alicia Sliwinsky continues as the Assistant Editor (Francophone).

Karli Whitmore was congratulated and thanked, with a standing ovation, for 10 years of work with CASCA. Congratulations are given to the Weaver-Tremblay Award recipient, Marie-France Labreque for 2015 and Janice Graham for 2016 (in Halifax). Members of the nominating committees were thanked by the Executive.

The Salisbury Award received 14 excellent applications this year (up from 4 last year), and this year it will be awarded to Deidre Cullen, a PhD candidate from UVic who is researching Indigenous fishing in the Pacific North West coast.

The Report of the CASCA Women's Network was made by Heather Howard, who announced the prize for a Graduate Student Paper in Feminist Anthropology was made to Megan Lowthers (Western) for her paper on mobile phone use among female sex workers in Kenya. It will be prepared and reviewed for *Anthropologica*. CASCA members were asked to encourage their students to apply for this award. The Lifetime Achievement Award for Feminist Anthropology in Canada had been presented at the WN Luncheon to Professor Carmen Lambert (McGill). A new initiative has been to sponsor an Interdisciplinary panel of feminist researchers, drawn from the university of the LOC. Donations to the WN fund can now be made through the membership application and through the WN website. Our Communications Officer Martha Radice (Dalhousie) is stepping down, and being replaced by Stephanie Hobbis who will serve as Communications Officer and manage the list serve, and Marie-Pierre Renaud will oversee our social media initiatives. A new initiative for this year is for community support for women and a \$100.00 donation is being made to a women's organization or shelter in the city hosting the CASCA conference for that year. The donation this year was made to the Centre des femmes de la Basse-Ville de Quebec.

The President noted that Founding Fellows honours were awarded to Pierre Beaucage (U Montréal), Julie Cruikshank (UBC), Carmen Lambert (McGill), Pierre Miranda (U Laval and also UBC), and Eric Schwimmer (U Laval).

The Treasurer's report noted that CASCA's current assets are \$236,460.00 (see Treasurer's Report, Schedule 1). It was explained that only 13% of CASCA's revenue is used to cover the travel expenses of the 11 Executive members and Weaver-Tremblay award winner to the conference. Donations made to the student travel fund go directly into this fund. *Anthropologica* has received a 3-year SSHRC grant of \$77,250.00 to be delivered over 3 years. A higher income from *Anthropologica* is expected following the transition to the University of Toronto Press. The expense of the Salisbury Award of \$2000.00 exceeded the revenues and donations, and the difference was made up by CASCA. The Women's Network has \$1,145.00 in savings. The Treasurer reported that CASCA, as a charitable organization, is allowed to carry a surplus.

Gerald Sider suggested that the surplus be put towards covering the costs of sessional, part-time, contractual members to attend the CASCA conference. With respect to the surplus, the Treasurer noted that all plans for expenditure had to be carefully weighed against other budget items and plans, as well as posterity.

The President reported that the CASCA has 596 members, and 351 attended the conference at Laval U. She noted that a committee has been formed to explore the issue of a Code of Ethics for CASCA, and Lorne Holyoak is currently the chair. The President had made representations to SSHRC on behalf of anthropologists this past year with regard to the adjudication of PhD and MA applications.

During the year, a Resolution had been submitted to the Executive from Gerald Sider regarding the advertisement of job ads for contractual teaching, and this has been forwarded to the Resolutions Committee who will make their report on this at the 2016 CASCA meetings. The President noted that a Task Force is being formed to look into the future of anthropology in

Canada with respect to teaching, hiring, attrition rates, and practices in universities. The committee consists of Executive members Éric Gagnon-Poulin, Nathalie Boucher, Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, and Christine Jourdan. A call was made to CASCA members to volunteer for this committee and the following members volunteered: Maggie Cummings (UofT-SC), Rita Henderson (Calgary; organized a panel on this at the conference), Julia Murphy (Lethbridge), Gerald Sider (MUN), Roxanne Campeau (U de Montreal), and Rylan Higgins (St. Mary' s).

A motion to accept the Treasurer' s Report was made by Robin Whittaker and was seconded by Martha Radice. A motion was made by Craig Proulx to accept the listed company of accountants for CASCA, and this was seconded by Craig Chandler. It was noted that Karl Schmidt (York) is the incoming Treasurer.

The President noted that Lorne Holyoak has been involved with the WCAA, and has been elected as their Treasurer. CASCA' s upcoming conferences include the following: a joint conference with SANA in 2016 at Dalhousie University. Martha Radice and Lauren Eramian from Dalhousie explained the theme would be "Solidarities" and the dates will be May 11-15, 2016. It will be organized with the help of St. Mary' s, St. Francis Xavier, and Mount St. Vincent Universities. For 2017, the conference will be held at UOttawa and a proposal has been made to hold it with the IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences). For 2018, Cuba is being explored as a possible site, and Latin American and Caribbean associations will be contacted about this; Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier will serve as a liaison.

In 2019 the conference will be organized with the AAA in Vancouver, and will be held in the Fall. A Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up, with the assistance of Monica Heller (AAA President). It will be a collaborative endeavor and CASCA will participate on the organizing committees. In 2020, the meetings may be held in Banff, possibly in August.

The Secretary reported on the organization of Executive meetings over the past year, and the Salisbury Award. The submission of the application for charitable status for CASCA to Industry Canada in October, was successful. A motion was made by Regna Darnell to accept the Secretary' s report and this was seconded by Noel Dick.

Naomi MacPherson, outgoing EIC of *Anthropologica*, noted the shift from Wilfred Laurier University Press to the University of Toronto Press and the Presto system for electronic submission and reviewers. A 3-year SSHRC grant of \$77,250.00 has been received and will be handled by UofT Press. She encouraged submissions to the journal. The Project Muse system is being used and CASCA will get royalties when articles are read and downloaded (for example when students are assigned them for a class). The most frequently used article has been Craig Proulx' s article on surveillance, and secondly Robert Phillips' article. Several themed issues are planned on: kinship; papers presented to Malcolm Blinkow on his retirement edited by Shudra Gururani and Kark Schmidt; shamanism edited by Frédéric Laugrand; Consent, Collaboration and Treaty by Brian Noble; amphibian anthropology edited by Karine Gagne (UM); and later issues on Anthropology and Performance; Imagination; and Language and Sustainability edited by J. Ferguson (U Nevada). Other potential topics include a museum review, and Indigenous

youth and art. The illustration on the cover of the current issue is called “The Male Gaze” and was created by Kelly Clifton. It speaks to issues of sexism and racism and in our culture.

The incoming EIC is Jasmin Habib, and continuing editor of the French submissions is Alicia Sliwinski, Karine Vanthuyne is now the book review editor for French books, and Maggie MacDonald is the book review editor for English books.

The President Elect Michel Bouchard addressed the members and asked them to help CASCA to collect information and provide guidance on the issue of the strength of anthropology as a discipline in the universities in Canada.

Questions were then taken. Brian Noble (Dal) described the Nova Scotia Bill 100, recently passed on May 8, 2015. This Bill threatens academic freedom, independence and the right to collective bargaining by professors, and sets a dangerous precedent for other universities particularly if the Minister overrides university planning with respect to job security and research. Brian put forward a motion that CASCA endorse the CAUT council who condemns this bill and who will censure any Nova Scotia university that complies with it. CAUT is currently exploring taking legal action against this bill as it is in violation of Section 2D of the Charter of Rights. Brian described this motion as a proposed resolution and is seeking endorsement from CASCA. The procedure for such a submission was reviewed, and the motion will be turned over to Heather Howard and the Resolutions Committee and ask them to move quickly to draft a resolution and motion asking the membership to vote. Information will be sent out about the resolution and the vote through the membership list.

A motion to adjourn the AGM was put forward by Regna Darnell and seconded by Martha Radice.