

**CASCA Annual General Meeting  
May 16 2009, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.**

Welcome: Regna Darnell, President:

- Welcome to everyone in attendance at the AGM;
- Welcome to new executive members: Deirdre Meintel, who will become President; Janice Graham, who will become President-Elect; Martin Hébert, who will become MAL-Francophone;
- A belated and heart-felt thank you to the Carleton LOC, who received a SSHRC grant to cover conference costs;
- Finally, and not least: Thank you to the Local Organising Committee, and especially Gaston, for making this conference possible.

1) Agenda accepted.

2) Minutes accepted.

3) President's Report (Regna Darnell):

- There is very little to do when things go smoothly. Most things have gone smoothly this year.
- Reports will become available as they come in and we will post them on our website.
- Andy will cover Anthropologica in due course, but thanks to Andy for all his work and thanks to Winnie Lem for her previous tenure.

4) Secretary's Report (Evie Plaice):

- The Secretary's report is necessarily brief, since minutes still need to be taken.
- Executive elections this year went well. We received sufficient nominations to fill all vacancies, and did not need to run elections. Janice Graham was the uncontested nomination for the position of President-Elect, and Martin Hébert was the uncontested nomination for Francophone Member-at-Large.
- The Salisbury Award attracted many excellent applications. This year's award went to Carli Dokis (Anthropology, University of Alberta).
- This year's Weaver-Tremblay Award was accompanied for the first time by a medal. The recipient was James Waldram.
- The CASCA website is currently being renovated. Postings may be slow as a consequence. But we will soon have a new look. Any questions?

5) Treasurer's Report (Robert Adlam):

- We have had a good year, our first with McIsaac Darragh in Nova Scotia. There are three schedules in the report. Main points will be covered below.
- Revenue from subscriptions good but membership is dropping.
- The conference at Carleton made money through a scholarly workshops grant from

SSHRC and so cost us very little.

- We have seen an increase in cost through credit card online payments translation costs, especially for the newsletter and Anthropologica, and Student bursaries. But there were lower costs than usual for the annual conference (Ottawa).
- Anthropologica has received an aid to scholarly publications program (ASPP) grant of \$79 100, which has helped enormously. The editor's stipend increased to match university equivalents. But the journal expenses are very reasonable.
- Salisbury fund: In 2008, there were two initiatives. A) We collected \$20 from each sustaining membership. B) Voluntary donations were instigated at registration in membership. Plus, there was also a personal donation of \$500. The fund continues to accumulate interest, but the award comes from CASCA general funds, and will continue to do so until Salisbury is sustaining.
- CASCA's revenue is \$5000 below last year because of decreased membership fees. But the unusually robust return from Carleton helped mitigate this.
- Services costs are not invoiced until 2009. Net assets are up over 2007, due to Salisbury income.
- Concluding comment: CASCA continues to be in good shape. Increased income with increased expenditure overall means we are growing and healthy.

6) Women's Network Report:

- Thank you to previous president, and thanks for the organising around 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which was celebrated this year. There was an especially convened panel, papers of which will be published as a celebratory publication.
- We held the traditional network lunch.
- We have also been doing some fundraising and now have \$500 to put towards an award for feminist work. We will be putting a link on the CASCA website to continue this initiative. There will be two awards: one for a paper submitted to the conference and refereed. The second will be for a paper engaged in feminist work.
- Twenty-five years ago a survey was conducted on the teaching of anthropology. We would like to revive this and do another survey of who is currently teaching the anthropology of gender. We will also try to do some historical work on collecting course outlines on women's studies and gender studies generally.

7) Communications Report (Craig Proulx):

- We are tasked with producing the *Culture* newsletter twice a year. The most recent has just come out. It includes new profiles on departments as a new element. Please submit short pieces to us, and booknotes on new member's publications. The Crabgrass Collective will publish news from any of the CASCA networks. Special thanks the Michel Bouchard and Ekaterina for their invaluable input.

8) Anthropologica Report (Andy Lyons):

- The current structure of *Anthropologica* has an 'Ideas' section on social capital, the

W-T address, a thematic section, and five volunteered papers. The themed section for next issue is convened by Gavin Smith. Also there will be Catherine Lutz's keynote from Carleton. There is an upcoming section on community – the focus being Indigenous communities in Canada and Australia. We are also considering an idea from Jasmin Habib on anthropological auto-ethnography with connections of the author's own life experience with fieldwork.

- We have benefited from SSHRC's decision to award based on number of papers published. Thanks to Regna Darnell, Winnie Lem, Marie-France Leveque, and especially Robert Adlam. For the incoming new board members, see the full report.
- Part of my mandate was to improve review time. Average time for review is 3 months. Worst was just short of six months, best 18 days. We have reduced the number of themed issues to themed sections. Citation indexes unfortunately count in academic circles so we do need volunteered papers. But we are restricted by the fact that we only publish twice a year. But this is YOUR journal and we need your work to be submitted. We need to double the number of volunteered papers, especially from those departments with graduate programs. We need input from everyone, we publish 28% of submitted paper, which is respectable. Not enough articles in French - we need them.
- Heather Robertson settled a suit on the breach of copyright. This has more to do with creative freelance authors who sell their work. It does not really involve us as academics, but it will have an impact on our activities. I do not receive fees. We want to share our work, not earn. We sign copyright indemnity for our work to be read in libraries and online. We have the option of getting out of this. Regna and Andy have been trying to extricate us because we work from academic ownership.
- Changes in SSHRC funding means we will lose our postal privileges unless we separate our membership and journal fees, which we cannot do. There is a new copyright form which will be needed if and when you publish with us. We will need to be covered by this - surrender copyright to *Anthropologica* to avoid potential law suits. It should be available online, but will certainly be available from *Anthropologica*. We need to remain eligible for our SSHRC funding, but we need to keep receiving papers.

9) 2009 Local Organising Committee Report (Gaston ): Report is not yet available.

10) 2010 CASCA Conference (Deirdre Meintel):

- CASCA will be with the Congress in Montreal for 2010. It will fall somewhere rather later than usual, since we are looking at times when other kindred associations will be there. Being with Congress again might be interesting for us: there will be potential for more interdisciplinary sessions. Deirdre will be point person, but is looking for local managers and an LOC.
- 2011 is likely to be in Fredericton.
- 2012 will be at the University of Alberta.

- 11) Salisbury Award and Fund: Has been covered elsewhere.
- 12) Archives Report (Julia Harrison): No report this year.
- 13) Report on Ethics (Max Forte):
  - Max's session on militarisation was a good start. We decided that we will continue the discussion among interested members before submitting discussion points to members more generally.
  - There was a general discussion on how to move this initiative forward.
- 14) Other Business:
  - Regna thanked everyone on the executive for their hard work. Thanks to the LOC, and thanks to Andy Lyons.
  - Deirdre thanked Regna for her year's work as president.
- 15) AGM adjourned at 12:20pm.