

Minutes of the CASCA Annual General Meeting
Procès-verbal Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la CASCA
McCain Scotiabank Auditorium
Université Dalhousie / Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.
Saturday 14 May 2016 / samedi le 16 mai 2016
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm / de 12h. a 13:20 h.

Executive Present/present:

President / Présidente Michel Bouchard, Past President /, President Elect / President élu, Donna Patrick, Treasurer / Trésorier Rapport Clint Westman, Membre actif francophone / Francophone Member at Large Éric Gagnon-Poulin, Anglophone Member at Large / Membre actif Anglophone Mary-Lee Mulholland, Secretary / Secrétaire Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Communications Officer and Webmaster / Responsable des communications Nathalie Boucher. Absent: Christine Jourdan, Présidente sortant / Past President

In attendance: Martha Radice (Dal), Alicia Sliwinski (WLU), Jasmin Habib (UWaterloo), Pam Downe (USask), Jim Waldrum (USask), Janice Graham (DalU), Alex Boudreault-Fournier (UVic), Fabiana Li (UManitoba), Analucia Vuck (Nipissing), Maria José Yax-Frase (YorkU), Liz Fitting (DalU), Eric Thrift (Manitoba), Michelle Walks (Douglas College), Liesl Garibold (DalU), Christina Holmes (SFXU), Susan Vincent (SFXU), Sylvia Poirier (LavalU), Marie François Guédon (UOttawa), Linnéa Rowlett (U Kent, Canterbury and Freie Universität Berlin), Toby Morantz (McGillU), Kathryn Molohon (LaurentianU), Philip Taber (UNB), Sherry Pictou (DalU), Sophya Yumakelov (YorkU), Richard B. Lee (UToronto), David Thorsten-Cavers (unaffiliated), Emma Varley (BrandonU), Colin Scott (McGillU), Harriet G. Rosenberg (YorkU Social Science), Brian Noble (DalU), Eric Henry (SMU), Claire Fawcett (SFXU), Alexandre Duchene (U Fribourg, Switzerland), Adrian Tanner (MUN), Julie Cruikshank (UBC), Connie Gagliardi (UToronto), Donna Young (UToronto), Lindsay Dubois (DalU), Michael Lomers Jackman (MUN), Julie Laplante (UOttawa), Hannelore Poncelet (U de Sherbrooke), Leo Poncelet (Independent), Evie Plaice (UNB), Caura Wood, Craig Proulx (STU), Kim Clarke (UWO), Megan Lowthers (YorkU), Brian Noble (DalU), Regna Darnell (UWO), Gerald McKinley (Western), Rosi Rodriguez Franco (DalU), Charles Menzies (UBC), Pauline Gardiner Barber (DalU), Belinda Leach (Guelph), Winnie Lem (TrentU), Miriam Karrel (McMasterU), Walter Callaghan (UToronto), Sin Kei Cheng (UCalgary), Alan Smart (UCalgary), Josephine Smart (UCalgary), Nicola Mooney (UFV), Lori Barkley (Selkirk College), Emily Fraser (DalU), Benjamin Shaer (CarletonU),

The CASCA President called the AGM meeting to order, circulated the Agenda and thanked the LOC committee at Dalhousie University (Liz Fitting, Laura Eramian) for an excellent conference.

A motion to accept the Agenda was made/ by Regna Darnell, seconded by Pamela Downe. Passed unanimously.

The President asked for a **motion to approve** the AGM Minutes from 2015, motion forwarded by Nathalie Boucher, and seconded by Brian Noble. Passed unanimously.

The President noted changes to the Executive; thanks were given to the Past President Christine Jourdan (absent), and Mary-Lee Mulholland, MAL-Anglophone. Donna Patrick is coming in as current President, and Martha Radice is the President-Elect. Nathalie Boucher will continue as the Communications Officer and Webmaster and Pauline McKenzie Aucoin will continue as the Secretary. Eric Henry (SMU) will be the new MAL-Anglophone.

The President thanked CASCA members for participating in the online election in March 2016. The following positions on the Executive will be advertised in the Fall: President Elect, Secretary, Membre actif francophone.

Members of the LOC for the 2017 CASCA conference in Ottawa were introduced; Professor Julie Laplante and Graduate student Nicholas Rasiulis. The 2017 conference at the University of Ottawa will be a large international, joint IUAES-CASCA conference. The theme of the conference is Mo(u)vement, with 4 sub-themes: worlds in motion, living landscapes, moving bodies, and relational movements. One keynote, Leslie Green from South Africa, has been confirmed and another is being planned. The conference will be organized in association with the local Algonquin communities, and an event is being planned at the Chaudière Falls, a local indigenous ritual site.

A new initiative at the 2016 conference was the **Student Poster Session** and awards for undergraduate and 1st year Masters students, adjudicated by the LOC. The Best Poster Prize was awarded to Jennifer White, and the Audience Choice award was given to Rosi Rodriguez Franco.

The **R.F. Salisbury Award** competition received 6 applicants this year, and the winner for 2016 is Evan Koike, from UBC. His research project is “Care Masculinities: Gender Construction, Marginalization, Labour Practices and Employment in Japan.”

At this year’s conference, Julie Cruikshank was awarded the honour of CASCA Founding Fellow, and two CASCA Fellows were honoured, Francine Saillant (U Laval) and Ellen Judd (U Manitoba).

The **Women’s Network Report** was presented by Martha Radice, who noted that neither the student paper prize or lifetime achievement award was given out this year. As part of their community activism initiative this year, a \$100.00 donation was made by the Women’s Network to the Avalon Centre for Sexual Assault in Halifax, a women’s sexual assault counselling and education centre. The current bank balance is \$3,677.00. The Women’s Network website and list serve is managed by Stephanie Hobbis; there are currently 120 subscribers.

A member of the **Ethics Committee**, Éric Gagnon-Poulin, reported on the Ethics Survey that was conducted by the Executive this past year. There were 126 respondents. The answers to Question #25 “Taking into consideration your responses to the previous questions, a CASCA code of ethics would be helpful to its members. / À la lumière de vos réponses aux questions précédentes, un code d’éthique propre à la CASCA serait utile pour ses membres” were: Yes/Oui: 67.9%, No/Non: 19.3%, No Opinion/Je n’ai pas d’opinion: 12.8%.

A discussion was opened with the members, after posing the questions: What form would this ethics guideline be? Would it be a strict code or an ethical guideline? It had been suggested by Janice Graham that a 'living standards' guide be formulated that can be used by academics in academia as well as Practicing Anthropologists. The President proposed creating a Task Force to continue the work of the committee to develop a set of guidelines, and he recommended that Janice Graham serve as Chair of this committee.

Jasmin Habib asked what this guideline would refer to, and if the association needs a code of ethics. The President noted that the survey had indicated that a set of guidelines would be useful, and the new committee would proceed to determine what the best format would be. Janice Graham noted that she does not like the idea of an 'ethical framework,' but has had conversations with Practicing Anthropologists in Canada, such as Craig Chandler, who have no guidelines for their work. A living standard would be a broad series of guidelines that we can agree to, it would be on our website, it can be discussed and reformulated as need or annually.

Pauline Barber explained that anthropologists have had problems with her university regarding their ethics code and is anxious about creating another one. She noted that Practicing Anthropologists are welcome to ask for their work to be reviewed by a university committee if this would help.

Mary-Lee Mulholland noted that a set of guidelines created by our members would be more nuanced, and would be very useful to when talking with one's own university ethics board as they do not always understand anthropology's concerns. Janice Graham explained that one issue is that anthropologists do not destroy their data after 5 years. Brian Noble agreed with some guideline, but recommended going slowly and it must be brought back to the membership for approval. In some instances, he has had to have conversation with his Ethics Review Board when an ethnography proposal comes in and this must be explained to the ERB members. He suggested having discussions with other disciplines, consult the principles of the university ombuds-officer or CAUT, and recommended against a rigid document.

Rosi Rodriguez Franco did not agree with a new guideline as she felt the approval process could be held back by this, and did not approve of a few people deciding this for others. Julie Laplante liked the idea of a living document if it about principles and can help us to deal with our own institutions especially if there is a strict and conservative policy there. Marie France Guédon noted that at her university, there are many rules and a 3-page consent form. A set of ethical guidelines would help to define the work of anthropologists to others. Walter Callaghan said this would a negative move if a restrictive document was created, but a statement would be helpful in dealing with bureaucracies. In getting approval to do mental health research as a student, he is now on his 10th revision as medically formulated health research standards are being applied, and he cannot use the AAA ethics standards in Canada.

Kathryn Molohon suggested we look at the ethics statement of the Society for Applied Anthropology to see what is their ethics statement. A CASCA set of guidelines would be useful for professional anthropologists taking contracts. Martha Radice suggested any guidelines should

be descriptive and not proscriptive, and noted that it would be helpful to have an explanation of what an ethnographic approach entails.

The President **forwarded the motion that** “a Task Force with five members – with one being a member of the Executive to liaison with the Executive, and one PhD graduate student member – be set up to investigate and continue the work of the initial Task Force to develop an ethics guideline. Seconded by Mary-Lee Mulholland. Passed, no abstentions.

The President noted that the on-line voting process was established for the Bill 100 last summer, and thanked the Resolutions Committee for doing the work to organize this. He forwarded the motion that CASCA accept the Resolution Committee’s Report, seconded by the Secretary, passed unanimously. No abstentions.

The Task Force Report on precarity, sessional hiring and the future of anthropology committee will continue with their work this coming year. Charles Menzies noted that there was no Western representation on this committee, and it was explained that this is an open group and he is welcome to join it. The committee currently consists of Christine Jourdan, Nathalie Boucher, Éric Gagnon Poulin, Maggie Cummings, Julie Murphy, and Gerald Sider. David Thorsten-Cavers informed us that a group of CASCA members are interested in forming a network of precarious and unwaged anthropologists in Canada, and the President encouraged him to do this and said it would be facilitated by CASCA. Richard Lee noted that many sessional jobs are currently being posted on the CASCA list serve.

The President Elect (DP) explained the amendment to Section 29 of the By-Laws which currently does not allow for completely electronic votes. The amendment allows for an electronic meeting, as was held to deal with NS Bill 100. With the new By-Law, a notice about the meeting will be circulated 21-35 days before the meeting. Anyone who cannot vote electronically can request to vote and within the 21 days prior, can mail the vote in by post mail. The vote must have 2/3 of the members voting.

Jasmin Habib asked why this amendment had to be made, and the President Elect explained that the Resolutions Committee accepts resolutions from CASCA members but we were not previously able to hold a completely electronic meeting and vote.

Brian Noble noted that the first time this had taken place was with the issue of Bill 101, and he thanked the Resolutions Committee for their work on this last summer. Jim Waldrum noted that a Google group had been set up to participate in discussions, and this can be done again in future.

The President Elect (DP) forwarded the motion to accept this amendment to Section 29, seconded by Liz Fitting. Over 2/3rds voted to pass the motion, 1 voted against. The motion passed.

The President informed the members that Robin Dodds had made a significant donation this past year, and she was thanked by the President on behalf of CASCA.

The **Treasurer** presented the 2015 financial report for CASCA. We are in the first year of the new not-for-profit regulations, and this will require higher accounting standards. We have over

\$200,000.00 in assets, with some receivables from U of T Press. The 2016 conference will have slightly lower revenue and expenses than when it was at York U, but the revenues are expected to be up. The amount of \$5000.00 was spent on website design in order to present hacking. CASCA is heavily subsidized by SHHRC funding, and without this we would be operating at a loss.

The amount of money saved for the Salisbury Award grows very slowly, and further contributions would be appreciated. The Student Travel Bursary donations have slowed down, and there has been an increased demand for these funds, and next year we expect an increase in demand. We hope to be able to provide \$4000.00 in funding, and we continue to subsidize this through CASCA.

CASCA's membership numbers are above those of the Victoria conference, at 574 to mid-April. In 2016, we will break even or make a small profit. There are approximately 300 attendees at the conference. The Treasurer thanked the members for donations to CASCA.

The Treasurer **moved to accept the unaudited Treasurer's report**, seconded by Caura Wood, and passed unanimously.

Jasmin Habib then **moved to accept the four remaining Reports** that were being presented, seconded by Charles Menzies, passed unanimously.

The President noted that the newsletter Culture had moved to Wordpress for its production and this was working well. The President is currently awaiting completion of the Declaration on the protection of cultural property, that was developed when he travelled to meet representatives of other anthropology associations in Brazil (at their government's expense).

It was noted that the three-year term of the Francophone Assistant Editor, that is currently filled by Alicia Sliwinski, is ending this year, as well as the term of the Francophone book review editor filled by Karine Vanthuyne. Both positions will be advertised as these become open in January 2017.

The **motion to adjoin the meeting** was forwarded by Mary-Lee Mulholland, seconded by the Secretary