

CSECS / SCEDHS
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 29 October 2011

Sheraton Hotel, Heritage Room, Hamilton (Ontario)
1:15-2:15 p.m

Present:

Peter Walmsley, Marie-Laure Girou Swiderski, Betty Schellenberg, April London, Claire Grogan, Pam Perkins, Tiffany Potter, David John, Arby T. Siraki, Sébastien Charles, Swann Paradis, Katherine Binhammer, Andreas Motsch, Michel Fournier, Barbara Seeber, Chantel Lavoie, Sébastien Côté, David Smith, Armelle St-Martin

Regrets:

Don Nichol, Joël Castonguay-Bélanger, Pascal Bastien, Allison Muri

1. Welcome and approval of agenda

April London / Betty Schellenberg

All in favour, no item added to Other Business

2. Approval of minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting

a. Business arising from 2010 minutes

No correction to be brought to the minutes. Adopted unanimously. Peter Sabor / Sébastien Charles

3. Report of 2011 conference organizer: Peter Walmsley

- Peter mentioned that the Conference was going well. There were more than 200 speakers, thanks to the presence of 3 Societies.
- The conference received a SSHRC grant of 26,000 dollars, so the co-organizers will be receive a salary.
- Peter added that he met with Katherine Binhammer regarding the next Conference and he thanked Marc André for his help with the translations.

4. Report of President: Marc André Bernier

- Marc André underlined the fact that this was his last year as president ; his mandate was only for two years, due to his nomination as president of ISECS. He reminded the Executive that, as he had explained when he was elected president of CSECS, the cumulative duties of both positions were neither possible nor desirable. Marc André mentioned that his report was a report of his presidency. Marc André mentioned the goals of his mandate
 - a. To restructuring of the Internet site
 - b. To strengthen our bonds with the American Society

c. To diffuse *Lumen* electronically.

Marc André said that thanks to the outstanding the work of the Executive, these goals have been achieved.

- Thanks to Allison, the Internet site is now much more elegant and its restructuring has solved the problem related to our archives, since the Society does not have a permanent address with a physical space to store documents. There is now a secured and password protected section of the website where the archives of the Society are stored. The president, the webmaster, the treasurer and the secretary have access to the code.
- ASECS has modified the beginning of its Constitution: the sentence stating “American designating North America” is no longer part of its first article. The concert cocktail and book exhibit organized by Betty Schellenberg and Joël Castonguay-Bélanger at the ASECS meeting in Vancouver was a great success.
- Thanks to Claire and Joël, the Erudit publishing platform submitted 3 contracts regarding the digitization of *Lumen* that were unanimously approved by the Executive.
- Marc André reminded the Assembly of the exact costs involved in the 3 contracts (\$1,048 for one issue per year / \$5,630 for digitization of the 29 past issues / \$3,500 for the print version by the Press of University of Montréal). In summary the costs of distributing *Lumen* electronically and digitalizing the past issues are very low. The University of Montréal Press will be responsible for the print version of *Lumen*, since Academic Printing will cease business.
- The contracts were not signed yet and should be done by the next Executive.
- Marc André thanked the Executive and all members of the CSECS

The report of the President is unanimously adopted

5. Treasurer's Report: Susan Paterson Glover

- Susan commented some of the figures in her six-page report
 - i. Income: decrease slightly in the dues
 - ii. Expenses are up, due to the operating cash system and the fiscal year that ends in March
 - the costs of the Vancouver reception were paid (March) before the contributions were received (late April).
 - *Lumen* payments are up to date.
 - Dues to the CFHSS were paid twice in one fiscal year, because a change in their date
 - iii. One-time expenses: bursary for students for the 2011 ISECS Conference
 - iv. The amount to cover liabilities, in case of unexpected loss (*Lumen*, Conference), has been maintained

- v. The net loss is \$6700
- Susan added the following:
 - She wished that the cost of the digitization of *Lumen* be paid in the 2012 fiscal year.
 - There has been a discussion by the Executive regarding the best option for an online payment of the dues.
 - Regarding the money available to assist the travel costs of students, there is a gap between the money available and the expenses claimed. There might be a need to modify the form to state that the priority will go to PhD students.
 - The accounting system of the Society is outdated and needs modernization.
- Susan thanked Peter for his efficient handling of the membership's dues.

After Susan's report,

Several suggestions and comments were made:

- A wish was expressed that "adjuncts" not be excluded from travel funding; on a related point, there was a suggestion that members who donate to the society should be able to earmark contributions to go towards travel costs for adjuncts.
- There was a suggestion that renewal letters be sent by mail
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- April London added that the proposals should be discussed by the Executive.

The report of treasurer is unanimously adopted

6. *Lumen* editors' report : Claire Grogan

a. Madoff Prizes

No nominations this year.

b. *Lumen* scheduling

- *Lumen* 29 (Montreal CSECS) has appeared in print.
 - *Lumen* 30 (Ottawa CSECS) is in its final stages and should come out in November.
- It is the last issue with Academic Printing.

7. Delegate reports

a. ASECS: Don Nichol

Marc André read the report.

- Don attended the ASECS Conference in Vancouver, where about 20 Societies reported on upcoming conferences
- He reported on CSECS activities, announced our forthcoming conferences and alerted attendees on the newly redesigned website
- He reinforced the need for stronger liaison between the 2 societies and received a positive answer from Catherine Parisiau, who will do her best to improve communication between the two societies when setting conference venues and dates.
- He invited everyone to attend the concert organized by Betty Schellenberg which was a resounding success
- He will attend the next ASECS Conference in San Antonio in March 2012.
- Announcements for our next conferences were forwarded to Vickie Cutting for posting on the ASECS website.

b. ASECS Conference (Betty Schellenberg)

- Betty gave some more details about the rationale behind the cocktail concert (the need to reinforce our ties and collaboration with ASECS) and mentioned its success. The final costs of the cocktail concert remained within the estimate.

c. FCHSS / CFHSS: April London

- April mentioned a program of “Liability Insurance” for Societies that have full time employees, set by the Federation.
- The next Conference will take place in Montréal in March and April asked a member who lives in Montreal and could represent CSECS to email her.

d. ISECS: Pascal Bastien

- Attendance: about 1000 persons attended the Graz Conference, representing more than 45 countries
- Next Conference will be in Rotterdam
- Elections
 - The results are published on the ISECS website
 - More than 50 per cent of the Canadian members voted
- Bursaries
 - CSECS gave 2000 dollars for an ISECS fellowship.
 - 87 bursaries were given for a total 50,000 Euros, including 20,000 Euros given by ISECS.

8. Graduate Student Representative's report: Arby Ted Siraki

- 20 students attended the roundtable that took place Friday evening; the number is slightly lower than usual probably because of another diner at the same time.
- The room sharing service is in place.
- Ted mentioned that this was his last year as representative. Emily West has volunteered to replace him.

The assembly thanked Ted for his work as Graduate student representative.

9. Honours and prizes

a. Honorary member:

- Marc Andre reminded the Assembly that the Executive had asked him to write to David W. Smith to ask him if he would agree to be named an Honorary Member. Marc Andre mentioned that this title is given to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the 18th Century study. David W. Smith has accepted, and the new Honorary Membership will be celebrated during the banquet.
- The Assembly congratulated David W. Smith and Marc Andre thanked him for his presence and his exceptional contribution.

b. D.W. Smith prize 2011 winners:

Marc Andre thanked the members of this year's committee: Armelle St-Martin, Betty Schellenberg and Marie-Laure Girou-Swidorski.

The winners are:

1. Louise Curran, University College London
2. Anne-Sophie Gallo, Université de Grenoble II

10. Future Conferences

a. 2012- Katherine Binhammer, Edmonton, U of Alberta

- Katherine invited all members to Edmonton next year (18-20 October). She has signed a hotel contract with Westin in Edmonton Downtown.
- The cost of a room will be \$149 per night. There will be a sharing room service
- The theme is "Crossing : The Cultures of Global Exchange"
- Katherine gave the names of the plenary speakers: David Bell and Srinivas Aravamudan
- Katherine mentioned that the call for papers are ready and invited the members to take one with them

b. 2013 – Alison Conway and Mary Helen McMurrin, London, U. of Western Ontario

c. 2014 – Pascal Bastien, Université du Québec à Montréal. Joint Meeting with the *Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society* (ECSSS).

11. Nominations committee and Elections : A. St-Martin

- Armelle mentioned the 2 positions that needed to be filled: the president and the delegate to the ISECS
- The committee formed by herself, Benoît Melançon and Frans de Bruyn recommended that Pam Perkins be nominated for the position of president and that Sébastien Charles be nominated as delegate to the ISECS.
- Armelle mentioned that the Executive has unanimously approved that those two names be submitted to the General assembly for vote.
- Pam Perkins is unanimously approved by the Assembly as President.
- Sébastien Charles is unanimously approved by the Assembly as delegate to the ISCECS.

12. Varia / Other business

- Betty Schellenberg asked a question about the electronic version of *Lumen*.
- Marc André answered by giving the following details:
 - The electronic version of Lumen will bring income to the Society that exceed generally the costs through the subscription sold by Erudit
 - The electronic version is fully searchable. It will offer the latest technological tools.
 - Erudit is the best platform in Canada for electronic diffusion. Several learning societies published their journal through Erudit.

The meeting ended at 2:00 pm (Claire Grogan / Katherine Binhammer)