

**MINUTES FROM CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in room WH 324

Present: Lee Airton, Lynne Alexandrova, Paul W. Bennett, Sandra Bruneau, Theodore Christou, Penney Clark, Kurt Clausen, Mike Corbett, Rebecca Coulter, Jason Ellis, Donald Fisher, Laara Fitznor, Michelle Forrest, Frances Helyar, Donald Kerr, Lynn Lemisko, David Mandzuk, Daniel Nelles, Nicholas Ng-a-fook, Michael O’Sullivan, Michael Owen, Helen Raptis, Doug Simpson, Harry Smaller, Jennifer Tinkham, Shirley Van Nuland, Daniel Vokey, Linda Wheeldon, Paul Zanazanian.

1) CALL TO ORDER: 3:05pm

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Moved: L. Lemisko; Seconded: D. Mandzuk.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2013 CAFE AGM: With revision of name in those present to read “Frances Helyar”. Moved: S. Van Nuland; Seconded: F. Helyar.

4) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The 1st VP at this time, S. Van Nuland, has been working on creating the Thesis/Dissertation Award, with an intention to making it inclusive and celebratory rather than competitive. In the next few months, she is soliciting feedback in regards to the competition’s mandate and details (i.e., number of award winners, paying for their CAFE annual dinner, etc).

5) REPORTS:

a) PRESIDENT’S REPORT (M. O’SULLIVAN)

Whereas in the past, the President expressed a concern for the state of Foundations in Canada, here he commented that while the Foundations are in good shape, the extant community must do more to bring itself together and celebrate its successes and find expression. He referred specifically to doing more to bring the various aspects of the Foundation community together (alluding to the motions proposed under New Business) and following CATE’s model of student awards.

The President reported news from the CSSE’s AGM: He confirmed that despite its initial push to separate from the Federation, after weighing the pros and cons, the CSSE has now affirmed its allegiance. As well, he announced that future congresses would be held at larger Canadian universities to accommodate the large number of participants. He reported the CSSE’s interest in recruiting more Francophone participants to submit proposals at upcoming conferences, hinting that next year’s location of Ottawa may aid in this pursuit.

Finally, as his four-year tenure in office drew to a close, the President gave thanks for the support he received in the past from the executive. He especially commended Dr. Van Nuland for stepping into the leadership role during times he was incapacitated. He also praised the aid given him by past-president David Mandzuk, Sandra Bruneau and Michelle Forrest.

b) 1st VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT (T. CHRISTOU)

Reported that the Publication Award (book) will be awarded at the CAFE dinner. 12 books (all published between Jan 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013) had been submitted for adjudication, and the 1st VP thanked the adjudication committee for service above the call of duty this year.

Thanks were given to Shirley Van Nuland for her advice throughout the year, and taking the lead on the development of a Thesis/Dissertation Award. The full report of the 1st Vice-President is attached as Appendix A.

c) SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT (K. CLAUSEN)

The Secretary-Treasurer read from the report that had been circulated. It is attached as Appendix B.

d) REPORT FROM THE CJE REPRESENTATIVE (H. RAPTIS)

Good news was reported at CJE in comparison to the state of the journal in the previous year. Transition Project Manager, Katy Ellsworth (of UBC) has managed to unjam the backlog of submissions to the journal, and help CJE publish 6 issues this past year. The CJE Advisory Board has also recommended that the CSSE Board establish a new paid staff position (managing editor) and a suite of consulting editors. The CJE Advisory Board also recommended that the editors of the journal review and clean up the reviewer list. The CJE Board has recommended changes to policy and author/ reviewer guidelines that should prove more favourable to submissions with a Foundational focus. All of these recommendations are pending approval from CSSE.

Motion: Be it resolved that a letter be sent from CAFE to Katy Ellsworth to congratulate her on the successful reforms undertaken by the Canadian Journal of Education this past year.

Moved: M. Corbett

Seconded: M. Forrest

Carried Unanimously

e) REPORTS FROM SIGs

i) CHEA (L. LEMISKO, PRESIDENT)

Reported that the 18th Biennial CHEA conference will be held in October in Saskatoon. 45 papers, 4 panels, and awards will make up the programme. In the past year, the CHEA website has also been revised to be more attractive and user-friendly. Finally, Penney Clark was thanked for all her help as past-president.

ii) SOCINET (M. CORBETT, PRESIDENT)

Regretted to report that due to lack of interest, SociNet has not been a functioning organization in the past year. While calls went out, there was no activity. He is presently putting out a call for anyone interested in sitting on its executive or wanting to help organize next year's conference.

iii) CPES (D. SIMPSON, PRESIDENT)

This year, the CPES Dissertation Award was given to two recipients: Iris Berger of UBC (for "Narration as Action: The Potential of Pedagogical Narration for Leadership Enactment in Early Childhood Education Contexts") and Michael McGarry of OISE/UT (for "*To read, write and cast accounts*": Foucault, Governmentality, and Education in Upper Canada/Canada West"). As well, Daniel Vokey received the Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the association. This year, the CPES conference received 38 submissions of which 26 were accepted. Thanks to Chris Martin who acted as programme chair for this year's conference and to David Burns who will be the coordinator at next year's conference. Donald Kerr was elected president of the Society, starting in 2014.

f) REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (L. ALEXANDROVA)

The Student Representative addressed the question of insufficient student participation in CAFE conferences, both as attendees and paper presenters. She reviewed possible ways of increasing student CAFE Conference participation, requesting CAFE's special attention to the matter (see approved motion under Other Business). Based on preliminary feedback from students, four proposals were outlined: 1) to establish a Faculty Award for Student Mentoring (thesis and more); 2) to look into possibilities of acknowledging (potentially) all theses defended in a given year on websites/journals of CAFE or the constituent associations; 3) to consider maintaining more substantial CAFE online presence, including the possibility of setting up a database with member profiles to facilitate networking and even faculty searches. Lynne offered to (help) organize – if approved – next year's Faculty Awards round and a Creative Poster-type Session, which would add more opportunities to the regular panel presentation format for more abstract-submitting students to present their research (see details in Student Representative Report attached as Appendix C).

6) ELECTIONS

President: Theodore Christou (Nominated: Kurt Clausen; Seconded: Shirley Van Nuland)

1st Vice-President: Kurt Clausen (Nominated: Theodore Christou; Seconded: Lynn Lemisko)

Treasurer-Secretary: Lee Airton (Nominated: Self-nominated; Seconded: Frances Helyar)

2nd Vice-President: Left Vacant

CJE Representative: Helen Raptis (2013-2015)

Student Representative: Lynne Alexandrova (2013-2015)

Member-at-Large: Penney Clark; David Mandzuk (Nominated: Theodore Christou; Seconded: Linda Wheeldon)

7) NEW BUSINESS:

a) *Normalization of SIG Status*

In the past year, it has been brought to the CAFE executive's attention by CSSE personnel that CHEA and SociNet did not possess official SIG status. To this end, the following motion was first proposed:

“Be it resolved that CHEA and SociNet each apply for official SIG status as part of CAFE by January 1, 2015. In the event that they choose not to, they will cease to receive membership benefits.” Moved by: H. Raptis; Seconded by: M. Forrest

Members of these SIGs asked what the implications would be for making these associations' status official. In response, the executive explained that they would continue to receive monies accrued as part of CAFE's due from CSSE. The presidents of these SIGs would also be considered part of the CAFE executive, and take part in the decision-making process. Finally, they would receive a separate on-line submission site, and be in control of their own programmes at the CAFE annual conference. This would include an ear-marked session for each SIG's AGM.

When pushed, the executive stated that little would change from the present status, except the paperwork to formalize this agreement (which had either never been done in the past or lost from the CSSE's files).

In order to indicate that the decision be left up to CHEA and SociNet, rather than being seen as an act of force by CAFE, the mover and seconder agreed to the following friendly amendment from R. Coulter:

Motion: Be it resolved that CHEA and SociNet be asked to consider applying for official SIG status as part of CAFE by January 1, 2015. In the event that they choose not to, they will cease to receive membership benefits.

Moved by: H. Raptis
Seconded by: M. Forrest

Carried

b) Planning for a pre-conference at the 2015 Congress

At the 2013 CSSE conference held at the University of Victoria, CAFE organized a daylong pre-conference to consider strategies for preserving Education Foundations in Canadian teacher education programmes, at a time when courses in History, Sociology and Philosophy of Education are diminishing in number across the country, as are the number of tenure-track faculty positions in Foundations. This generated a great deal of discussion and resolutions to act. The minutes and notes of this pre-conference pointed to further public discussions CAFE could organize focused on developing a common theme and language, and developing an integrated statement to explain the essential contributions and mission of Foundations in teacher education.

Unfortunately, due to fact that this year's executive was rather overwhelmed with outside work, a similar pre-conference did not materialize, nor did a session dedicated to the future of the foundations in Canada. It was proposed that a concerted effort be made early to create a pre-conference for next year.

Motion: Be it resolved that CAFE hold a follow-up pre-conference on the future of education foundations in Canadian teacher education programs and that it be scheduled for the pre-conference day just prior to the official start of the CSSE Congress in 2015 in Ottawa.

Moved by: K. Clausen
Seconded by: S. Bruneau

Carried

c) Attracting New Graduate Student Members to CAFE

The Student Representative felt that CAFE should do more to attract new graduate students, as they represented the future of the association. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Be it resolved that efforts be made by CAFE to increase student participation (especially as presenters) in the annual conferences of CAFE (its constituencies).

Moved by: L. Alexandrova
Seconded by: R. Coulter

Carried

d) Other

Thanks were expressed to Michael Owen for taking on the job of 2nd Vice-President and programme coordinator for 2013-14. Organizing the CAFÉ conference is an onerous task. At this point, M. Owen gave thanks to C. Martin and others in helping smooth out glitches from the program.

Finally, thanks were expressed to Michael O’Sullivan for the four years of service he has given to the association, despite great physical setbacks during this time. His support and leadership were greatly appreciated.

8. ADJOURNMENT (4:30pm)

Appendix A
Canadian Association of Foundations of Education (CAFE)
Association canadienne pour l'étude des fondements de l'éducation

Report of the First Vice-President
Submitted to Michael O'Sullivan, CAFE President, on May 12, 2014

Dear Michael,

According to the schedule of awards, the CAFE Publication Award for 2014 was granted to a single or co-authored book published between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Following the call for nominations, twelve books were submitted. The committee of scholars adjudicating submissions has my heartfelt gratitude for its willingness to shoulder such a heavy load. The committee included the following five people, listed in alphabetical order: David Burns (Kwantlen Polytechnic University), Michelle Forrest (Mount Saint Vincent University), France Jutras (University of Sherbrooke), Lorna McLean (University of Ottawa), and John Telford (Simon Fraser University). Their efforts cannot be understated.

Further, I give thanks to Shirley van Nuland (University of Ontario Institute of Technology), former Chair of the Awards Committee, for her invaluable support. She shared her expertise and kindly volunteered to help me with a conflict of interest. She compiled the final rankings, which were submitted by the committee, permitting me to remain at arms length from the deliberations.

The 2014 Publication Award winners are Robert Gidney and Wyn Millar. Their publication, *How Schools Worked: Public Education in English Canada, 1900-1940*, is most worthy of this distinct honour. The steep list of books published in the past two years, the rich field of authors nominated, and the profound quality of scholarship demonstrates that research in the Foundations of Education is healthy, alive, and well in Canada.

The Award for Distinguished Service has been awarded to you, Michael O'Sullivan, the outgoing president of CAFE. Nominations were called for on the CAFE website. You were the unanimous choice of the committee, which was composed of the entire membership of the Executive Officers of the Board of Directors for CAFE listed here (again, in alphabetical order): Lynne Alexandrova (OISE), Penney Clark (University of British Columbia), Kurt Clausen (Nippissing University), Michael Corbett (Acadia University), Lynn Lemisko (University of Saskatchewan), David Mandzuk (University of Manitoba), Michael Owen (University of Ontario Institute of Technology), Helen Raptis (University of Victoria), Doug Simpson (Texas Tech University). Congratulations, Michael. Thank you for your years of devoted service to our Association.

Respectfully,



Theodore Michael Christou
Outgoing First Vice-President, Canadian Association for Foundations in Education

Appendix B

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT, 2013-2014

Prepared by Kurt Clausen, Nipissing University
Secretary/Treasurer, CAFÉ

Report on Expenditures

This past year, the Association incurred few expenses, all related to conference activities (i.e., catering and award framing). A donation and two membership fee deposits were made in this time period. It may be noticed that this revenue has declined by the equivalent of 22 regular members. Despite this, our reserve has risen somewhat.

Summary

Date	Expenses	Deposits	Reason	Balance
			Opening Balance 2013-14 Year	\$1,551.51
6/10/2013		\$1,440.00	2012 membership fees collected by CSSE	\$2,991.51
6/10/2013	-\$98.74		Charges related to 2012 conference	\$2,892.77
6/19/2013	-\$32.80		Helen Raptis - to pay for framing of certificate of service	\$2,859.97
7/31/2013		\$160.00	Donations from CAFE members at 2013 conf.	\$3,019.97
9/11/2013	-\$136.72		Shirley Van Nuland - Award expenses	\$2,883.25
5/1/2014		\$1,220.00*	2013 membership fees collected by CSSE	\$4,103.25
	-\$275.21		Catering for UVic, 2013	\$3,828.04
Total	-\$543.47	\$2,820.00	Closing Balance 2013-14 Year	\$3,828.04

*Membership fees consisted of the following:

- 81 Regular Members X \$10.00 = \$810.00
- 71 Student Members X \$5.00 = \$355.00
- 5 Retired Members X \$5.00 = \$25.00
- 6 Salaried Members X \$5.00 = \$30.00
- 0 International Members X \$10.00 = \$0.00

CAFE STUDENT REP PROPOSAL

To the *Canadian Association of Foundations of Education (CAFE)*

Presented at the *CAFE Annual General Meeting*, held on May 27 at the
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2014, Brock University

Dear CPES Executive Members:

As per Dr Michael O’Sullivan’s invitation, below I outline in writing the format and rationale for a set of proposals, based on consultations with fellow students, some faculty, and my experience with graduate programs in several universities and countries (including as seminar/conference organizer), and as Congress presenter with various associations since 1994.

1. To start with, I am delighted to acknowledge the AGM vote of approval of my motion for CAFE to introduce innovative formats ensuring much broader student participation in the annual conferences as part of Congress (and any other).

FORMAT: Students can be invited to submit abstracts for **1)** the regular conference presentation format, and **2)** a “poster” type format (to be designed with minimal, if any, costs to CAFE), e.g. a “Creative Knowledges Session”, where authors and attendees can experiment with multimodal forms of delivery other than the traditional discursive-verbal genre (think of music, art, and imagination).

Submitting student authors can select 1 of the 2 formats, or can indicate 1st and 2nd choice. Thus, potentially, **all student submitters** can receive an invitation, and a request to confirm their participation by a specified date.

RATIONALE: Students would learn better how to give a presentation when they can listen to others present, and can also present themselves. Since, to my knowledge, universities only dispense very modest reimbursement amounts conditional on students providing proof of having presented a paper or poster, higher acceptance rates would give more students better learning opportunities.

The envisioned approach opens the door to the inclusivity and embodied coming-to-knowing that marks the Indigenous style of learning, and e.g. Alice Chapman and John Dewey’s Experimental School Project, among a number of others.

2. Another initiative is to introduce a **Faculty Award for Excellence in Student Mentoring**.

FORMAT: A *Committee* of students and recent graduates will invite and review nominations by students and faculty. There will be no time restriction as to how long ago the nominees acted as mentors or whether they were at any point association members. The key condition is for all nominators to have been mentored by the former/current faculty member they are nominating.

RATIONALE: At a time when university “teaching” is increasingly being devalued, it is all the more important to acknowledge excellence in mentorship. It crucially gives students access to tacit knowledge, unavailable through (the unmanageable numbers of) published texts. While the **Award for Best Thesis or Dissertation** certainly acknowledges the supervisors and committees of the awardees, even if indirectly, outstanding mentorship requires separate recognition since, at its best, it initiates graduates into the workings of academia.

To walk the **1&2** talk, I reiterate my offer at the AGM to (help) organize a **2015 Creative Knowledges Session** and a **Faculty Award for Mentorship** round. The next 2 proposals may require longer-term planning:

3. Given the availability of online publishing formats, it might be a good idea to **announce all theses and dissertations** defended during a given (academic) year.
FORMAT: If a graduate so desires, they can provide a more extended synopsis, or even the official thesis abstract (perhaps accompanied by a research profile and contact email/URL). These can be published in the constituent organizations' journals or on their websites, and/or they can be posted on or linked to from the CAFE website.
RATIONALE: Apart from recognizing the serious work that goes into a doctoral or master thesis, such publications would be a useful reference for future candidates and their committees. They can also serve as a database for sessional and junior faculty hiring.
4. Expanding on **3**, if CAFE resources permit, as per the practices of an increasing number of professional NGOs, CAFE (its member associations) may be interested in setting up a full-fledged **Membership Database** with profiles of faculty and student members who want to participate.
FORMAT: A member entry can include a research profile, (links to) a CV or a list of publications and presentations, and similar.
RATIONALE: The database could improve considerably the matches between job applicants and the requirements of hiring committees, and can serve as a much broader networking resource as well.

Related to **3&4**, I'd like to add that, from the point of view of someone who has only been associated with CPES (and CAFE) for the past 6 years as a doctoral student, it would be really enriching for newer members to be able to learn more about the history and ongoing activities of their associations. More substantial CAFE online presence would be very useful in this regard, especially with the upcoming social media-savvy generations.

I will be very happy to contribute to enhancing **CAFE's extended pedagogical role**, and look forward to being part of shaping up pioneering CAFE practices as per the suggestions sketched above.

Sincerely,



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