

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

University of Ottawa

Tuesday, June 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in room LMX 403

Present: Lee Airton, Lynne Alexandrova, John Allison, Sandra Bruneau, Theodore Christou, Penney Clark, Kurt Clausen, Sharon Cook, Anthony Di Mascio, Kate Dubensky, Jason Ellis, Michelle Forrest, Katie Gemmell, Frances Helyar, Darren Kelly, Don Kerr, Lynn Lemisko, Kristina Llewellyn, Heather E. McGregor, Walter Okshevsky, Michael O'Sullivan, Helen Raptis, Pamela Rogers, Jennifer Thivierge, Shirley Van Nuland, Linda Wheeldon, Doron Yoset-Hassidim.

CALLED TO ORDER: 3:05 p.m.

1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: L. Lemisko

Seconded: D. Kerr

Carried

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2014 CAFE AGM

Moved: S. Cook

Seconded: S. van Nuland

Carried

3) REPORTS:

3.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (T. Christou)

The President reported that, in his view, there is great movement and activity in the Association. Despite having spoken and voted against any Association membership fee increases at the CSSE Annual General Meeting last year at Brock University (due to the foreseeable effect on graduate students), upon further consideration of the Association's finances, the President is now recommending a \$5 increase in membership fees. This is necessary in order to ensure that the Association can afford conference-related expenses such as university catering at Congress, which is becoming increasingly costly.

Translation of CAFE materials and communications into French continues to be a pressing issue. Very few CAFE documents are unavailable in French, including the constitution.

Continuing the conversation from the last AGM, the President reported that although CHEA (Canadian History of Education Association) members voted at the CHEA bi-annual meeting to become an official SIG of CAFE, SOCI-NET will not become an official SIG of CAFE at this time. The President acknowledged that sociologists of education have a home in the broader CAFE community, and that SOCI-NET may become a SIG when there is interest in the future.

The President highlighted several activities under his leadership of CAFE over the past year. He gave an invited address to ACDE on the importance of the foundations in teacher education; he described a ‘mostly receptive’ audience, and some deans who were not able to attend contacted him to request the resources that he had shared with those present. This year CAFE also inaugurated an annual Book Celebration which will recognize seven books published in the foundations of education since the last annual meeting. The President gave thanks to Shirley van Nuland and her committee for inaugurating the CAFE Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis Recognition Related to the Foundations of Education award for exceptional graduate student research, of which four will be awarded at this meeting. The President also gave thanks to Sharon Cook for her work in organizing the CAFE Keynote and Reception, which this year featured Dr. Chad Gaffield from the University of Ottawa. Lastly, the CAFE Plenary Session on a plan of action to promote the foundations in Canadian teacher education programs took place on Sunday May 31st and attracted many CAFE members for an afternoon of conversation and collaboration. A report on the discussion will be compiled and circulated by Lee Airton (Secretary-Treasurer).

With the assistance of a stipended graduate student at Queen’s University, a new CAFE/ACEFE website was designed and launched (<http://www.cafe-acefe.com>) this past May. The purpose of the website is to serve as an accessible institutional archive for CAFE that chronicles the Association’s activities, events and award winners going forward.

The President concluded by informing the membership that he will be stepping down as CAFE President effective at the conclusion of the AGM as he is shortly beginning a sabbatical. He offered thanks to the CAFE membership for their participation in this year’s conference and to the executive for their hard work.

3.2 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER (L. Airton)

The Secretary-Treasurer shared the Association’s current funds available and membership numbers (report attached at Appendix A). The President also observed that CAFE is the fourth-largest Association in CSSE, which speaks to the health of the foundations.

3.3 REPORT OF THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT (AWARDS) (K. Clausen)

The 1st Vice President announced that there were two competitions this year: one for the on-line learning tool and one for an edited book. He began by thanking the ten adjudicators for their efforts. He then commented that this year’s decision was an especially difficult one due to the high calibre of contenders; all submissions were excellent and prompted a sense of pride in the foundations of education. The recipients were announced at the CAFE dinner that evening.

Two nominations were made for the on-line learning tool award: Bryan Smith nominated RNWeb and RNMobile; Helen Raptis nominated the Education Heritage Museum. Bryan Smith was the recipient of this year’s award.

Six nominations were made for the edited book award: 1. Ali Abdi & Paul Carr. *Educating for Democratic Consciousness: Counter-Hegemonic Possibilities*; 2. Catherine Carstaris & Nancy Janovicek, *Feminist History in Canada*; 3. Bill Green and Mike Corbett, *Rethinking Rural Literacies*; 4. Darren Lund, Lisa Panayotidis, Hans Smits & Jo Towers, *Provoking Conversations on Inquiry in Teacher Education*; 5. Paul Stortz & Lisa Panayotidis. *Cultures, Communities &*

Conflict; 6. Lisa Taylor & Jasmin Zine, *Muslim Women, Transnational Feminism*. Darren Lund, Lisa Panayotidis, Hans Smits & Jo Towers, *Provoking Conversations on Inquiry in Teacher Education* was the recipient of this year's award.

3.4 REPORT OF THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT (PROGRAM) (S. Cook)

The 2nd Vice President began her report with a motion:

Motion: Be it resolved that CAFE thanks outgoing President T. Christou for his service and for a productive year at CAFE.

Moved: S. Cook

Seconded: F. Helyar

Carried

The 2nd Vice President invites CAFE members to be in touch with any feedback on the program this year (s.cook@uottawa.ca). As program chair, she expressed that the online process of managing submissions is extremely complicated and needs more clear instructions; she feels that communication is the primary issue, and has spoken to Tim Howard on this point. Furthermore, the move from hard copy program to electronic only was very fast; she observed that a hard copy serves a purpose (including the accommodation of people with visual disabilities). Lastly, the practice of levying a charge for a hard copy of the program is inconsistent with the practices of other Associations at Congress. The 2nd Vice President concluded with an invitation to the CAFE dinner this evening at 6:15 p.m., noting that there were still eight vacant seats.

The President offered his particular thanks to the 2nd Vice President for her work on the program.

3.5 REPORT OF THE CJE REPRESENTATIVE (H. Raptis)

The CJE Representative circulated a hard copy of her report (Appendix B), and offered an update on the state of the journal. CJE is in good shape and published six issues in 2014 such that the prior backlog is now clear and new submissions are encouraged. This is thanks to CJE Managing Editor Katy Ellsworth. The journal is costly to run despite being online only, and this is largely because of the price of copy-editing submissions.

A change in editorial policy at CJE means that proposals for special issues will be accommodated as sections of regular issues instead of issues in their own right; one cause of the afore-mentioned backlog was a large number of special issue requests which delayed the publication of individual paper submissions.

CJE now has twelve Consulting Editors who perform a 'triage' function as follows. If there is no one on the Editorial Board with the necessary expertise to review a given submission, the Consulting Editors are advised and asked to send the submission to one of their own contacts. However, the CJE Representative observed that the list of Consulting Editors did not contain any CAFE members and encouraged anyone interested to contact Katy Ellsworth and volunteer to have their name added to the list. The President suggested that Dr. Laura E. Pinto (Consulting Editor) from UOIT may in fact be a member of CPES and therefore of CAFE. The President also thanked the CJE Representative for her service.

Discussion of the CJE Representative's Report

K. Llewellyn asked H. Raptis about the acceptance rate after review, given that this is not indicated in the report on 2014 submission and acceptance rates (see Appendix B). H. Raptis responded that the 2014 submissions are still in the decision stage. There was some discussion among members as to the 76% rejection rate at initial screening. K. Llewellyn suggested that, if 76% of papers were rejected as not germane to the Canadian context, for example, the way in which the journal describes its mandate may have to be clarified. H. Raptis responded that the mandate is intentionally broad, and the rejection rate results from papers not being ready for review and public consumption (e.g., having no abstract or improper APA, etc.). In the past, another contributor to the backlog was that the Editors would correspond at length with authors on the process of developing a submission even in the absence of an abstract, formatting, etc. This practice has been discontinued such that the Managing Editor initially rejects submissions (with feedback) if they do not meet basic criteria; this frees up the Editor's time.

There was further discussion on the acceptance rate, with the CJE Representative stating that the submissions are not as narrowly focussed as in past years and also not only empirical. As a result of this broadening, the acceptance rate is much higher. J. Ellis contributed the observation that SSHRC looks for a high rejection rate in a journal (75%) and that CJE meets this criterion at present. The President stated that CJE has guaranteed SSHRC funding for the next three years.

3.6 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, CPES (D. Kerr)

The CPES President reported that CPES saw a thriving program this year with three days of sessions. CPES is pleased to recognize Jason Wallin as recipient of the 2015 CPES Master's Thesis Award, and Professor Walter Okshevsky as recipient of the CPES Distinguished Service Award. The CPES President particularly acknowledged Professor Okshevsky's research contributions, nurturing of scholarship and active participation in the field.

The CPES journal formerly known as *Paideusis* will be re-named *Philosophical Inquiry in Education*. The last issue under the previous name will be June, and the first issue under the new name will be in the coming fall. The CPES President thanked Bruce Maxwell and Kevin McDonough for their service and leadership during this time of transition.

At the CPES AGM, Dave Burns was elected to replace long-time outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Ann Chinnery. Lauren Bialystok also joined the executive.

Lastly, the CPES President remembered the late Harold Entwistle of Concordia University for his service to the discipline and the Society.

3.7 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, CHEA (K. Llewellyn)

The CHEA President began by thanking Lynn Lemisko for her leadership and organization of a successful bi-annual CHEA conference this past fall; feedback on the event was in all respects extraordinary. The next CHEA conference will be held in Waterloo on the last weekend of October 2016, and an informal meeting was held at CSSE this year to begin planning.

CHEA is currently focused on growing the Association and its membership, particularly among

graduate students. The executive is exploring issues related to branding, using social media and conducting outreach to international partners. These initiatives are intended to convey CHEA's mandate which is not only restricted to Canadian history of education or to Canadian scholars of Canadian history of education.

At CHEA's fall conference, the executive received a strong mandate from the CHEA membership at the AGM to formalize CHEA's relationship to CAFE as a SIG and to discuss the terms of formalization. A primary concern of CHEA is membership fees given that CHEA members must also become CSSE members, which can pose a financial burden for graduate students. Also, CHEA does not presently have a constitution although a draft has been initiated under the leadership of Lynn Lemisko.

Lastly, the CHEA President reported that CHEA is creating an archive of its own institutional history to be permanently housed at York University.

The President thanked the CHEA President and Lynn Lemisko for their service.

Discussion of the CHEA President's Report

The discussion of CHEA's SIG status led to a brief conversation about SOCI-NET, which will not become a formal CAFE SIG at this time. The President reported that David Mandzuk had corresponded this past year with SOCI-NET members who were interested in the organization formalizing its relationship with CAFE, but no one at this time was able to step forward to take a leadership role in the process. Michael O'Sullivan stated that he will be involved in resolving the problem of SOCI-NET's status in the near future.

The President reminded the membership that SOCI-NET did in no way 'unbecome' or stop being a SIG, but rather that, like CHEA and CPES, SOCI-NET never was a formal SIG. He further encouraged SOCI-NET members to build a formal SIG, and noted that CHEA and CPES are both very strong with a growing membership and respective well-regarded journals.

Further to her report, the CHEA President added that the CHEA journal recently solicited calls for a special issue with a full page ad in a major Canadian history periodical, to highlight the efforts of CHEA to reach out to various other constituencies.

3.8 REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (L. Alexandrova)

The outgoing Graduate Student Representative began discussion of her report with observations on the concept of academic citizenship and reiterated her call from last year's AGM to increase the number of students who are active participants (who present and not only attend). She noted that this is an issue of funding.

The Graduate Student Representative also shared some anecdotal reports from graduate students that their programs of study in the foundations are beneficial and inform their teaching practice, which connects to the theme of the CAFE Plenary Session on the status of the foundations. She supports many of the points made at the Plenary Session from the graduate student's perspective, particularly on developing key messages around how the foundations can benefit the university

and how the foundations extend or are in line with explicit policies in higher education.

She observed that the new CAFE Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis Recognition Related to the Foundations of Education awards for graduate students are meant to acknowledge and make known good work done by graduate students and mentors. The Graduate Student Representative suggests that CAFE consider giving one or two awards but also providing certificates to all nominees in the future.

Lastly, the Graduate Student Representative encouraged CAFE to broaden opportunities for students to participate more fully in the Association. One possible step in this direction would be increasing graduate student representation and having more than one Graduate Student Representative on the executive.

The President thanked the Graduate Student Representative for her service and consistent intellectual contributions to the conversation around CAFE's identity and service to the field.

4) MOTIONS

4.1 Be it resolved that the membership fee for Regular Members be increased from \$10 per annum to \$15 per annum. The membership for Students/Retired/Low Income Members will remain at \$5 per annum.

Moved: T. Christou

Seconded: S. van Nuland

Discussion

Members requested more information on the reasons for the increase in relation to CAFE's financial situation and there was discussion on whether the increase should be greater than \$15. The President responded that CAFE would like to cater with greater ease at CSSE and be able to support graduate students as well as the CHEA conference. Concern was expressed by M. Forrest that the proposed gap between the Students/Retired/Low Income fee and the faculty fee might become very wide under the proposed increase such that eventually the Students/Retired/Low Income fee will be increased anyway. The President re-iterated his concern for graduate student expenses and insisted that this fee will remain the same. There was also discussion on the topic of university catering costs and the membership fees charged by other associations/societies within CSSE.

J. Ellis called the question and offered a friendly amendment to the motion. The amendment was accepted by T. Christou as follows:

4.1 (AMENDED) Be it resolved that the membership fee for Regular Members be increased from \$10 per annum to ~~\$15~~ \$20 per annum. The membership for Students/Retired/Low Income Members will remain at \$5 per annum.

Moved: T. Christou
Seconded: S. van Nuland
Carried

4.2 Be it resolved that, effective immediately, the Canadian History of Education Association be recognized in principle as a SIG of CAFE and asked to submit a Constitution within a year's time.

Moved: K. Llewellyn
Seconded: L. Lemisko

Discussion

The CPES President asked the CHEA President to comment more fulsomely on the mandate that the CHEA executive received from their membership in the fall. The CHEA President responded that CHEA members are interested in seeing the draft constitution and asked whether they will continue to have a conference at CSSE like other SIGs or just the CHEA bi-annual conference (affirmative for both). Members were also concerned about fees and any changes CHEA's formal incorporation might bring to the fee structure and whether non-members of CSSE can attend CHEA's annual conference. The CHEA President noted that more conversation with members is in order and this is not a *fait accompli* by any means. Further, many people who attend the CHEA conference are members of the Canadian Historical Association and not CSSE or CHEA; there was some discussion as to the complexity of the situation which will require careful discussion going forward. CHEA is not currently associated with any other organization.

Carried

-- MOVE TO ELECTIONS --

6) ELECTIONS

M. O'Sullivan was nominated to receive nominations for this year's elections to the executive committee. It was noted by M. O'Sullivan that the agenda is mistaken and only the CJE Representative, Member-at-Large (Communications), Graduate Student Representative and the two Vice-Presidents are open positions at this time.

All positions acclaimed.

CJE Representative

Michelle Forrest (Nominated: committee; Seconded: L. Lemisko)

Member-at-Large (Communications)

Lynn Lemisko (Nominated: committee; Seconded: T. Christous)

1st Vice President

Shirley van Nuland (Nominated: committee; Seconded: H. Raptis)

2nd Vice President

Lisa Panayotidis (Nominated: committee; Seconded: T. Christou)

Graduate Student Representatives*

Kate Dubensky (self-nominated)

Kyle Robinson (Nominated: T. Christou)

Pamela Rogers (self-nominated)

Jennifer Thivierge (self-nominated)

*In view of the outgoing Graduate Student Representative's suggestion that graduate student representation in CAFE be increased, and the fact that four students were nominated for the position, a discussion ensued as to the possibility of expanding the position.

Motion: Be it resolved that the single Graduate Student Representative position be converted to a standing Young Scholars Committee supported by the President. The Committee would advise and assist members of the executive with their respective functions, as needed.

Moved: M. O'Sullivan

Seconded: L. Alexandrova

Carried

Lastly, L. Lemisko expressed that she would like to discuss with D. Mandzuk (incumbent Member-at-Large) the possibility of taking on the Events Member-at-Large portfolio in lieu of communications. After further discussion, these two positions were, indeed, switched.

-- RETURN TO ORDER IN THE AGENDA --

5) REPORTS ON CAFE INITIATIVES

5.1 CAFE Plenary Session

The report on the Plenary Session is being compiled by Lee Airton (Secretary-Treasurer) and will be shortly made available to the CAFE membership in order to plan next action steps.

5.2 CAFE Keynote and Reception

The 2nd Vice President (S. Cook) reiterated the invitation to the members to attend the CAFE Keynote featuring Dr. Chad Gaffield and Reception following thereafter.

5.3 CAFE Book Celebration

The 1st Vice President invited the CAFE membership to the Book Celebration where CAFE members who published books (seven) in the past year will speak to their work.

5.4 CAFE Graduate Student Recognition

S. van Nuland reported on her work with the committee to establish the CAFE Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis Recognition Related to the Foundations of Education awards for graduate students. The nominations were outstanding and reading them was a pleasure. Four recipients (one Masters and three Ph.D.) were honoured and received certificates at the AGM.

5.5 CAFE Award to Recognize Outstanding Mentoring and Advising

S. van Nuland reported on the process to develop, with help from D. Mandzuk, a new CAFE award for faculty who demonstrate excellence in mentoring and advising graduate students. She proposed that an exploratory working group be struck to consider whether such an award is desirable and viable, and to develop preliminary nomination criteria and procedures. The goal would be to prepare to publicize a January 2016 call for nominations.

J. Ellis recognized S. van Nuland's work on the proposal and added a concern that a large proportion of our CAFE colleagues are sessionals who do not supervise graduate students. Also, some CAFE members teach in large research universities whereas others do not. He worried that this proposal rewards the people who are already significantly rewarded in academia, and asked whether the proposal might be framed to include sessional faculty colleagues and colleagues who do not teach at large research universities. S. van Nuland indicated that these and other similar concerns can certainly be part of the working group's discussions.

Motion: Be it resolved that a CAFE Working Group be struck to explore and, pending the outcomes of the exploratory process, establish a CAFE Award to Recognize Outstanding Mentoring and Advising to receive nominations in advance of the next conference.

Moved: S. van Nuland

Seconded: M. Forrest

Carried

The following CAFE members volunteered to serve on the Working Group with S. van Nuland: H. Raptis, J. Ellis and D. Yoset-Hassidim.

5.6 CAFE Website and Outreach

Information on the new website is available in the President's report (above).

7) AD HOC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

7.1 Possible Special Event at CSSE 2016 in Calgary

M. Forrest shared reflections on the CAFE Plenary Session and proposed that a silent auction be held next year in Calgary on site at Congress and which would benefit a local community organization. This would be an instance of foundations scholars creating justifications for the value of the foundations: showing our impact instead of telling. She proposed that this could be organized in relation to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and perhaps include reaching out to First Nations elders in the Calgary area to request guidance as to whether there is an immediate need to which the proceeds could be dedicated.

Motion: Be it resolved that the CAFE executive take up M. Forrest's suggestion as a topic of discussion and inform the membership.

Moved: M. Forrest
Seconded: L. Wheedon
Carried

7.2 Reminders

S. van Nuland stated that this year's award recipients will be at the dinner this evening. S. Cook reiterated her invitation for members to attend.

7.3 President's Farewell Message (T. Christou)

The (outgoing) President offered best wishes to K. Clausen (President-elect) for the coming year in the form of a quotation in Greek. The President's rough translation (paraphrased by L. Airton) is as follows: "I hope to pass on the state healthier and more robust than I received it."

8) ADJOURNMENT: Moved: S. van Nuland; Seconded: L. Airton.

ADJOURNED 4:44 p.m.

APPENDIX A

2014-2015 Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Prepared by Lee Airton, OISE/University of Toronto

This past year the Association incurred few expenses. The first in the table below is self-explanatory. The second supported the (outgoing) President's invited address to the ACDE to promote the educational foundations in Canadian teacher education programs. An additional as-yet-unlisted expense is the catering costs from CSSE at Brock in 2014, which Tim Howard reports will be deducted shortly following the completion of the 2014 CSSE Audit.

Summary of Expenditures since the Previous Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Please note that this year's starting balance was \$4,103.25.

Date	Amount	Balance	Reason
2014-06-12	- \$64.26	\$4,038.99	CAFE - Theodore Christou - to pay for award and framing of outstanding publication & distinguished service
2014-11-12	- \$229.36	\$3,809.63	CAFE - Theodore Christou - to pay for hotel charges for meeting with ACDE in Ottawa

Summary of Membership

Year	Regular (\$10)	Student (\$5)	Retired (\$5)	Low Income (\$5)	International (\$10)
2013-2014	81	71	5	6	0
2014-2015	100	85	8	3	1
CHANGE	+19	+14	+3	-3	+1

The total member count in 2013-2014 was 163, and our current count is 197.

The Association collected \$1,490 in membership dues for the 2014-2015.

At the AGM, a motion was carried to raise the membership fee for Regular members to \$20 which will bring a much-needed income increase to the Association in the next calendar year.

2014-2015 Report of the *Canadian Journal of Education* Representative

Prepared by Helen Raptis, University of Victoria

Issues:

- 6 issues published in 2014 (36, 3) and (36, 4) dated 2013; 37, 1 = theme: Youth Voice; 3 regular issues
- Production and database are now current

Article activity for 2014:

	Submitted	Rejected at screening	In review/revision	Rejected after review
English	100	76	13	4
French	29	10	11	-

- each article cost between \$800 and \$1,000 per issue to publish – this is mainly due to copyediting costs

Special Issues:

- Nicholas Ng-Fook will guest edit Curriculum Internationalization special issue (from meeting of IAACS)
- call out (closes Sept. 2015) for special issue re: Children’s Play
- call out (until November 2015) for special issue re: Historical Consciousness
- Fall 2015 issue will be a special transition issue to assist Canadian Journal of Native Education

* Special issues are always presented as “sections” devoted within regular issue (to avoid backlog)

Outreach:

- 2,752 registered users; 390 are new this year
- 2,038 registered readers; 210 are new this year

Staffing:

- Roland Deslandes (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières) will remain French editor for 2nd 3-year term
- Samira ElAtia (University of Alberta) will assume role of Francophone Book Review Editor
- Anglophone Editor and Book Review Editor will soon be appointed
- Erika Hasebe-Ludt stepping down as Anglophone Editor; Katy Ellsworth will remain Managing Editor
- Currently 12 people are Consulting Editors; each association has representation for the Advisory Committee