

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

University of British Columbia

Monday, June 3rd 2019 at 12:15 p.m. in Henry Angus Building (ANGU) 492

Present: K. Anderson, S. Barrett, S. Bruneau, A. Chinnery, T. Christou, K. Clausen, D. Cui, A. Di Mascio, J. Ellis, T. Ellis, M. Forrest, B. Gidney, N. Grant, F. Helyar, S. Kouritzin, J. Kerr, H. Krepski, L. Lemisko, P. Orlowski, M. Owen, A. Pullman, H. Raptis, P. Rogers, Y. Ronen, C. Wallace-Casey, L. Wheeldon.

CALLED TO ORDER: 12:30 p.m.

1) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: H. Raptis

Seconded: L. Lemisko

Carried

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2017 CAFE AGM

Moved: L. Wheeldon

Seconded: M. Forrest

Amendments: That Jeannie Kerr and Sandra Kouritzen shared the CJE advisory panel position for 2018/2019.

Carried

3) PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Many thanks were given to the executive members for all their labours over the past year: Jeannie Kerr, Jason Ellis, Cynthia Wallace-Casey, Frances Helyar.

4) REPORTS:

4.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (K. Clausen)

See submitted report.

In speaking to the report, Kurt stated that this would be his last AGM after 4 years as president. He felt that in that time the executive committee, composed of many strong members, had accomplished quite a lot as a team. A nominating committee had been created in the past year's AGM, and was now chaired by the past-president, Ted Christou. At the same time, the position of 2nd Vice-President had been redefined and strengthened. At the same time, a motion to limit executive members to two terms was voted down (the members felt that this was too risky without proper succession supports in place).

A special CAFE panel was created for the recent American Educational Research Association annual conference in Toronto this past April. Moderated by the president of CAFE, representatives came from the various SIGs: the Canadian History of Education Association (Lynn Lemisko); Socinet (David Mandzuk); and the Canadian Philosophy of Education Society (Lauren Bialystok). The panel was entitled “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness versus Peace, Order and Good Government: A Presidential Panel”. With attendance broken into 1/3 American, 1/3 Canadian and 1/3 International participants, the room was filled to capacity and by all considerations, a great success.

The following news items were communicated from the recent Board of Directors meeting held on June 1st:

- 1) After a disappointing financial situation leading up to the 2018 conference, CSSE went into a deficit year. This meant cutting a number of expenditures including face-to-face meetings, association and travel grants, etc. This year, some austerity measures were lifted: The November Board of Directors’ meeting will once again be a face-to-face venue this year; grants will be reinstated this coming year. However, program coordinators will continue to meet in an online venue.
- 2) The deadline for conference proposals will remain as October 1st each year.
- 3) If an association is planning a pre-conference, a “Shell” of an idea should be submitted to CSSE by November 1, as this will facilitate more efficient planning and organization.
- 4) Katy Ellsworth will be stepping down as conference manager/general manager/journal manager/communication officer for CSSE. Her job will now be broken into 2 separate positions: conference/general manager (to be taken over by Mike Holden), and journal manager/communication Officer (TBD).
- 5) The CSSE AGM will be on June 4th at 12:15pm. There will be a free lunch in the room.
- 6) The 2020 CSSE conference will be held at Western University (from May 30-June 3).
- 7) The CSSE Committee for Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity is being chaired by Ian Matheson (Queen’s). If you have any suggestions, please contact him.
- 8) CSSE may change or eliminate Knowledge Mobilization day next year due to dropping levels of interest among the membership.
- 9) CJE articles will now increase from 40 to 45 a year (to make allowance for one capsule issue a year).
- 10) CSSE will be turning 50 in 2022-3. If you have any ideas as to how to celebrate this occasion, please send them in.

4.2 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER (F. Helyar)

See submitted financial report. CAFE is still in the black. The annual transfer of funds to the SIGs has now happened—amount transferred from CSSE to SIGs has been done. A more formalized list of duties is needed for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Funds coming in this past year were modest. However, as shown by UBC, large conferences will bring in more funds - and membership numbers have increased in the past year.

4.3 REPORT OF THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT (AWARDS) (J. Kerr)

See submitted report. This was Jeannie’s first year as 1st Vice-President. In the previous AGM, a discussion had arisen as to whether there should be an automatic movement of the executive members through the ranks from Secretary to 2nd to 1st VP to President. The membership

successfully argued against that, stating that rather than seeing the various positions as mere stepping stones to the presidency, each role necessitated a unique skill set, and offered its own rewards. Jeannie only took on this job on the understanding that she would not have to be president.

She put the calls for awards out in the fall (5 of them), and gives many thanks to the volunteers who reviewed award applicants, as well as to the nominators.

This year, the following Awards were given:

- *Distinguished Service Award*: Dr. Theodore Christou
- *E. Lisa Panayotidis Dissertation Award*: Dr. Pamela Rogers for her dissertation, "Tracing neoliberal governmentality in education: Disentangling economic crises, accountability, and the disappearance of social studies" (University of Ottawa, Tim Stanley, supervisor)
- *Masters' Thesis Awards*: Natalie Romanow for her thesis, "Confidence in crisis: An investigation of education strategies in a crisis-defined system" (University of Toronto/OISE, Lauren Bialystok, supervisor)
- *Publication Award for Peer-Reviewed Article/Book Chapter*: Scott Pollock and Marie-Hélène Brunet (2018), 'When it became equal': How historical consciousness and theories of agency can explain female students' conceptions of feminism. *Canadian Social Studies* 50(1), 11-24.
- *Advising and Mentoring Award*: Dr. Helen Raptis

4.4 REPORT OF THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT (PROGRAM) (J. Ellis)

See submitted report. Jason thanks the executives from CAFE and CSSE for all the great support, saying he had a very easy year due to the assistance of colleagues in the association. The one difficulty was the peer review process of submissions – this was due to the fact that UBC was such a choice location there were more submissions than available spots, forcing tough decisions. He thanked Ashley Pullman for her help with the peer process of sociology papers.

4.5 REPORT OF THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE (M. Forrest)

Drs. Ted Christou and Chris DeLuca's term as CJE co-editors has now ended, and new co-editors, Drs. Nancy Maynes, Blaine Hatt and Thomas Ryan (all from Nipissing University) have been appointed. The French editor, Dr. Carole Fleuret will remain. As this year's CJE meeting was not until after the CAFE AGM, Michelle is waiting to hear how positions will be cemented. The indication is that the journal will be migrated onto Platform D /AREA D which is cheaper, more efficient, and more widely accepted. The Coalition Publi.ca (www.coalition-publi.ca) project coordinator, Jennifer Clark discussed at a meeting this week the benefits of this group for the journal. CJE has, once again, received the SSHRC grant for the next 3 years. There will be a panel tomorrow to discuss helping emerging scholars.

4.6 REPORT OF THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF EDUCATION EDITORIAL ADVISORY PANEL (J. Kerr/S. Kouritzin)

No report. Ted Christou, our past-president's term as co-editor has ended. He mentioned that he had tried to be inclusive of all the different areas, not allowing the foundations to be neglected in CSSE.

4.7 REPORT OF PRESIDENT, CANADIAN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY (A. Chinnery)

It was announced that a new slate of officers now sat on the executive of CPES. Specifically, Claudia Ruitenbergh now becomes past-president as Ann Chinnery steps into the role of President. The association's journal, *Philosophical Inquiry in Education* (PIE) received a SSHRC grant in the amount of \$30,000 over the next three years. Items discussed at the CPES AGM: Should we entertain virtual presentations—need to think creatively about the impact on the environment? There didn't appear to be much appetite for it because of organizational consequences.

4.8 REPORT OF PRESIDENT, CANADIAN HISTORY OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (H. Raptis)

The conference held in Fredericton this past November was a great success, and voted Helen Raptis into the position of president. Outgoing president, Catherine Gidney, struck a governance committee to discuss revising the structure. She believed that the regional representation format didn't work well anymore. Perhaps there should be a move towards to role-based representatives. CHEA is now working out a theme for fall conference that will be held in Victoria in October, 2020.

4.9 REPORT OF PRESIDENT, SOCINET (D. Mandzuk)

In David's absence, Nichole Grant (acting Vice-President) gave the report. She reported that of the 24 submissions, Socinet had accepted 16 — a good turnout for a slowly revitalizing SIG.

4.10 REPORT OF THE CAFE EMERGING SCHOLARS COMMITTEE

This position was vacant this year

5) MOTIONS

5.1 CREATING A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion 1: That a committee (consisting of a chair and one representative from each SIG) be created, dedicated to maintenance and recruitment of CAFE members.

Moved: K. Clausen

Seconded: L. Lemisko

Discussion: The rationale for the necessary creation of this committee was due to the fact that members frequently forgot to register as a member until the last moment, when the conference was just beginning. To aid our numbers when financial recompense is given by CSSE, we need to be sure that people are reminded to renew. As well, it is important to seek out new researchers to the field of foundations to help build the community. It was first agreed that this committee would be created this year, but members would not be voted onto this committee until next year's AGM. Then the question emerged as to who would be in charge of the committee – a Vice-President? Should there be representatives from each SIG? Finally, the members settled that perhaps one person should be in charge of this rather than a committee – that this might be more efficient.

Amendment to the Motion: That a **recruitment and outreach officer** position [rather than a committee] be created who will be dedicated to maintenance and recruitment of new CAFE members, while also acting as outreach to the teaching profession.

Carried.

5.2 CREATING AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM & PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

Motion 2: That a committee (consisting of a chair and one representative from each SIG) be created, dedicated to generating concise CAFE conference programs for members, and publishing annual “CAFE Conference Proceedings” on an earmarked page of the website.

Moved: K. Clausen

Seconded: L. Lemisko

Discussion: The rationale for this motion came from the desire to heighten our status and visibility by having it appear in the form of conference proceedings. The proceedings would simply consist of the proposals the presenter had submitted before the conference. They would merely have to accept that their proposal will be included in the proceedings. After discussion, Kurt agreed that for the following year, he would chair this committee as past-president.

Carried.

5.3 FORMALIZING PLENARY SESSIONS

Motion 3: That the CAFE AGM, the Keynote Address, the Book Celebration, and the Lisa Panayotidis PhD Award & Keynote Address be recognized as CAFE Plenary sessions; This would mean that no other CAFE (or its SIG’s) sessions may run at this time.

Moved: K. Clausen

Seconded: L. Lemisko

Discussion: To avoid future conflicts in the CAFE/SIG programs, these parameters have to be formally recognized. This will allow the CAFE coordinator and the SIG coordinators to be “on the same page”.

Carried.

5.4 TRANSFORMING CAFE-SIG FUND TRANSFERS INTO STUDENT CONFERENCE/TRAVEL GRANTS

Motion 5: That the funds transferred annually from CAFE to its SIG’s (amounting to 30% of CAFE membership revenues) be employed as ‘travel grants’ for graduate students to offset costs to attend the annual CAFE conference, with each SIG managing the distribution of grant funds in support of SIG graduate students.

Moved: K. Clausen

Seconded: M. Owen

Discussion: Up to this point, CAFE has traditionally given 30% of its incoming membership fees to the 3 SIGs as an act of good-will. However, there is no policy that states CAFE must, or in what form that transfer should take. CAFE is, in fact, the only

association in CSSE that does this. It should also be noted that when this tradition began, the SIGs were fledgling organizations, struggling to grow (in the 1980s). At this point, the SIGs are actually in better financial shape than CAFE, as they collect membership fees on top of this transfer, while CAFE has no other means to fund itself. CAFE now wants to see that these funds support not only the SIG, but that they have mutual benefit for CAFE, as well. The desire is to see the funds used in a meaningful way: To this end, it is believed that the most valuable thing we can spend money on is grants for students because they will be the next generation. At the same time, CAFE does not want to cut this transfer off cold-turkey: Rather than seen as peripheral, SIGs are recognized by CAFE as vital parts of the association. Working out to between \$200-300 annually, SIGs will be in charge of the specific distribution of these funds. The specifics would be discussed within the SIG executive or AGMs. Finally, the question was asked if funding could be extended to those who are members of the academic “precariate” (i.e., those who list themselves as “low income” in their membership).

Amendment to the Motion: That members of the academic “precariate” (low-income members) be included as eligible candidates for these travel grants.

Motion and amendment carried unanimously.

6) ELECTIONS

Due to pressures of time, Kurt moved that elections be moved up before the **#5 Motions** part. This was seconded by Michelle Forrest and carried unanimously.

Speaking to the elections, Ted Christou (chair of inaugural nominating committee) stated that only two positions had been advertised (President and 2nd Vice-President) with a candidate being put forward for each. These are listed below. The rest of the nominations came from the floor. As the new past-president, Kurt Clausen will now be taking over the nominating committee.

President: Lynn Lemisko (Acclaimed)

2nd Vice President: Shirley Van Nuland (Acclaimed)

Secretary-Treasurer: Sandra Kouritzin (Acclaimed)

Member-at-Large (Special Events): Gemma Porter (Acclaimed)

CJE Representative: Michelle Forrest (Acclaimed)

CJE Editorial Advisory Board Member: Sandra Kouritzin (Acclaimed)

Emerging Scholars Committee: Kaitlyn Sharpwey, Taylor Ellis (Acclaimed)

*Note: Members of this committee will elect their own chair

ADJOURNED 1:50 pm