

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Association of Slavists
24 May 2009, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ont.**

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting came to order at 15:43 and was chaired by Bohdan Harasymiw.

2. Presentations by the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences

President Natalie Des Rosiers outlined the CFHSS policy platform and addressed the questions of budgetary concerns in light of the disappointing federal government's budget. She encouraged CAS members to help the federation in its lobbying efforts. Other issues included in her presentation dealt with the budgetary concerns affecting universities across Canada and the copyright act.

Executive Director Jody Ciufu informed CAS members about the advisory services offered by the federation to scholarly associations.

CAS President, Zina Gimpelevich thanked the presenters.

3. ICCEES report by Stanislav Kirschbaum

Professor Kirschbaum, a long serving secretary of ICCEES (since 1980), urged CAS members to fill vacant positions on ICCEES Executive in order to continue Canada's representation at this important international forum after his retirement. Professor Kirschbaum also spoke about the Canadian bid to host 2015 Congress of ICCEES in Victoria, B.C.

4. Remembrance

Members stood for a minute of silence to remember members of CAS deceased since the last AGM: Wasyl Veryha and Raisa Zuk-Hryszkiewicz.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda adopted as posted.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Connie Wawruck-Hemmet noticed an omission in the minutes of 2008 AGM regarding a discussion of student representation on CAS Executive which took place after the Nominating Committee report. Secretary-Treasurer will amend the minutes.

Moved by Connie Wawruck-Hemmet and seconded by Roman Shiyan to approve minutes of the 2008 AGM held at the University of British Columbia as amended. Carried.

6. Amendment to Section 11 of CAS Constitution

Zina Gimpelevich presented the change to the CAS Constitution as proposed by Heather Coleman with the following justification: The preamble to section 11 notes that all members are elected “by a majority vote at the general meeting” but further on, in section “h”, an exception in voting practice is made for the graduate student representative. The unfortunate result has been that no graduate student representative has been elected for many years, due to the cumbersome process set up in section “h.” The CAS Executive thus recommends that CAS bring the procedure for electing the graduate student representative into line with that for all other members of the Executive.

Proposed Amendment to Section 11th of the CAS Constitution:

Current wording: Graduate student representative - elected annually. The student representative shall be elected for a one year term by and from the student membership of CAS/ACS by mail ballot prior to the AGM from among nominations received by the CAS nominating committee. All bona fide students shall be eligible for nomination and in the event that the student representative graduates during the term of his/her mandate, he/she complete his/her term of office.

Change to: Graduate student representative - elected annually. All bona fide students shall be eligible for nomination and in the event that the student representative graduates during the term of his/her mandate, he/she shall complete his/her term of office.

Connie Wawruck-Hemmet spoke in favour of the amendment.

Moved by Zina Gimpelevich and seconded by Connie Wawruck-Hemmet to amend CAS constitution. Carried. Constitution amended.

7. Executive Reports

a. President’s Report

Full text of the report is posted in PDF format at:

http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/2009_President_Report.pdf

b. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

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c. 2009 Organizing Committee Report

2009 Conference Chair, Andrea Chandler, thanked all individuals who contributed to the organization of this year's conference, including the CAS Executive, and acknowledged the assistance of the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University. This year conference had 34 panels (15 of which were complete panel submissions) and three roundtables. Overall, 86 papers were presented at the conference with a noticeable participation of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. This year's banquet, held at Baker's Grill on campus, was sold out. An ongoing issue at this year's conference was the use of PowerPoint and other classroom technology. It was difficult to book rooms equipped with appropriate equipment at the time of the Congress when the host university's resources were stretched. Similar problems can be foreseen at future conferences with a larger number of CAS members requesting the use of AV equipment.

d. *Canadian Slavonic Papers*: Editor's Report

Full text of the report is posted in PDF format at:

http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/2009_Editor_Report.pdf

8. Nominating Committee Report and Elections

In the absence of the Nominating Committee members Zina Gimpelevich presented the committee's report as prepared by Maxim Tarnawsky, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Honorary President, 2009-10
Norman Pereira

President, 2008-10
Zinaida Gimpelevich, continues in office for one more year.

Vice Presidents, 2009-10
Heather Coleman
Andrea Chandler

Secretary-Treasurer, 2007-10
Bohdan Nebesio, continues in office for one more year

Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, 2006-11
Oleh Ilnytzyk, continues in office for two more years

Programme Committee Chair, 2009-10
Alison Rowley

Programme Committee Members, 2009-10
Allan Reid (UNB 2011)

Members-at-large, 2009-10
Megan Swift (Victoria)
Gust Olson (U.S.)
Donna Orwin (Toronto)
Inna Tigountsova (Memorial)

Nominating Committee
Immediate Past President and Chair, 2008-10
Maxim Tarnawsky, continues in office for one more year

Nominating Committee Members, 2009-10
Natalia Aponiuk
Elena Baraban

International Committee of Slavists, 2008-13
Term extended to 2013
Olga Mladenova

CAS rep to ICCEES, 2008-2011
Andrii Krawchuk, continues in office,
and he have been nominated to serve on the ICCEES Executive Committee from CAS

International Relations Committee, 2009-14
Natalia Pylypiuk

Graduate Student Representative, 2009-10
Svitlana Krys

All positions were acclaimed. The Meeting has accepted and approved the reports of the executive officers and the Nominating Committee.

9. Proposal to host 2015 ICCEES Congress in Victoria, B.C.

Andrii Krawchuk outlined a proposal to present a bid to host 2015 ICCEES Congress in Victoria, B.C. The Congress is expected to be attended by 1500 delegates from around the world. The idea to hold the congress has been agreed upon by the CAS Executive prior to the AGM. A steering committee has been formed including Zina Gimpelevich—CAS President, Andrii Krawchuk—CAS representative to ICCEES, and Megan Swift—University of Victoria representative. The steering committee will be replaced by Organizing Committee if the CAS bid is successful.

Discussion: Oleh Ilnytskyj asked about the Congress funding and Alan Reid expressed his concern about the formal relationship between CAS and the ICCEES Congress Organizing Committee.

Motion: CAS AGM approves the initiative to make a proposal to host 2015 ICCEES Congress in Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Andrii Krawchuk and seconded by Alison Rowley. Carried.

10. Motion to thank the outgoing CAS Executive

Moved by Norman Pereira and seconded by Oleh Ilnytskyj. Applause.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.