

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Association of Slavists
May 26, 2007. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

1. Chair

The meeting came to order at 3:37 PM with 51 members present.

Gust Olson chaired the meeting.



Gust Olson



Victor Buyniak

The CAS AGM

for 2007 began with a greeting and welcome to Saskatoon from Victor Buyniak, an old friend of CAS, who was among its founders more than 50 years ago. He welcomed all the delegates and spoke to the long and fruitful association of CAS and Slavic Studies with the University of Saskatchewan.

2. Memory of Slavists who have passed away

In the absence of any report of CAS members who had passed away in the preceding year the chair asked all members to submit names to the executive when they learn of a member who has passed away.

3. Agenda.

Zina Gimpelevich moved (m) and Connie Wawruck seconded (s) that the agenda, distributed at the meeting, be approved. Carried.



CAS members at the AGM in Saskatoon

4. Minutes of 2006 AGM

Maxim Tarnawsky (m), Heather Coleman (s) that the minutes of the May 28, 2006 CAS AGM at York University, which were published on the internet at the CAS, be approved. Carried.

5. Executive Reports

The President, Maxim Tarnawsky, summarized his written report, which had been published to the CAS website (http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/2007_President_Report.pdf) and distributed at the meeting. He emphasized that the core functions of CAS, the journal and the annual conference were doing well and thanked Elena Baraban, the program chair, and Oleh Ilnytzyj, the journal editor along with his assistant, Svitlana Kryz. He reported on the CAS essay prize. The graduate prize was awarded to Auri Berg of the University of Toronto for an essay entitled "From Town to City: Urbanization and Social Integration in late 19th Century Nizhnii Novgorod." The essay was nominated by Prof. Robert Johnson. The undergraduate prize went to Talia Zajac of the University of Toronto for an essay entitled "Silk and Crosses: Contextualizing the Rus' Conversion of 988 in Byzantine and Rus' Sources." The essay was nominated by Prof. Nicholas Everett. The president called on members to submit nominations for this year's prizes. He also thanked the award jury, which consisted of Carter Elwood, Alison Rowley, and Kees Boterbloem. Allan Reid(m), Elena Baraban (s) that the report be approved. Carried.

* The reports of CAS officers were interrupted at this point to allow for a presentation by representatives of the Federation, summarized below.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Zina Gimpelevich, summarized her written report, which had been published to the CAS website (http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/treasurers_report_2006_2007.pdf) and distributed at the meeting. She reported that the tax-exempt status of the CAS Fund was finally settled, and that finances were in order and stable, relative to previous years. The fiscal year of the association had been shifted to a March 31 closing. She asked members to consider a tax-exempt donation to CAS along with their annual dues. Zina Gimpelevich (m), Heather Coleman (s) that the report be approved. Carried.



Zina Gimpelevich

Oleh Ilnytzyk, the editor of our journal, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, was unavoidably absent, since he is teaching in the summer semester in Ukraine. His assistant, Svitlana Krys read his written report, which had been published to the CAS website



Svitlana Krys

(http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/CSP_report_2006_2007.pdf) and distributed at the meeting. The report noted that the journal was on time, its finances were good and the quality of submissions was excellent. In response to a question from the floor, Svitlana said that she did not know the rejection rate for submissions, but speculated that it was close to half. Svitlana

Krys (m), Zina Gimpelevich (s) that the report of the Editor be approved. Carried.

The chair of the Programme Committee, Elena Baraban, reported that the Conference was proceeding smoothly with 29 panels (17 with discussants) including 84 papers, 106 registered participants, a banquet for 48 participants without financial loss, and two joint panels with the Historical Association. Maxim Tarnawsky (m), Zina Gimpelevich (s) that the report of the programme chair be approved and that the membership thank and congratulate the chair for a



Elena Baraban

job well done. Carried.

In the absence of a graduate student representative and of the International Affairs Committee Chair, no reports were presented on these aspects of the Association's activities.

The chair of the Nominating Committee submitted a written report which was presented by the meeting chair, Gust Olson. The choice of the executive committee for honorary president of CAS for 2007–2008 was:

Daniel Z. Stone, Professor Emeritus University of Manitoba

The Nominating Committee further presented the following slate of candidates for election:

Vice Presidents, 2007-08

Zina Gimpelevich (University of Waterloo)

Elena Baraban (University of Manitoba)

Secretary-Treasurer, 2007-2010

Bohdan Nebesio (Brock University)

Programme Committee Co-Chairs, 2007-08

Bozena Karwowska (University of British Columbia)

Megan Swift (University of Victoria)

Programme Committee members

Andrea Chandler (Carleton University)

Alison Rowley (Concordia University)

Members-at-large, 2007-08 (four to be elected)

Dejan Guzina (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Alexander Hill (University of Calgary)

Olga Mladenova (University of Calgary)

Maryna Romanets (University Northern British Columbia)

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye (Brock University)

Alison Smith (University of Toronto)

Nominating Committee Members

Natalia Pylypiuk (University of Alberta) Past President, ex-officio chair (not elected)

Heather Coleman (University of Alberta)

Alison Rowley (Concordia University)

The following additional nominations for Members-at-large were submitted from the floor:

Patrick Reid, (University of Illinois)

Magdalena Blackmore (University of Manitoba)

Maxim Tarnawsky (m), Zina Gimpelevich (s) that the report of the nominating committee be

approved. Carried.

6. Elections

In the absence of other nominations, the chair declared all candidates running unopposed as elected by acclamation. An election was held for the four Member-at-large positions. Heather Coleman and Zina Gimpelevich tabulated the ballots and declared the following elected:

Svitlana Krys (University of Alberta)

Olga Mladenova (University of Calgary)

Patrick Reid (University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana)

Maryna Romanets (University of Northern British Columbia)

7. On behalf of the membership, Bohdan Harasymiw, expressed gratitude to the members of the outgoing executive.

8. Business Arising

The membership listened attentively to a presentation by representatives of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (which actually occurred before the report of the Secretary Treasurer).

The meeting was addressed by Noreen Golfman, President of the Federation, and Jody Ciufu, Executive



Jody Ciufu

Director. They focused on the activity of the Federation and developments at SSHRC, particularly the prospects of long term travel grant funding and open access policies for journals. They announced the tentative dates for CAS meetings at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in 2008 as Saturday, May 31 through Monday June 2, 2008. They also announced the location of future congresses: 2009 - Carleton; 2010 - Concordia; 2011 - University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas, Fredericton, NB; 2012 - Wilfrid Laurier and Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.



Noreen Golfman

Maxim Tarnawsky rose to raise a few issues to hear the membership's views. He raised four issues: 1. What changes should CAS introduce to fix the failure of our current system of graduate representation on the executive. 2. What do members think about the SSHRC grants competition which some members feel is not functioning in a reasonable manner. 3. Should CAS restructure its officers and their terms in view of the two-year presidency while other offices are for a single year. 4. Should the CAS newsletter be replaced by electronic news reporting on the CAS website.

These ideas stimulated a general discussion. In particular, the members present voiced support



Another view of members at the AGM

for a traditional newsletter. The president offered to send this matter to the general membership, but after Elena Baraban volunteered to edit the newsletter over the next year, the matter was set aside as moot.

9. With no further business arising Bohdan Harasymiw (m) that the meeting be adjourned with thanks to Gust Olson for chairing the meeting. Adjourned at 5:29 PM.

Recording secretary: Maxim Tarnawsky
Some photographs of the banquet.



Outdoors on the patio.



And what a meal it was!



Graduate students from Toronto were well represented. From l to r: Lyubov Shmygol, Marko Stech (CIUS Press), Natalia Kovaliova, Oksana Tatsyak, Anna Chukur, Roman Ivashkiv, Amanda Greber, and Prof. Maxim Tarnawsky (CAS president).



The Kurelek mural in St. Thomas More College Chapel.