



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF

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**Annual General Meeting
Saturday, June 6, 1997**

**Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, Newfoundland**

1. Chair:

Joan Debardeleben opened the meeting and chaired it.

The chair asked that the members honour the memory of those members who had passed away during the preceding year. The members stood for a moment of silence to honour Andrea Horvath Thuroczone and John Strong.

2. Minutes:

Reid moved (m) and Shkandrij seconded (s) that the minutes of the 1996 AGM, published in the November 1996, *CAS Newsletter*, no. 87, (Vol. XXXVII) be approved. Motion carried by acclamation.

3. HSSFC:

Marcel Lauzière, Executive Director of the Federation spoke to the members about the current status of the Humanities and Social Science Federation of Canada and the next Congress in Ottawa.

4. Reports:

President

Joan Debardeleben briefly summarized her [written report](#). She focused on the problems with mailing fees to AAASS for Canadian members, the membership drive, and difficulties with the use of the CAS mailing list in fundraising.

Treasurer and Secretary

Tarnawsky presented the following report:

A. General Financial Picture

CAS is still financially healthy. But the organization's financial health is in jeopardy. Our dues to the new federation are up (\$2,160 this year, \$1,736 last year), our grant from them is down very sharply. Last year it was \$3,311. This year it was \$1,656. Next year it will, presumably, be zero.

The Association's Treasurer's office expenses (xeroxing, postage, telephones, stationary) were absorbed by the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, for which the Association is grateful.

CAS finances are clearly divided between the CSP office in Edmonton and the treasurer's office in Toronto. CSP gets membership dues. The treasurer receives SSHRC funds and can call (according to established custom in the Association) on up to \$3,000 of dues receipts, if necessary. Once again there was no need for the \$3,000 transfer of dues from CSP this year. With the reduced

grant from SSHRC, the treasurer will likely call on these moneys in the next year.

B.SSHRC Grants

We received \$5,400 from SSHRC, \$1,656 for our expenses and \$3,744 for travel.

C Travel Fund

The travel fund was in balance this year. In order to stay within our budget, it was necessary to reduce grant allocations by an additional 47% (from our target allocations of 75% for students, retirees and unemployed members and 50% for others). This is much higher than in previous years. Next year, the AGM location in Ottawa will mean large demands from the west, but lower demands from Toronto, which, I feel, should be excluded along with all of Ontario and Quebec.

D The CAS Fund

The CAS Fund has made its customary \$1,000 contribution to the Travel Fund. Since this is less than the income from interest, the Fund's balance will not be diminished.

Programme Committee

The Programme committee had nothing to report.

Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*

Edward Mozejko summarized his [written report](#) which focused on the journal's financial status and membership and submission statistics. He introduced the idea of thematic issues on particular countries following the model of the Polish issue currently being assembled.

Graduate Student Representative

Kari Bronaugh delivered an oral report. She said the students were preparing a listserv and proposed re-instituting the student essay prize.

International Relations Committee

Carter Elwood summarized his [written report](#).

Nominating Committee

In the absence of Nicholas Zekulin, Tarnawsky presented a list of candidates for elected offices (see list of elected officials). The positions of programme committee chair and representative to ICSEES were left without nominees. The membership was asked to allow the new executive to fill these positions after consultations with prospective candidates.

5 Elections

The following members were elected (*) or continue to serve in the designated positions:

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President

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Immediate Past President & Chair, Nominating Committee

Nicholas Zekulin
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Peter Petro *
University of British Columbia

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Carleton University

Aileen Esperitu (West) *
University of Northern British Columbia

Mark Knighton (East) *
Memorial University of Nfld.

Donna Canevari de Paredes (Central) *
University of Saskatchewan

Advisory Board

Paul Austin (1994-1999)
McGill University

Larry Black (1994-1999)
Carleton University

Douglas Clayton (1997-2002) *
University of Ottawa

Robert Busch (1996-2001)
University of Alberta

Bill McGrath (1996-1999)
Memorial University of Nfld.

Tova Yedlin (1996-2001) *
University of Alberta

International Relations Committee

R. Carter Elwood (1996-2001)
Carleton University

Nominating Committee

Robert Johnson *
University of Toronto (CREES)

Connie Wawruck Hemmett *
Dalhousie University

6. Other Business

Connie Wawruck-Hemmett urged members to submit news of their publications to the annual bibliography. The mention of the bibliography in T. M. S. Priestly's report on the ICS shows its importance. Connie also asked for ideas to present to the Women's Issues Network.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business Shkandrij (m), Tarnawsky (s) adjournment. Following adjournment, the membership engaged in an open discussion of the status of language and literature departments. It was agreed that letters from CAS should go to various universities where programs were endangered and that a brochure be produced outlining the benefits of studying slavic languages.