

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SLAVISTS
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES SLAVISTES
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 1 June, 2004
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Before the meeting, CAS received a visit from Dr. Donald Fisher from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. He reported on the work of the CFHSS in the past year, focusing on participation in the SSHRC review exercise, the consultation with the Learned Societies held in this connection in Ottawa on March 26, and the meeting to be held on 2 June at the Congress. The Federation continues to lobby for more research funding to SSHRC. He also reminded colleagues to publicize the 2005 Congress at the University of Western Ontario. The Federation has established a new Women and Equities Issues Network, expanding the mandate of the earlier Women's Issues Network. It has also placed a new manual of best practices for new scholars on its website. Finally, a taskforce report on the future of scholarly associations will be released in mid June. Dr. Fisher responded to concerns from the audience regarding the price of attending the Congress, on the administration of registration lists for the Congress, and on the nature of the study of scholarly associations.

The meeting began at 4:15 p.m.

1. Chair:

Bohdan Harasymiw opened and chaired the meeting.

2. Agenda:

Harasymiw suggested moving the Nominating Committee's report to "c" in order to allow time for the counting of votes during the meeting.

Tarnawsky moved (m) and seconded Wawruck-Hemmett (s) that the agenda be approved, as amended. Carried.

3. Remembrance

Members stood for a moment of silence to remember members of CAS deceased since the last AGM. In particular, the passing of Edmund Heier of the University of Waterloo on April 5 was noted.

4. Minutes:

Coleman (m) and Reid (s) that the minutes of the 2003 AGM, as published on the CAS website be approved. Carried.

5. Reports

a) PRESIDENT

Natalia Pylypiuk summarized her report, published in advance on the website.

Her main focus in 2003-04 was creating a new integrated, website for CAS and CSP: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas> or <http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp>. She called on members to submit news, suggestions for fundraising, best practices for conference planning and other information. The site needs a webmaster and members are invited to volunteer in this capacity. Until the website is finished, Pylypiuk will continue to serve in this capacity. She also drew members' attention to the bookmarks advertising this initiative.

She noted that in her report, she proposes motions regarding the establishment of article and book prizes for CAS and minor changes to the CAS constitution. The latter were circulated electronically before the meeting.

Regarding the *CAS Newsletter*, Pylypiuk noted that this has been a year transition at the CSP offices and so the newsletter appeared as a double issue in spring 2004. The idea of having graduate students edit the newsletter has been proposed.

The President co-edited, with Waclaw Osadnik and Alla Nedashkivska, a collection of articles on the Theory and Practice of Teaching Slavic Languages and Cultures, which will appear in the March-June CSP issue.

She was also involved in the consultation process concerning the transformation of the Social Sciences and the Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), both in co-ordinating CAS's response and in representing CAS at the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) meeting. The process continues with tomorrow's meeting. She encouraged all members to participate.

Finally, Pylypiuk thanked the CAS Executive for their support and collegiality.

Pylypiuk (m), Tarnawsky (s) acceptance of the President's Report. Carried.

b) SECRETARY-TREASURER

Heather Coleman summarized her report, published on the web prior to the conference. She reported that in 2003-04, CAS continued with the process of rationalizing our financial arrangements and figuring out how to operate in the absence of the SSHRC operating grants that the Association used to receive.

The day-to-day financial situation of the Association remains precarious, as it has been since SSHRC operating grants were cut. For many years, membership dues have gone directly to our journal, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*. Now that SSHRC operating grants have been cut and our journal has caught up in its publication schedule, we are able to re-organize our financial arrangements. In accordance with the objective announced at last year's AGM, a meeting of the Secretary-Treasurer and the CSP editor (along with CAS president and CSP assistant editor) to formalize a sharing of membership dues between the two branches of our organization was held in Edmonton. According to this agreement, \$3,000 per year (resources permitting) will be transferred from the CSP account (membership dues are sent to CSP) to the CAS Secretary-Treasurer in late May of each year, before the Annual General Meeting, in order to fund the operating expenses of the Association. This transfer, combined with profits from the annual conference, should allow the organization to meet its basic expenses. CAS

will move to a fiscal year that matches that of CSP – from April 1-March 31. This will make joint budgeting easier and ensure that the financial picture presented at the AGM is clearer.

As a result of discussions with CSP, it has become clear that a small increase in membership dues will be necessary to meet the costs of operating the Association and increased postage for the journal. It has also been proposed that CAS society fees for the annual Congress for non-members be raised. Motions to this effect will be presented later in the AGM.

Plans continue for a fund-raising campaign. The Secretary-Treasurer investigated the steps necessary for renewing our status as a charitable institution, a status that lapsed in 2000. She is currently preparing the application for re-certification. Forms are now ready for submission by the incoming Secretary-Treasurer. It is hoped that by autumn 2004, our status will be renewed and the CAS executive will launch a campaign in support of the CAS fund more generally and a 50th Anniversary scholarship fund in particular. Members would receive tax receipts for their donations.

Regarding travel grants, CAS again received \$5910.00 from SSHRC. Once again, more money was requested than was available. Grants were calculated according to the usual formula (50% members, 75% student members), then applicants received 66% of that amount, allowing us to disburse the total money available fairly. The executive is reviewing the travel grant calculation formula for next year, considering a lowering of the targets, an upper limit on grants amounts, and funding only travel within Canada.

Coleman then gave a brief banking report. The CAS fund remains steady at \$40,000. The account was moved from the Ukrainian Credit Union, Toronto, to the Royal Bank in Calgary, where the CAS account is found. Interest for 2003 was \$200.99, reflecting low interest rates. The principal has now been re-invested in GICs at the Royal Bank, \$35,000 in a non-redeemable 3-year certificate yielding \$822.50/year and \$5,000 in a redeemable 1-year certificate yielding \$52.50/year. \$2,862.14 in interest has accumulated in the CAS Fund account. The only disbursement from the CAS Fund this year was \$100 towards development of our new website.

Our current RBC account (operating expenses of the CAS) balance is \$7,766.15, but all of this is already committed in the form of travel grants, travel assistance to executive members, CFHSS membership (paid by cheque at the Congress). A transfer of approximately \$1,000 in membership dues collected for CAS by CSP is expected in the next few days.

Coleman (m) and Gimpelevich (s) acceptance of the Secretary-Treasurer's report.
Carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS

Chair Allan Reid presented the slate as prepared by the Nominating Committee and welcomed nominations from the floor.

He also noted that the graduate student representative, Tamara Kotar of Carleton University, had been acclaimed, based on an earlier e-mail nomination and voting process, as outlined in the CAS Constitution.

Reid announced that Professor Tovah Yedlin had been nominated as honorary president in recognition of her long and distinguished career.

Reid (m) and Tarnawsky (s) acceptance of the Nominating Committee's report.

Carried.

Tom Priestly and Nick Žekulin were chosen as scrutineers.

Discussion: Wawruck-Hemmett asked whether CAS still had a Women's Network representative with the CFHSS and offered to represent CAS in that capacity. This is an appointed rather than elected position. The Secretary-Treasurer will investigate.

All positions were acclaimed, except for the Members-at-large. Following nominations from the floor, four of seven candidates were elected by secret ballot.

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

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Krištof Kozak
University of Alberta

Megan Swift
University of Victoria

Nominating Committee

Natalia Pylypiuk (chair)
University of Alberta

Norman Pereira
Dalhousie University

Megan Swift
University of Victoria

CAS and CAUS Delegates to MAU through 2005

Frank Sysyn
Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

Roman Senkus
Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

Graduate Student Representative

Tamara Kotar
Carleton University

International Relations Committee

Paul Austin
McGill University

Honorary President

Tovah Yedlin
University of Alberta

d) CSP MANAGING EDITOR

Oleh Ilnytskyj opened by announcing the happy news that *Canadian Slavonic Papers* is on schedule; the next issue, Vol. 46, no. 1-2 will appear at the end of June.

The Editor circulated copies of the CSP financial report and circulation figures and summarized his written report. He noted that financially, the journal is in reasonable condition but not as good a state as the figures in the report suggest, since much of that money is already committed. Ilnytskyj is currently in the process of applying for a SSHRC grant, due June 30. Circulation figures are fine, but could be better. Most institutional subscriptions come from the United States. Ilnytskyj urged all members to remind colleagues and their home institutions to subscribe. He also called for members to contribute ideas and suggestions.

Ilnytskyj noted that work had begun on producing a digitalized version of CSP for the past 45 years, with the objective of producing a CDROM for sale to members and libraries wishing to clear their shelves and of putting the tables of contents and abstracts on the websites so that articles published in CSP will be searchable. The Editor noted the excellent work done by University of Alberta students in the Humanities Computing programme who took this on a course project.

CSP has a new Assistant Editor, Dr. Bohdan Nebesio. Ilnytskyj thanked him for a very good job during this year of transition. Among other projects, he oversaw the acquisition of new computer equipment and development of a new database.

Ilnyzkyj concluded by thanking all those who have contributed or assessed articles and reviewed books this year, and encouraged their continued participation in the work of our journal.

Ilnyzkyj (m) and Reid (s) acceptance of the Journal Editor's report. Carried.

e) PROGRAMME CHAIR

Natalia Aponiuk reported that over 100 people had registered to attend the conference. 84 people were present at the 50th anniversary banquet, including twelve past presidents. She noted that the programme benefited from additional funding granted by the Dean of Arts, University of Manitoba, the Congress office, a grant from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, from the Romanian community, and advertising on the back of the conference programme. She thanked Elviera Mearon for producing the programme. Finally, she noted the good publicity that CAS events received, including in the *Winnipeg Free Press's* Congress supplement.

Aponiuk (m) and Priestly (s) acceptance of the Programme Chair's report. Carried.

At Tarnawsky's suggestion, the AGM recognized Natalia Aponiuk for a job well done with an enthusiastic round of applause.

f) INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Paul Austin, Committee Chair, was absent.

g) CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR UKRAINIAN STUDIES

Roman Senkus (CAUS President) reported that CAUS now has 26 paid members. He hopes to double that number in the coming months. The initial executive, appointed last year, remains in place: Olga Andriewsky (Vice-President, Trent U), Bohdan Harasymiw (Treasurer, Calgary), Andrij Makuch (Secretary, CIUS, Toronto), and Zenon Kohut (CIUS, Alberta), Bohdan Kordan (Saskatchewan), Myroslav Shkandrij (Manitoba), Maryna Romanets (Northern British Columbia), and Serhy Yekelchyk (Victoria) as members at large. The only change is the addition of Maxim Tarnawsky (CAS President, ex officio).

In the past year, seven members published books and two received awards.

The next Congress of the International Association for Ukrainian Studies (MAU) will be held in Donetsk in June 2005.

This year's AGM discussed other possible activities, including the idea of holding a CAUS-sponsored session at the CAS conference and creating a website for CAUS, linked to the CAS website. Senkus will circulate a draft of bylaws for the Association to the members' list.

Senkus concluded by inviting interested people to join CAUS.

Senkus (m), Wawruck-Hemmett (s) acceptance of the CAUS President's report. Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Reports

Pylypiuk (m) and Gimpelevich (s) adoption of the editorial changes to the CAS Constitution, as announced on the website and by e-mail prior to the AGM. Carried.

Pylypiuk (m) and Reid (s) that CAS award biennial article and book prizes, in alternate years and that the Executive designate a committee to consider the terms of the awards. Carried.

Pylypiuk noted that no prize will be awarded in the student essay competition this year, as too few essays were submitted. She thanked the professors who submitted papers and noted that the new executive will take a look at how better to publicize these prizes and the website will feature the prizes.

Elwood suggested that there was a need to inform the instructors who submitted papers of who had won the competition.

Gimpelevich noted that it would be helpful to have some terms of reference for the prizes.

Coleman (m) and Wawruck-Hemmett (s) that membership dues be increased as follows:

\$60 regular member (US\$60 for foreign regular members)

\$40 emeritus member (US\$40 foreign)

\$30 students/unemployed/underemployed (US\$30 foreign)

Carried.

7. Other Business and Announcements

Karpiak noted that CAS should express its thanks to colleagues who worked to make the 50th anniversary a success. In particular, he asked about the fact that there were two versions of the history of the Association, one in the programme by Bohdan Harasymiw and the other by Connie Wawruck-Hemmett. The latter has a note on the back indicating that its production was personally funded by her family.

Karpiak (m) and Gimpelevich (s) that CAS reimburse the Wawruck-Hemmett family for this contribution. Carried.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Heather J. Coleman, 9 July 2004

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