

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Canadian Association of Slavists  
29 May 2010, Concordia University, Montreal, QC**

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

The meeting came to order at 16:10 and was chaired by Andrii Krawchuk.

**2. Remembrance**

Members stood for a minute of silence to remember members of CAS deceased since the last AGM.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion to adopt agenda as posted. Moved by Allan Reid and seconded by Zina Gimpelevich. Carried.

**4. Presentation by the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Karen Grant, Vice-President, Research Policy, outlined the CFHSS major activities during the past year and addressed the budgetary concerns of the federation. She encouraged CAS members to help the federation in its lobbying efforts to promote the importance of Humanities and Social Sciences at Canadian universities. She asked CAS to share our association's success stories resulting from research conducted by our members. She also mentioned the federation's efforts in influencing the new copyright act as well as the joint projects with SSHRC. She also informed about the new Membership Renewal Tool developed by the Federation to assist its member associations better deal with the collection of membership fees and with keeping membership records.

Second member of the CFHSS delegation, Stephen Slemon, who represents Aid for Scholarly Publications Program, answered Oleh Ilnytzyk's questions regarding the future support for academic journals.

CAS President, Zina Gimpelevich thanked the presenters.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by Jars Balan and seconded by Gust Olson to approve minutes of the 2009 AGM held at the Carleton University. Carried.

**6. Executive Reports**

**a. President's Report**

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

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/President's%20report%202010.pdf>

**b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

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

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/SECRETARY%20report%2009-10.pdf>

### **c. 2010 Organizing Committee Report**

2010 Conference Chair, Alison Rowley, thanked all individuals who contributed to the organization of this year's conference and acknowledged the assistance of Jeff Sahadeo and the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University which provided students for the association table. Alison acknowledged the assistance of the secretary-treasurer, last year's chair Andrea Chandler and particularly Svitlana Kryz at the CSP office in Edmonton.

This year conference had 34 panels including four roundtables. Overall, 99 papers were presented at the conference representing every generation of CAS membership from undergraduate students to Professor emeriti. The papers were presented in three languages (English, French and Russian) which make CAS one of the most diverse associations at the congress. The papers stretched across many academic disciplines and covered a wide spectrum of time periods.

### **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/2010%20Report%20of%20the%20Editor%20CSP.pdf>

Motion to accept Executive Reports was moved by Jars Balan and seconded by Connie Wawruck-Hemmett. Carried.

## **7. Nominating Committee Report and Elections**

Maxim Tarnawsky, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the committee's report. Before nominations closed Zina Gimpelevich proposed Gust Olson for the position of Honorary President.

Honorary President, 2010-11

Gust Olson

President, 2010-2012

Megan Swift

Vice Presidents, 2010-2011

Ksenya Kiebusinski

Elena Baraban

Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2013

Bohdan Nebesio

Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, 2011-2016

Heather Coleman (Oleh Ilnytskyj continues in office for one more year. CAS elects a new editor of CSP one year in advance)

Programme Committee Chair, 2010-11

Allan Reid (UNB 2011)

Programme Committee Members, 2010-11

Sarah Turner (Waterloo 2012)

Serhy Yekelchuk (Victoria 2013)

Members-at-large, 2010-11

Donna Orwin

Maryna Romanets  
Jean-Guy Lalande  
Myroslav Shkandrij  
Nominating Committee Chair and Immediate Past President, 2010-12  
Zinaida Gimpelevich  
Nominating Committee Members, 2010-11  
Alison Rowley  
Natalia Aponiuk  
International Committee of Slavists, 2008-13  
Olga Mladenova, continues in office  
CAS rep to ICCEES, 2008-2011  
Andrii Krawchuk, continues in office  
International Relations Committee, 2009-14  
Natalia Pylypiuk, continues in office  
Graduate Student Representative, 2010-11  
Svitlana Krys

All positions were acclaimed. The Meeting has accepted and approved the report of the Nominating Committee.

## **8. ICCEES report**

Andrii Krawchuk, CAS Representative to the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), informed the meeting about the preparations for the 2010 ICCEES Congress in Stockholm and conveyed Stanislav Kirschbaum's (ICCEES Secretary) invitation to participate in the editorial work on the Congress proceedings. Andrii also informed the meeting that our bid to host the 2015 Congress in Victoria (prepared on behalf of CAS by Megan Swift) was not successful this time but urged the association to re-submit the bid for the 2020 Congress.

## **9. Business Arising**

### **a. Change of signing authority for Canadian Slavonic Papers**

A motion presented by Oleh Ilnytzkyj: The AGM approves a change in the CSP signing authority for the accounts held in the Royal Bank of Canada (Whyte Avenue Branch). The current signing authorities—Gust Olson, Oleh Ilnytzkyj, and Heather Coleman—should change to Oleh S. Ilnytzkyj and Heather Coleman.

Moved by Andrii Makuch and seconded by Jars Balan. Carried.

### **b. Change of signing authority for Canadian Association of Slavists**

Signing authority for CAS changes automatically with the election of new Executive: the President and Secretary-Treasurer. The changes of signing authority at the Royal Bank (Martindale Road, St. Catharines Branch) and ING Direct will be made on the basis of the AGM Minutes.

c. Membership Fee increase

A motion presented by Bohdan Nebesio as discussed at the Executive Meeting: The AGM approves the increase of CAS Membership Fees as follows: Full Members from \$60 to \$70, Student Members (unemployed, underemployed) from \$30 to \$35, and Retired Members from \$40 to \$45.

Moved by Elena Baraban and seconded by Andrij Makuch. Carried.

**10. New Business**

Andrij Makuch representing the Canadian Association for Ukrainian Studies (CAUS), which is a member of CAS, brought to the organization's attention the following resolution that had been passed earlier that same day at the CAUS AGM, namely that:

“CAS expresses its concern over the recent intervention of the Security Services of Ukraine into the affairs of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv as noted by the open memorandum of 19 May 2010 by UCU Rector Dr. Borys Gudziak. We raise this matter because of our concern of its implications for the future of academic freedom and university autonomy in Ukraine.”

The full text of Dr. Gudziak's *Memorandum* can be found at the Web site of the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (<<http://www.ucef.org>>).

The discussion initiated by Zina Gimpelevich focused on two issues:

1) CAS does not have a mechanism to speak on behalf of the entire membership of the association with regards to matters concerning events in the Slavic world. There is a need for a provisional CAS committee looking into the issues of academic freedom in Eastern Europe. 2) A choice to sign the resolution should be left to individual CAS members in response to a document to be drafted by CAUS and distributed to CAS membership.

Ultimately the matter was not proposed as a formal motion to be voted on, but left to be dealt with by the new CAS executive and CAUS. At the same time, strong support was given to the suggestion that CAS should establish a committee to deal with issues related to academic freedom.

**11. Motion to adjourn**

Moved by Jars Balan and seconded by Nigel Raab. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 18:08.

Recorded by Bohdan Nebesio, CAS Secretary-Treasurer