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CASCA Annual General Meeting  
Procès-verbal Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la CASCA  
FSS 205,  
Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.  
Friday 5 May 2017 / Vendredi le 5 mai 2017  
12:00 pm – 1:20 pm / de 12h. a 13:20 h.

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**Executive Present/present:**

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**1.The CASCA President called the AGM meeting to order** and the Agenda was circulated with the sign-in sheets.

The CASCA Promotional video was showed at the beginning of the AGM. The President introduced Éric Gagnon-Poulin (Membre actif francophone), who had produced the CASCA promotional video for CASCA in 2016. Éric explained that when he was an undergraduate anthropology student at UMontréal, he had never heard of CASCA. It was only in 2015, while working on his PhD. at ULaval, that he first heard about it, many years later, coinciding with CASCA's annual conference in Québec City, As one of the producers of the CASCA Promotional video, he hopes that it can be used in member's classes to publicize the activities of CASCA and encourage student membership.

**2.A motion to accept the Agenda** was made/ by seconded by Pamela Downe. Passed unanimously.

**3.The President asked for a motion to approve** the AGM Minutes from 2016, motion forwarded by Marie-François Guedon, seconded by Jim Waldram. Passed unanimously. The President noted that this had been an unprecedented joint conference with the IUAES, in terms of the number of new members to CASCA. She noted that members had received a voting slip in their conference bags, and encouraged them to vote on the process for the unification of the IUAES with the WCAA.

The President noted that the Chairs' Breakfast had been a success, with nine participants. She encouraged departments to make sure they designate a representative if their Chair cannot attend in person.

The Weaver-Tremblay Award presentation and reception was very successful this year. The Women's Network Reception will be held Friday evening.

The President noted changes to the Executive; thanks were given to the Past President Michel Bouchard, outgoing Secretary Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Communications Officer Nathalie Boucher, and outgoing Membre actif francophone Éric Gagnon-Poulin. Donna Patrick will become Past President, the current President will be Martha Radice (Dal), and Pamela Downe (USask) is the President-Elect.

Charles Menzies (UBC) is incoming Secretary, and Udo Krautwurst (USask) is incoming Treasurer. Éric Gagnon-Poulin will become the Communications Officer. Eric Henry (SMU) will continue as MAL-Anglophone.

Karli Whitmore was thanked for her continuing work as Manager for CASCA.

5. Michel Bouchard reported on the Poster Contest, which is in its second year. The winners for this year are: Nathan McAllister (URegina) won the Audience Appreciation Award; and Rosaline Lambert from Concordia U won the Best Poster Prize.

6. The Weaver-Tremblay recipient is Dr. Margaret Critchlow Rodman this year.

7. The recipient of the Richard F. Salisbury Award is Jing Jing Liu. She is a Ph.D. student at UToronto. There were 7 excellent candidates this year.

8. This year, Martha Radice initiated a recognition award for Outstanding Students Graduating in Anthropology (OSGA) at the Undergraduate, Masters, and Ph.D. level. The incoming President, Martha Radice explained the new initiative and noted this was also done by the Canadian Sociology Association. Each university can nominate one student at each level, who will receive a Certificate from the current CASCA President. The selection process is up to the department itself, and departments are encouraged to make nominations again next year. This year, 16 universities put forward graduating students for Honours awards, 11 M.A. awards and 9 PhD awards.

9. This year, the Past President noted that four nominations were made for the distinction of Fellow of CASCA, which recognizes a member's contribution to CASCA and to Canadian anthropology. The 2017 CASCA Fellows are Harriet Lyons (Retired, U Waterloo), Andrew Lyons (Retired, Wilfred Laurier U), Bruce Miller (Retired UBC), and Pauline Gardner Barber (Dal).

Michel Bouchard also noted that Prof. Richard Lee had been recognized as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2016. He noted that that Richard's article "Eating Christmas in the Kalahari" is sure to be recognized as a Canadian classic in anthropology for many years. He was congratulated by our members.

10. The Treasurer's Report, with the Accountant's Audit Report, was circulated to members before the conference, was reviewed by Clint Westman. His report noted that CSCA has net assets of over \$250,000.00, of which \$50,000.00 is set aside for the Salisbury Award and other monies for the GICs, so this is not money currently available to the society. He noted that CASCA's revenue is down due to payment of the conference expenses, but we are working to build our assets and membership has been higher than usual this year because of the joint conference.

When held in central Canada (York U and LavalU), the revenue from conferences is higher than when it is held on either coast.

*Anthropologica* continues to provide CASCA with revenues due to increased royalties, in excess of \$8188.00 due to the journal. However, the SSHRC for the journal must be renewed in 2018, so at that time there will be some risk to revenues.

Currently, the donations from members do not cover the costs of the Student travel Bursaries, although the amount paid out to students was highest at this conference. The Treasurer asked members to consider making donations to this fund in the coming year. Membership for this year (to mid-April) was 716, by mid-conference it was over 800; our usual membership is approximately 530. The membership is more, but this also increases our expenses. The updated membership was 945 registrations; and 700 were at the conference.

Regarding the conference, last week the LOC and Nomad IT, the conference organizing company, had predicted a surplus for the conference, however the charges by the University of Ottawa have increased considerably over their estimates. Nomad IT is currently negotiating these charges, but there are no final figures. The fees collected are designed to cover costs, not make a profit, so we hope to break even with this.

Next year the conference will be in Santiago de Cuba. He noted that the Financial Statements were available in English only, but questions could be directed to the Treasurer if there were any. The Treasurer thanked the members for their continued support and donations in support of CASCA.

Questions were received from members.

**Richard Lee** asked if a different organizer could be used next year, and it was confirmed that an organizing company would not be used next year; this had been a condition of a joint conference with the IUAES. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier (UVic) will take the lead on organizing the 2018 conference.

**Josie Smart** asked whether CASCA is able to get money for contracting within the university; and it was noted that 1/3 of the revenues will go to Nomad IT, and 1/3 to the costs of AV which were much greater than the initial estimate (approximately \$40,000 vs the estimate of \$20,000.00). The Treasurer noted that Nomad IT is working now to negotiate and trying to trim our costs wherever possible.

It was recommended that in future, estimates of the cost of holding the conference at a hotel be compared to the estimate of university space, because hotels may remit a commission to the association.

Regna Darnell noted that organization of the conference with another association may be more difficult; whereas with only CASCA estimates at a hotel may be easier to plan for.

11)The President reported that membership had gone from 460 in 2012, to over 720 in 2017, which includes IUAES members who were attending the joint conference (other years available on the report).

Position statements were prepared by CASCA in 2016-2017 in support of the following: 1) Dr. Homa Hoodfar, to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Stephan Dion; 2) a letter in support of Brazilian anthropologists whose work has recently been discredited; 3) and we joined the WCAA's global campaign to support a) the reinstatement of the Anthropology Honours program at Queen's University, Belfast b) the Polish Ethnographic Society c) in support of the Central European University in Hungary.

CASCA networks currently exist for: the Women's Network being co-coordinated by Pauline McKenzie Aucoin and Heather Howard; the Medical anthropology list serve maintained by Emma Varley; the

environment list serve maintained by Lorne Holyoak; the Linguistic Anthropology group coordinated by Christine Jourdan; the Living Standards group dealing with ethics review chaired by Janice Graham.

The Associations of CASCA include: the Graduate Student Network which needs a new moderator for its list serve (please contact Martha Radice or Donna Patrick).

The President issued a call for a new Archivist to replace Rob Hancock. Ian Puppe (WesternU) volunteered and was accepted as the new archivist.

As well, she asked members to submit any of the needed CASCA material from conferences, reports, lists that have been requested by the Archivist to complete the material in our archive.

The Resolutions Committee is not active now, and currently only has 2 members, and a third must be found in the coming year. This committee deals with political issues that sometimes arise. (such as the NS Bill 100 last year). Please email Martha Radice or Donna Patrick if you are interested.

New initiatives of CASCA include:

- 1) the CASCA Book Award, whose committee is chaired by Joshua Smith (a Post-Doc at UNC-CH). Other members include Julie Soleil-Archambault, Nathalie Boucher, Daromir Rudnykyj, and Jaro Stacul.
- 2) The Anthropology Award for Graduating Undergrad, MA, and PhD students, as nominated by their departments.

12) The Secretary reported on the meetings that had been planned over the year, noted the transitions in the CASCA Executive that would be made for 2017. The incoming Executive members include:

- Pamela Downe (USask), President-Elect/Président-désigné: (by acclamation)
- Udo Krautwurst (UPEI), Treasurer/ Trésorier: (by acclamation)
- Charles Menzies (UBC), Secretary (by acclamation)
- Éric Gagnon-Poulin (ULaval), Communications Officer (by acclamation)
- Van Troi Tran (ULaval), Member at Large, Francophone (by acclamation)

The Salisbury Award committee considered 7 excellent applications this year, and the winner was Jing Jing Liu of the U Toronto.

13) The *Anthropologica* EIC, Jasmin Habib (UWaterloo), summarized the Annual Report that had been submitted to the Executive and circulated to members prior to the conference. The EIC thanked many members for their assistance during the first transitional year. The Incoming French editor is Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier after May 2018; the incoming book review editor is Karine Gagné; the anglophone book review editor is Maggie MacDonald. A new committee of Past Editors has been formed, consisting of Andrew Lyons, Winnie Lem, and Naomi MacPherson. The journal is published through the U of Toronto Press.

The University of Toronto Press has replaced the online Presto platform for the journal with Scholar 1 and this system is more stable, and hopefully will reduce the workload of submitting and reviewing

articles. The current submission process requires that you: submit the article, a biography and CV, a blind review with be undertaken, and 3 names of possible reviewers (no friends, close co-workers, or conflict of interests). A new style guide has been prepared, following the Chicago Manual of Style with Canadian spelling; and 2 special interest volumes are in progress. An impact factor has now been added; and the number of times an article is viewed is noted.

A new initiative is a graphic ethnographies issue, proposed by Maggie MacDonald.

It was noted that every time an article is downloaded, this generate money for the journal. Sandra Widmer asked about the digitization of back issues of *Anthropologica*, and this is ongoing.

14)The Incoming President, Martha Radice joined with the current President to thank the coordinator Scott Simon, and the members of the LOC at the University of Ottawa and many student volunteers who helped to organize the CASCA-IUAES conference with year, a deal with some complicated international issues.

15) The Women's Network Co-cordinator Pauline McKenzie Aucoin reported that a WN Student Paper in Feminist Anthropology prize was being awarded to Kaitlyn Vleming, an M.A. student from the U Toronto, for her paper: Embodied experiences of polycystic ovarian syndrome beyond "women's health."

The Women's Network Lifetime Achievement Award for Feminist Anthropology will be awarded at the WN Reception to Dr. Homa Hoodfar.

The annual \$100.00 donation to a women's shelter in the city that hosts the CASCA conference will be made to the Minwaashin Lodge, in Ottawa.

16) and 17) There are no reports of the Living Standards Committee or the Task Force on Anthropology in Canada

18) An account of the work of the CASCA archivist was made. A call for a new archivist has been recorded above.

19) The upcoming conference for 2018 was reported on by Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier, who is the coordinator of this conference. The theme of the conference is Contrapunteo or Counterpoint, from a 1941 book by Cuban ethnographer Fernandez Ortiz, and will be held in Santiago de Cuba, from 16 – 20 May, 2018, and is hosted by the departments of history, sociology and journalism of the U. del Oriente.

Further information on the cost estimates, hotel and housing options, travel arrangements through Havana or Holguin Airport, will be provided this summer. Up to 500 foreign participants from Cuba, the Caribbean and area will be allowed. Presentations can be made in English, French or Spanish. It was noted that there is no cell phone or Internet access in Cuba. No PowerPoint will be available except for the Plenary talks.

The CFP deadline for submissions of abstracts to the conference will be early, November 17, 2017.

Questions were posed by the members.

Brian Noble asked whether these plans had taken into consideration the complications Cuba might pose for precarious workers in anthropology. It was noted that the airfare from eastern Canada can be cheaper to Cuba than Vancouver (approximately \$300.00 using charter airlines). There are very cheap B&Bs.

Lorne Holyoak asked the Executive to try to attract people from Latin America, Mexico, Florida, and Caribbean countries as well, and suggested that a notice be sent to the WCAA for inclusion in their newsletter as well.

In 2019, the CASCA-AAA joint conference will be held in Vancouver, the first joint conference with the AAA. The CASCA negotiated the MOU with the AAA a few years ago in order to make this conference one that will work for CASCA. The details of this conference will be planned in Arlington, USA. The AAA will also meet with CASCA in 2023, in Toronto.

In 2020, it is planned that CASCA will meet with Congress.

20) **Other Business.** A Motion was forwarded by Richard Lee that “CASCA form a Labour Committee” to consider the situation of precarity workers in anthropology. This was seconded by Regna Darnell, and voted on. It passed unanimously; with one abstention.

The President forwarded the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and the meeting adjourned.