

Women's network/Le réseau des femmes

CASCA Women's Network Annual Report – May 2011. Report by Heather Howard-Bobiwash on behalf of Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Ph.D. CASCA Women's Network Co-ordinator

The WN is working on solidifying structure and procedure for the Network in relation to the CASCA executive. The WN has raised funds over the last couple of years aimed at supporting our two new prizes, the Graduate Student Paper in Feminist Anthropology award, and the WN Lifetime Achievement Award. In relation to this, we have requested that WN finances be reported on a separate line-item in the CASCA budget/financial report.

Elvi Whittaker, who was our Lifetime achievement award winner last year, has been working with UBC Press on putting together an edited volume based on WN sessions of the past two years.

It is difficult to report on any other new business because our meeting is not until tomorrow, including the announcement of the winner of our second annual Graduate Student Paper in Feminist Anthropology award. On that subject, we have formalized procedure for review of the submissions with the Anthropologica review process, as the award includes a small cash prize, but more importantly publication in Anthropologica.

I really want to encourage and hope you all consider gender and the value of feminist perspectives in your own work and in your mentorship of your graduate students, and as part of supporting their production of scholarship work with them to submit papers to CASCA for this wonderful prize and opportunity.

Thank you to our Review Committee for this year's prize.

We also want to thank CASCA members who have donated to the WN, and those who wish to donate to the Women's Network awards fund may do so by sending a cheque to the CASCA Treasurer Lorne Holyoak, made out to the Canadian Anthropology Society indicating "Women's Network Fund" on the cheque. Thank you for your support!

The WN Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded every two years, and is on the agenda for tomorrow, as will be the formalization of a couple of proposed committees to which we invite volunteers, even if you cannot attend the lunch/business meeting, please contact me: howardh@msu.edu.

Proposed committees: Coordination; Awards; Communications; and Issues. This latter Issues Committee might work on taking a more in-depth look at gender issues in departments of anthropology – a survey of this type was done 25 years ago – and might be worth repeating the exercise; and would complement the current demographics report. Moreover, just as that survey indicated that the membership would like to empower the executive to respond publicly on ethical, social, and political issues, the WN Issues committee might be vigilant in relation to our role in public concerns regarding gender equity, women's issues (violence, poverty, child care, and so on) and for example the threats to and closures of women's resource centres in this county under the current regime.