

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Association of Slavists
29 May 2011, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB**

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting came to order at 16:05 and was chaired by Donna Orwin.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

A motion to adopt the agenda as posted. Moved by Allan Reid and seconded by Nigel Raab. Carried.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Moved by Megan Swift and seconded by Patryk Reid to approve the minutes of the 2010 AGM held at Concordia University, Montreal, QC. Carried.

4. Executive Reports

CAS President, Megan Swift, introduced the Executives.

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%202011.pdf>

Megan Swift outlined a snapshot of Russian Language Programs and presented charts with enrollments for 2008-2011 that could be used for future cases of establishing tenured positions and to build programs. She thanked those members who sent her statistical data on the enrollments from their universities, and encouraged other CAS members to participate in this survey in the future.

Some of the questions that came from the audience dealt with the manner in which to systematize this data, the number of universities that participated in the survey, and how the Canadian statistics are comparable to the US.

The discussion continued as to what to do with the statistics and whether to make them available to the general public or to CAS members only. It was agreed that at this point the data will be available to CAS members only by request. Dr. Swift will continue working on this project and will report next year.

Dr. Swift also thanked the current outgoing Newsletter Editor, Elena Baraban, and welcomed nominations/self-nominations from CAS members for this position.

At the end, Dr. Swift announced the 2011 CAS Essay contest winners and those CAS members who received academic awards this year.

After the meeting, Tim Ormond (PhD Candidate at the University of Toronto) expressed his willingness to serve as the new editor for the CAS Newsletter.

b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (presented by Megan Swift in Bohdan Nebesio's absentia)

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<http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/SECRETARY%20report%2010-11.pdf>

c. 2011 Conference Chair Report

2011 Conference Chair, Allan Reid, thanked all individuals who contributed to the organization of this year's conference and particularly CAS Executives and the CSP office in Edmonton. This year's conference had 15 sessions, including 3 roundtables, and 51 participants, which is less than half of the normal participation at CAS. Dr. Reid mentioned the negative impact of high travel costs to Fredericton and low travel support as a reason for the low participation this year. Nonetheless, papers represented every generation of CAS membership from graduate students to Professor emeriti, stretched across many academic disciplines and covered a wide spectrum of time periods.

One of the concerns Dr. Reid raised is the need for the two people in organizing committee—a Program Chair and a local coordinator on-site—to ease the logistics of the conference organizing.

Some of the questions that came from the audience dealt with the need to post a Call for Papers early to assure participation and to enable participants may organize joint panels with other associations.

Dr. Reid also announced the dates for the 2012 CAS meeting to be held in Waterloo, ON: 26-28 May 2012.

On behalf of all the conference participants, Megan Swift thanked Dr. Reid for his work as Program Chair this year.

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/CSP%20Report%20of%20the%20Editor%202010-11.pdf>

The CSP's new editor, Heather Coleman, mentioned that among some of the new projects that she would like to undertake as an editor, would be the improvement of the bilingual status of the journal. Dr. Coleman also invited CAS members to serve as guest editors for special issues/sections of the journal.

Some of the questions that came from the audience included concern about the high paper/ mailing costs and an interest in the CSP's green subscription option (to receive the journal in a pdf format), as well as interest in CSP's on-line membership renewal system.

** The reports of CAS officers were interrupted at this point to allow for a presentation by representatives of the Federation, summarized below.*

e. CAS Rep to ICCEES – Report (presented by Megan Swift in Andrii Krawchuk's absentia)

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Megan Swift raised the question of the travel subsidy for the CAS Rep to ICCEES (International Council for Central and East European Studies) to attend its yearly meetings. Lively discussion followed, in which CAS members raised the questions as to the number of CAS members who attend the Congress of ICCEES, the advantages and disadvantages for CAS to be a member of ICCEES, etc. At the end, CAS members decided to table this question to next year's meeting due to the current absence of CAS rep who could answer these questions.

5. Presentation by the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences

Noreen Golfman and Karen Grant outlined the CFHSS major activities during the past year and addressed the budgetary concerns of the federation. Dr. Golfman expressed the CFHSS's hope that the Federal budget will have more funds allocated for the SSHRC. 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 also mentioned the Federation's response to the government's "digital economy" project and how the journals stand in regards to this.

Dr. Golfman also informed about the low turnout in participation across all associations in this year's Congress and expressed hope for a better participation next year in Waterloo, ON. She noted that most meetings of the associations will take place on Wilfrid Laurier University campus, while major events will be held on the University of Waterloo campus.

Dr. Golfman reminded CAS members of the travel assistance available to the associations for international guests and for joint panels.

Finally, she mentioned the new project of the CFHSS—the launch of the web-site: <http://www.ithinktherefore.ca>, and encouraged all members to visit it.

6. Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Megan Swift presented the nominating committee's report.

Honorary President, 2011-12
Carter Elwood

President, 2010-2012
Megan Swift, continues in office

Vice Presidents, 2011-2012
Elena Baraban
Allan Reid

Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2013
Bohdan Nebesio, continues in office

Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, 2011-2016
Heather Coleman, continues in office

Programme Committee Chair, 2011-12
Sarah Turner (Waterloo 2012)

Programme Committee Members, 2011-12
Serhy Yekelchuk (Victoria 2013)
Bohdan Nebesio and David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye (Brock U, St. Catharines, ON 2014)

Members-at-large, 2011-12
Natalia Aponiuk
Ksenya Kiebusinski

Tristan Landry
Tim Ormond
Jeff Sahadeo

Nominating Committee Chair and Immediate Past President, 2010-12
Zinaida Gimpelevich

Nominating Committee Members, 2011-12
John-Paul Himka
Myroslav Shkandrij

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, 2011-12
Svitlana Krys

Megan Swift thanked the outgoing Executives and welcomed the new members of the Executive Committee. All positions were acclaimed. The Meeting accepted and approved the report of the Nominating Committee.

11. Motion to adjourn

Moved by J.-Guy Lalande and seconded by Heather Coleman. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 17:40.

Recorded by Svitlana Krys, Assistant Editor of CSP and CAS Graduate Student Rep