

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Association of Slavists
27 May 2012, Wilfrid Laurier University/University of Waterloo,
Waterloo, ON**

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting came to order at 15:34 and was chaired by Allan Reid.

2. Remembrance

Members stood for a minute of silence to remember members of CAS deceased since the last AGM: Alexander Zwiers and Michael Confino.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A motion to adopt agenda as posted. Moved by Jars Balan and seconded by Zina Gimpelevich. Carried.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Gust Olson and seconded by Heather Coleman to approve minutes of the 2011 AGM held at the University of New Brunswick. Carried.

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

Doug Peers, Vice-President, Development, welcomed CAS to the University of Waterloo and outlined the CFHSS major activities during the past year. Second member of the CFHSS delegation, Alison Hebbs, Director of Policy and Communications of the CFHSS, representing the federation's secretariat commented on the latest Federal Government's budget. She stressed the importance of Humanities and Social Sciences and 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 explained the federation's efforts at centralizing member services.

CAS President, Megan Swift thanked the presenters.

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/2012%20President's%20report.pdf>

b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

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

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/2011-12%20SECRETARY%20report.pdf>

c. 2012 Organizing Committee Report

2012 Conference Co-Chair, Tim Ormond, thanked all individuals who contributed to the organization of this year's conference including the CAS Executive. He also thanked Tanya Richardson, conference co-chair for her work. Tim commented on the problems associated with moving the conference call for papers deadlines to early January. He also suggested that CAS makes available French versions of forms used for call for papers and panels.

This year's conference had 24 panels. Overall, 76 papers were presented at the conference representing a cross-section of membership including 13 graduate students. 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/2011-12%20CSP%20Report%20of%20the%20Editor.pdf>

7. ICCEES report

Andrii Krawchuk, CAS Representative to the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES) as well as a member of ICCEES Executive, reported on the organization's activities during the past year. Full text of the report is posted in PDF format at:

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~csp/cas/reports/2011-12%20CAS-ICCEES%20Report.pdf>

Andrii Krawchuk also answered questions about Canadian and CAS participation in ICCEES raised at the AGM in Fredericton. Stanislav Kirschbaum, a founding member of ICCEES and long-time CAS representative to the organization, spoke about CAS's involvement in ICCEES from the historical perspective and outlined the benefits of CAS's continuous participation in the international organization.

8. 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 cutbacks at the National Library and Archives Canada and proposed a motion "to instruct the executive to write a letter of concern to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, James Moore, regarding the recent cutbacks at the Library and Archives Canada."

Moved by Allan Reid and seconded by Natalia Pylypiuk. Carried.

9. Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Zina Gimpelevich, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the committee's report.

Before nominations closed, Zina Gimpelevich proposed Oleh Ilnytzkyj for the position of Honorary President.

Honorary President, 2012-13

Oleh Ilnytzkyj

President, 2012-2014

Megan Swift

Vice Presidents, 2012-2013

Allan Reid

Allison Rowley

Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2013

Bohdan Nebesio, continues in office

Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, 2011-2016

Heather Coleman, continues in office

Programme Committee Chair, 2012-13

Serhy Yekelchuk (UVictoria 2013)

Programme Committee Members, 2012-13

Bohdan Nebesio and David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye (Brock 2014)

TBA (Ottawa 2015)

Members-at-large, 2012-13

Jean-Guy Lalande

Tim Ormond

Nigel Raab

Nominating Committee Chair and Immediate Past President, 2012-14

Zina Gimpelevich

Nominating Committee Members, 2012-14

Elena Baraban

Myroslav Shkandrij

International Committee of Slavists, 2008-13

Olga Mladenova, continues in office

CAS rep to ICCEES, 2011-2014

Andrii Krawchuk, continues in office

International Relations Committee, 2009-14

Natalia Pylypiuk, continues in office

Graduate Student Representative, 2012-13

Janick Roy

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

Meeting adjourned at 17:46

Recorded by Bohdan Nebesio, CAS Secretary-Treasurer