

## Canadian Association of Slavists Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 25, 2020

### Agenda

1. Welcome & Appointment of Chair for the AGM.

Megan Swift is appointed as Chair, since Alison Rowley cannot join the meeting by video.

2. Constitutional Amendment on Meetings (Section 17); amendment proposed by Alison Rowley. The wording of the amendment is pre-circulated:

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3. A minute of silence to remember Janet Hyer, Sonja Luehrmann, Paula Survilla and members of CAS who may have passed away this year.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Approved.
5. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Approved.
6. Executive Reports

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a. President's Report by Alison Rowley.

Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-President-Report-2020.pdf>

b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report by Volha Isakava and Maryna Romanets

Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-secretary-treasurer-report-2019-2020.pdf>

c. *Canadian Slavonic Papers* Editor's Report by Heather Coleman

Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CSP-Editor-Report-2020.pdf>

**Motion introduced by Heather Coleman:**

"...that the Canadian Association of Slavists authorizes the Executive to negotiate a new contract with Taylor & Francis for 2022-28, to be approved by the membership at the 2021 Annual General Meeting." Motion Approved.

**Welcome to Prof. James Krapfl** (McGill) – the new editor-elect of CSP. To ensure the smooth transition James is appointed associate editor, Heather Coleman steps down after Christmas 2020, and stays in associate role for a while to make transition smooth.

**Support CSP.** Please consider *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* as a venue for your research:

- Encourage your friends and students to subscribe and submit articles
- Ask your publishers to send your books to us for review
- Talk to us about special section ideas
- Disseminate CSP.
  - a) Increase "hits" by downloading our articles online.
  - b) Assign articles and provide links through your university libraries so that students download them (we get the royalties that way).
  - c) Share your research published in our journal, using the "free access" link sent to you.
  - d) Publicize our articles on Facebook, Twitter, blogs.

Chair of the Meeting expresses gratitude to the outgoing editor of CSP, Dr. Heather Coleman:

“On behalf of CAS thank you so much to Heather Coleman for many years of hard work and excellent service to our organization as editor and bringing us from independent publishing to Taylor & Francis, which was a lot of work. Thank you for being our stalwart and our anchor, I cannot say enough.”

“James, you do not know us that well yet, but you will, and we promise to be supportive and helpful.

e. CAS representative to ICCEES Report by Andrii Krawchuk

Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/Report-CAS-Rep-2ICCEES-Jun2020.pdf>

### **Questions and comments on CAS Representative to ICCEES Report:**

Praise for Hospitality Concordia as example on how we can do it if we go hybrid next year. For example, internet access in all classrooms is available, unlike in hotels.

Question about registration. Answer: one can either refund and re-register or roll it over. 85% decided to maintain the registration. We are allowing the possibility to tweak their proposals if they need to do minor revisions to their work based on timeline shifting.

Discussion of hybrid format:

There will be an increased capacity for online/hybrid formats, that opens doors for people from other parts of the world to have access for those who have travel challenges. We also want to maintain academic credibility as virtual environment does not replicate full congress experience. Individual members see the virtual participation being recognized as equally valuable as in person congress attendance.

This is important, as we try to decide the most appropriate package for next year, we need diversity of options. Forward and send us your thoughts. ICCEES does not have a particular preference, in person or online. I did get a sense that some do favor old format to get as many people to Montreal as possible. But we don't know with COVID. I leave it with ICCEES execs and if you could give some thought to that, send it along to Alison. So that decision is informed by all of you pitching in.

f. CAS representative to the International Committee of Slavists by Joseph Schallert  
Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-AGM-Representative-Report-regarding-ICS-17.pdf>

g. Report from the International Relations Committee by Megan Swift

**The International Relations Committee (IRC)** is a standing committee of the Canadian Association of Slavists (CAS), which acts as the national body representing Canadian Slavists within the international organizations with which the CAS is affiliated. The IRC makes recommendations to the CAS through the CAS executive on any changes in its current relations and on the desirability of affiliation with other organizations.

Committee features representation from various countries across the globe including Canada. The winner of the ICCEES first ever network prize was decided unanimously. The representative did not receive permission to announce who won yet.

**Motion to approve executive reports being heard. Approved.**

7. Nominating Committee Report (by Elena Baraban), Constitutional Amendment on Term for Editor of *CSP* (Section 11), and Elections.

Please see the full report on CAS website: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-Nominating-Committee-list-of-nominations.pdf>

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Term for Editor of *CSP* (Section 11).**

Currently reads: Editor of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* – elected for five years.

Proposed wording: Editor of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* – elected for a term of five years. In exceptional circumstances, the editor's term **might** be shortened or extended slightly, as needed, and the new terms will be negotiated with the Nominating Committee in a given year.

**Discussion:**

Heather Coleman is going to step down as editor in chief at the end of 2020 before the transfer of the journal to new location. In these circumstances, the incoming editor negotiated with

Nominating Committee a term of 3 years. These are the terms the Nominating Committee has accepted.

Bohdan Harasymiw suggests a wording change from “may” to “might” change in wording. The change of wording is accepted.

**Proposed amendment is approved.**

8. Other business

**Question about CAS participating in the Congress** of the Humanities and Social Sciences this year. Answer: CAS will not be participating in the Congress this year. CAS will go back to being part of the Congress after ICCEES. There is a need to find CAS conference Chair when time comes.

**Other News:**

Elena Baraban expresses deepest thanks to Brad Smith for his tremendous work on this virtual AGM - this is a challenge and very impressive!

Congratulations to Katya Bowers for receiving tenure at UBC, great job, Katya!

Natalie Kononenko is going to become a grandma of a baby girl over the weekend!

Congratulation to Megan Swift on the publication of her book!

9. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned.

**Note:** Executive reports as well as the Minutes from the 2019 AGM are posted on our website.

Minutes created by Volha Isakava.