

Canadian Association of Slavists Annual General Meeting

Friday, August 6, 2021

Minutes

In attendance: Gregory Aderhold; Romana Bahry; Jars Balan; Elena Baraban; Elena Bratishenko; Serge Cipko; Heather Coleman; Joy Demoskoff; Aileen Friesen; Zina Gimpelevich; Bohdan Harasymiw; Volha Isakava; Maria Ivanova; Natalie Kononenko; Piotr Kosicki; James Krapfl; Margarita Krasova; Andrii Krawchuk; Lana Kryz; Zachary Mitchell; Alla Nedashkivska; Lyudmila Parts; Vic Peppard; Nigel Raab; Paul Robinson; Maryna Romanets; Alison Rowley; Guillaume Sauv ; Diane Sokol; Marko Stech; Megan Swift; Irene Sywenky; Inna Tigountsova; Serhi Yekelchyk; Andriy Zayarnyuk; Richard (unknown last name); Vitalyi (unknown last name - Concordia Tech).

1.0 Welcome

Alison Rowley greeted everyone and gave instructions on how to vote using the raised hand function on Zoom. She expressed her pleasure at reaching the end of her term as CAS president.

2.0 A minute of silence to remember members of CAS who may have passed away this year.

The moment of silence was extended to those harmed by the pandemic in any way.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Lana Kryz made a motion that the agenda be adopted and Zina Gimpelevich seconded. *Motion carried.*

4.0 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Zina Gimpelevich moved the acceptance of the 2020 AGM minutes and Heather Coleman seconded. *Motion carried.*

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 President's Report by Alison Rowley

Alison Rowley presented her report: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-President-Report-2021.pdf>.

5.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Joy Demoskoff reported on CAS finances: <https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/CAS-Secretary-Treasurers-Report-2020-21.pdf>. She moved the acceptance of the Secretary-Treasurer's Report and Alison Rowley seconded. *Motion carried.*

5.3. Canadian Slavonic Papers Editor's Report

James Krapfl reported on developments related to Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes: https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/Editor_Report-2021.pdf. James encouraged members to consider publishing their research in CSP/RCS and to ask their publishers to send us books for review. Talk to James about ideas you might have for special sections. Please disseminate the journal. Increase our royalties by downloading our articles as often as you can. James thanked the members and took questions.

Q. How are things in our region of study – individual subscriptions or institutional? Answer: most subscriptions are through libraries or large research

institutes. Don't know exactly how many individual subscriptions, but it's not large. We do offer discounts for members who need it from the region.

Comment: Elena Baraban expressed thanks to Heather for her work as editor and for her assistance in the transition. Heather also expressed thanks to James and Guillaume and noted that the journal is in good hands.

Natalie Kononenko further expressed thanks to Alison for her work on this conference. Zina Gimpelevich also expressed thanks to Alison and Andrii for all their work.

Alison moved to accept James' Report. Seconded by Lana Krys. *Motion carried.*

5.4 CAS Representative to ICCEES Report

Andrii Krawchuk expressed thanks to Alison Rowley and all of CAS and noted the importance of their collaboration and also that of ICCEES and Concordia. He described the challenges that Covid and other administrative changes had meant for restarting the planning for this conference and he celebrated its accomplishment and the privilege of participating in it.

Andrii noted some losses. The Oxford Russia Program has been informed that it has been designated an undesirable foreign organization. Bard College in New York has also received this designation. They've been running an exchange program with St. Petersburg University since the 1990s. We hope these channels of academic exchange will return to normal.

The ICCEES executive committee met Monday and a number of announcements will be made at the closing ceremony. Concerted effort was made to deconstruct the old boy's network and progress was made on that. The new executive committee will present an even gender balance.

Andrii further clarified that the price of membership in ICCEES is the same for every national organization, \$1 per member per year. The Association of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies has withdrawn membership from ICCEES but the ICCEES executive is in ongoing discussions with the ASEES board and hopes to resolve the issues of concern.

Andrii thanked Alison and all the members of CAS for their contributions to the ICCEES conference. Alison also expressed thanks for the tech support and ground team at Concordia. Heather Coleman expressed thanks to Alison and noted the role that CAS and Canadian internationalism had played in the founding of ICCEES.

5.5 Report from the CAS Representative to the International Committee of Slavists

Joseph Schallert noted that his report on the work of ICS is available on the CAS website and specified that it included an update on the ICS timeline:

<https://slavists.ca/wp-content/uploads/Sept-5-2021-CAS-Representative-Report-regarding-ICS-17-1.pdf>.

5.6 Report from the International Relations Committee

Megan Swift reported that the first ever ICCEES Award for International Cooperation was granted to the Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies. The committee included a chair from Finland, and representatives from Turkey, Japan and Canada. The prize is a 1000 EUROS. Megan congratulated this worthy organization.

6.0 Nominating Committee Report

Elena Baraban presented the following slate of nominees to the CAS executive:
Nominating Committee: Mark Conliffe, Svitlana Krys, Elena Baraban.

CAS President 2021-23: Mark Conliffe (University of Calgary, Director of the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures). Elena read a note from Mark and also expressed her thanks to Alison who had agreed to extend her term for a year.

CAS Honorary President 2021-23: Andrii Krawchuk (University of Sudbury)

CAS Vice Presidents 2021-22: Heather Coleman (University of Alberta) and Maryna Romanets (University of Northern British Columbia)

Program Chair for 2022 CAS conference at the CFHSS Congress: Lyudmilla Parts (McGill University). Elena noted that this will take place May 12-22, 2022 and will likely be a virtual conference.

Chair of the Nominating Committee will be Alison Rowley (Concordia University) as Past President. Elena Baraban (University of Manitoba) and Svitlana Krys (MacEwan University) will continue to serve on this committee.

Members-at-large: Serhy Yekelchuk (University of Victoria); Nigel Raab (Loyola Marymount University); Yuri Leving (Dalhousie University); Volha Isakava (Central Washington University); Aileen Friesen (University of Winnipeg).

Graduate student representatives: Zachary Mitchell (Concordia University) and Alex Averbuch (University of Toronto)

Not up for re-election: James Krapfl (McGill University) as Editor-in-Chief of *CSP/RCS*; Joy Demoskoff (Briercrest College and Seminary) as Secretary-Treasurer; Megan Swift (University of Victoria) as CAS Representative on the ICCEES International Relations Committee; Joseph Schallert (University of Toronto) as CAS Representative on the International Committee of Slavists; and Andrii Krawchuk (University of Sudbury) as CAS Representative at ICCEES.

Elena Baraban moved the adoption of this slate of candidates as prepared by the nominations committee. Seconded by Nigel Raab. *Motion carried.*

Elena expressed congratulations to the new board members and wished them a productive year as the executive board. Alison expressed thanks to Lena for the work of the nominating committee.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Motions updating signing authority on the CSP accounts

Heather Coleman moved that the AGM approve the following changes to the signing authority on the two Canadian Association of Slavists (Canadian Slavonic Papers) accounts held at the Royal Bank of Canada:

Remove previous signing authorities: Oleh S. Ilnytskyj, Svitlana Krys, and Bohdan Nebesio.

Add the new signing authorities: James Krapfl, Joy Demoskoff, Mark Conliffe, and Heather Coleman.

Seconded by Alison Rowley.

Discussion: It was noted that there are two accounts, one in US Dollars as well as a Canadian Dollar account.

Motion carried.

Heather Coleman further moved that the AGM empower the Editor of *CSP/RCS*, James Krapfl, to open or close *Canadian Slavonic Papers* accounts in consultation with the CAS Executive. Signatories for any such accounts are: Joy Demoskoff, Mark Conliffe, Heather Coleman, and James Krapfl.

Seconded by Zachary Mitchell.

Motion carried.

7.2 Information concerning updating the CAS constitution

Alison Rowley notified the AGM that Heather Coleman in her capacity as VP is going to take on the task of developing a working group to develop a modernized constitution.

8.0 Motion to Adjourn

Megan Swift congratulated long-time CAS member Allan Reid who retired this year and proposed a toast in his honour.

Alison Rowley made a motion to adjourn. Elena Baraban seconded. It was noted that the ICCEES closing ceremony will be live. Alison Rowley will comment on behalf of ICCEES. Members were encouraged to edit their ICCEES profiles to identify as a CAS member.

Note: Executive reports as well as the Minutes from the 2020 AGM are posted on our website (<https://slavists.ca/association/governance/executive-reports/>).