

Canadian Women's Studies Association/L'association canadienne des études sur les femmes

AGM 2011

University of New Brunswick/St. Thomas University

May 30, 2011

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Submitted by Annalee Lepp, Secretary

1. Welcome

Katherine Side, President, extended a warm welcome to all attendees at the AGM. She began by thanking all conference participants, members of the conference program committee, the membership secretary, and members of the CWSA/ACEF Executive for their work over the past year. She also thanked the local conference organizers (Joan McFarland, St. Thomas University and Wendy Robbins, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton) and the student volunteers at the conference, in particular Koral LaVogna who organized the women's walking tour, and Kate Price who produced the signs in the sessions.

2. Approval of 2011 AGM Agenda

The AGM agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Approval of 2010 AGM Minutes

The 2010 AGM Minutes have been posted on the CWSA/ACEF website for one year.

Motion: Margaret Oldfield moved to accept the 2010 AGM Minutes.

Second: Lori Chambers.

Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising

Jo-Anne Lee moved that institutional membership rates be reviewed at the 2010 AGM and a motion will be forwarded from the Executive. (See agenda item 9.a. below.)

5. Reports

a. President's Report – Katherine Side

Katherine Side reported that in 2010-2011, much of the Executive's time focused on organizing the 2011 conference and she hoped that everyone was enjoying the conference. The conference organizers and the Executive were very sorry that a family emergency prevented the scheduled keynote speaker, Dr. Anne McClintock, from presenting this year. However, they were pleased that Dr. Carol Williams, former Canada Research Chair in Feminist and Gender Studies, Trent University, could join us. She further indicated that Dr. Saba Mahmood, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, has confirmed her attendance as a keynote speaker at the 2012 conference.

The Executive has also worked at maintaining CWSA/ACEF membership levels, as one of the main sources of revenue for the Association. The Association has benefited from having an additional Executive position that is responsible for memberships, both individual and

institutional. There are two Motions on the agenda related to memberships – one pertains to the option of a multiple-year, institutional membership and the other to membership rates for those who have retired.

The CWSA/ACEF continues to have a strong relationship with the journal, *Atlantis*. With the retirement of Managing Editor, Cecily Barrie, the Executive will be working with Jodi Reid, the Interim Managing Editor. There are many positive changes anticipated and the membership will be updated via the CWSA/ACEF listserv. If the membership has any specific ideas about the relationship between the CWSA/ACEF and *Atlantis*, suggestions are welcome.

The Executive has also instigated discussions about the Association's future. These include: the CWSA/ACEF name and whether, as program and department names are changing, the Association's name reflects the membership and its mission; the CWSA/ACEF website and logo which both need "freshening up"; and the Association's bilingual mandate. In the latter case, the Executive is beginning discussions with the Consortium des études féministes francophones au Québec et Canada, formed in 2007. Presently the Consortium organizes an annual, thematic colloquium at the Association Canadienne Française pour l'Avancement des Sciences (ACFAS).

Finally, the Executive is planning for Congress 2012. Attendees were strongly encouraged to fill out a conference evaluation form to assist in planning.

b. Treasurer's Report – Rhiannon Bury

Rhiannon Bury reported that after taking over as Treasurer in August 2010, she spent the Fall reviewing the Association's accounting practices and procedures in consultation with a retired accountant. Because of the 2009 decision to use PayPal for the payment of membership dues, the existing system was not the most accurate means to track revenues and expenses and record keeping was done manually rather than via the use of bookkeeping software or Excel spreadsheets with formulas. Hence, producing the year-end financials was not only time consuming and labour intensive, but it also meant that the annual audit was expensive as financial statements had to be created in line with general accounting principles.

The membership voted in 2010 to undertake an audit every two years, but Rhiannon recommended to the Executive that an audit be conducted for 2010. Shafana Mitha, a Certified Management Accountant, has prepared the audit (in draft form at the time of the AGM) and has set up a bookkeeping system for the Association.

Rhiannon presented the financial statements the auditor prepared and her recommendations. She also included a breakdown of the 2010 conference and student travel funds.

2010 Income Statement

- Revenues of **\$17,650.07** exceeded expenditures of **\$15,624.26**, resulting in a net income of **\$2,025.81**. In 2009, there was a net loss of \$910.77.

- Membership revenue is broken down to reflect the two revenue streams. Nearly half of our dues come from PayPal. Note that PayPal is not a free service, charging 3% for monies received. PayPal expenses were **\$273.76**. There are no figures for 2009.

2010 Cash Flow Statement

- Since we have no investments or other holdings, this is limited to the bank account. The PayPal account is considered to be a holding account with monies transferred into the bank account. The transfers themselves are not considered revenue. The Association had a net flow of **\$3,499.57**. At year end, it had **\$2,480.69**. The Association's net cash on hand was **\$26,433.74**.

2010 Bank Reconciliation

- The year end balance on the bank statement was **\$23,953.05**. The book balance was **\$23,613.05** with one outstanding cheque for **\$340.00**. The difference between the book balance and the account balance was **\$0.00**.

2010 Conference

- Expenses of **\$13,727.41** exceeded revenues of **\$12,170.00** for a net loss of **\$1,557.41**. In 2009, the Association had a net loss of **\$4,052.20**. The large difference is due in part to the fact that the Treasurer did not count some expenses such as translation and gifts to outgoing Executive members as conference expenses. It should be noted that the Association has lost money at all conferences since 2006.
- The Student Travel Fund had an opening balance of **\$7,772.32**. The Association paid out **\$4,013.42** to students for travel expenses. There is a year end balance to carry forward to 2011 of **3,578.90**.

Auditor's Recommendations (draft)

- CWSA/ACEF review its current accounting policy and disclose the policies with the Financial Statements. A summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information should be included as a Note to the Financial Statements.
- CWSA/ACEF have a set policy on transferring cash from the Pay Pal holding account to the bank account on a more periodic basis.
- CWSA/ACEF have a policy in place regarding Cash Handling to ensure all controls are in place, thereby safeguarding CWSA/ACEF assets. Where the controls are lacking are around the reimbursement of expenses to the Treasurer, whereby the Treasurer would write a cheque to herself/himself. A second signature should be required on the expenditure receipt or cheque to ensure that all assets are adequately safeguarded and included in the audit review.

Motion: Susannah Luhman moved to accept the 2010 Financial Report as presented.

Second: Bobby Noble.

Motion Carried.

c. Membership Report – Wendy Peters

Wendy Peters noted that a Member-at-Large Executive position responsible for individual and institutional memberships was created in 2010. In 2011, individual memberships were down which is likely due to the urban bias in Congress attendance:

2009 – 310 individual members (Congress in Ottawa)

2010 – 355 individual members (Congress in Montreal)

2011 – 160 individual members (Congress in Fredericton)

While the Executive anticipates that memberships will increase again in 2012 when Congress will be held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Wendy nonetheless encouraged people, if financially possible, to support the association for reasons other than attending the annual conference. She further noted that institutional memberships have remained steady at 11 memberships and the annual support from these programs/departments is very much appreciated. Wendy asked that all departments/programs try to support the Association either through departmental/program funds or through the Dean's office.

In 2010-2011, Reeanna Bradley, the membership secretary, and Wendy Peters revised the information outlining the benefits of CWSA/ACEF membership and letters were sent to members and institutions. In response to feedback from some departments/programs, a motion has been drafted introducing a three-year institutional membership. Furthermore, in their promotional activities, Reeanna and Wendy also discussed other ways to promote the CWSA/ACEF, which included updating the website, possibly changing the logo, and re-naming the Association. The Executive will be discussing these matters in 2011-2012 and input from the membership is welcome. Finally, if members have suggestions about how to better serve the membership and/or increase memberships at the individual or institutional levels, suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

During the discussion period, one attendee recommended that a list of institutional members be posted on the website. It was also suggested that if Deans were unwilling to support institutional memberships, perhaps Presidents' Offices would.

d. Book Prize Committee Report – Christine St. Peter

The 2010-2011 CWSA/ACEF Book Prize Committee consisted of four members: Shauna Shiels (Queen's); Kristin Burnett (Lakehead); Christine St. Peter (Victoria); and Jen Roth, Committee Chair (Lakehead). The committee considered the submissions using the following criteria, as established previously by the CWSA/ACEF:

- 1) Relevance to Women's Studies as a discipline
- 2) Currency of subject matter to debates/developments in the field
- 3) Quality of style, presentation, research, and methodology
- 4) Originality

As evidence of the rich supply of feminist publications in Canada, the committee received fifteen books in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, sociology, history, kinesiology, dance, religious studies, cultural studies, history of science, literature, political science, and feminist theory. These books were published by six Canadian presses:

Women's Press, University of Ottawa Press/les Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa, McGill-Queen's University Press, University of British Columbia Press, les éditions du remue-ménage de Montréal, and University of Toronto Press. All the books were submitted directly by the presses involved; no books were submitted by an independent nominator. For the first time, four books in French were submitted.

Because each submission was excellent, the choice among them was a difficult one, but in the end the committee, working across the country via e-mail communication, decided on the following winner and honourable mention:

Book Prize Winner:

Amani Hamdan, *Muslim Women Speak: A Tapestry of Lives and Dreams* (Toronto: Women's Press, 2009).

The committee's citation read as follows: "Dr. Amani Hamdan's study of Arab Muslim women's lives in Canada is an important addition to the burgeoning work on Muslim women in Canada. Because of the growing number of immigrant women from this group, and emergent global transnationalism, *Muslim Women Speak: A Tapestry of Lives and Dreams* is a crucially important addition to feminist literature in this country. Her work responds to people who perceive Muslim societies and women as bounded by tradition, and refocuses the oppressed/liberated dichotomy that often gets produced about non-white/western women by showing the complexities of different women's lives. While this approach is not necessarily new to transnational feminist methods, what makes Hamdan's work stand out from other inquiries in her area is the depth and breadth of her theoretical framework. Her interviews, which include women from Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates with sojourns in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, offer diverse pictures of women's lives in their original homes and in their adopted country, and all are deftly analyzed and richly located within transnational power structures. The central question of the book focuses on the conflict between the egalitarian tenets of Islamic scripture and the problematic ways these principles conflict with what Dr. Hamdan calls 'traditional cultural practices': gender inequality so at odds with the modern lives these professional women live."

Honourable Mention:

Lara Campbell, *Respectable Citizens: Gender, Family and Unemployment in Ontario's Great Depression* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009).

The committee's citation read as follows: "Dr. Lara Campbell's monograph, *Respectable Citizens: Gender, Family and Unemployment in Ontario's Great Depression* is one of the first book-length examinations of the gendered and familial dimensions of this understudied period in Ontario and Canadian history. Her multi-layered analysis incorporates an exploration of the material challenges faced by Ontarians, both individually and as members of family units, urban and rural, in a time of high unemployment, poverty, and deprivation. She examines the gendered and generational contours of family-based survival

strategies as well as forms of political and social protest premised on the varied claims to rights and entitlements. The book makes important connections between social and political activism in the 1930s depression and the development of the Canadian welfare state in the post-World War II era. Drawing on a broad range of historical sources, including family and criminal court records, memoirs, protest letters to Ontario premiers, and oral interviews, Dr. Campbell has produced a finely crafted, superbly researched monograph. This work makes a major contribution to Canadian social, gender, and family history, and histories of grassroots activism and the Canadian welfare state.”

e. Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee Report

As members of the Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee were unable to attend the 2011 conference, Annalee Lepp presented the committee’s report. Members of the committee consisted of T.L. Cowan (Saskatchewan), Amber Dean (McMaster), Joan Simalchik (Toronto at Mississauga), and Margaret Toye (WLU), with regrets from Suzanne Lenon (Lethbridge).

The committee received twelve qualifying essays by the May 1st deadline. During a Skype conference call, members began by identifying their top three selections. There was a tremendous amount of overlap among the lists, so it proved quite straightforward to select the winning essays. However, due to the impressively high level of scholarship reflected in many of the papers nominated for this prize, the committee opted to name a winning essay, a second-place essay, and three essays worthy of honourable mention. All four committee members identified the same list of five essays, all of which were prize-winning essays.

Overall, the committee found that the breadth and depth of research, sophisticated analysis, and imaginative and beautiful writing reaffirmed the importance of undergraduate work in WGST. Many of the papers pushed committee members’ own thinking in striking ways, and the original topics and frames of analysis mobilized by many of the papers reflect brilliantly innovative undergraduate scholarship. This was a welcome change from the committee’s experience last year (and two of this year’s members sat on the committee last year, so there is a consistency of standards).

The committee recommended that publishing all of the essays on the CWSA website would provide an invaluable resource, both to reflect the excellent undergraduate work being done in WGST in Canada, and also in order to direct our students to the wide range of methodologies and styles available to them. In discussion, it was noted, however, that there might be copyright implications to publishing the essays on the website.

The committee thanked Annalee Lepp for administering the essays for the committee; her efficient organization and anonymizing of the materials made the job very painless!

Undergraduate Essay Prize Winner:

Sinéad Charbonneau, “Space, Power, and Difference: The Murder of Ariana May Simpson,” (Women's Studies, University of Victoria, written for WS 400B: Research Seminar for Independent Project).

The committee's citation read as follows: "Charbonneau's essay offers a critical, feminist, decolonizing, spatial analysis of the events surrounding the murder of Ariana May Simpson, as well as of some of the media representations that conveyed the story of Simpson's murder to a wider public. Simpson was a young woman whom Charbonneau had personally known and loved. She was, Charbonneau tells us, an Indigenous woman, and her murder took place in an inner-city neighbourhood in Victoria, BC that is problematically cast as a space of 'degeneracy', a space that is racialized in the present through a long history of colonial violence. Charbonneau deftly debunks the troubling representation of Simpson's murder as an accident caused by an innocent white man from a 'good' neighbourhood and background, clearly demonstrating how the violent encounter between this man and Simpson in this particular space at the time of her murder was anything but accidental. Building on the important work of scholars like Sherene Razack, Jean Barman, and Andrea Smith, Charbonneau's analysis is thoughtful, provocative, and courageous. She succinctly combines a difficult, personal narrative of loss with a formidable intellectual critique of the social dimensions of Simpson's murder. Her critique is urgent, and her essay ought to be required reading for anyone making home in today's 'Canada'."

Undergraduate Second Prize Winner:

Tara Paterson, "Choice by any other name: The Abortion Art Controversy and the Limits of Liberalism" (Women's Studies, University of Victoria, written for WS 400A: Feminist Research Practices).

The committee's citation read as follows: "Paterson's essay takes an original and deeply thoughtful approach to this long-standing feminist topic and develops a distinct theoretical grounding for the debate. In elegant composition, she summarizes the discussion to date, engages in a critique of liberal approaches to freedom and rights, and advances provocative counter-arguments. We were greatly impressed by the depth of scholarship, critical insight and creative analysis that Paterson employed in her essay."

Undergraduate Honourable Mentions

The committee selected three other exceptional essays as honourable mentions to be listed and alongside first- and second-prize winners on the CWSA/ACEF website:

Ashley Pleasant, "Safe for Whom? The Politics of Safe Space at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival" (Women's Studies, McMaster University, written for History 4I06: Women and Social Movements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century United States).

Shelagh Pizey-Allen, "Queering the Canadian Museum for Human Rights: Homonormativity, Settler Homonationalism, and the Erasure of Difference" (Women's and Gender Studies, University of Winnipeg, written for WGS 4100: Queer Studies in the Global Postmodern).

Roxanne Runyon, "Navigating Two-Spirited Identities: Towards a Queer Theory of Decolonization" (Women's Studies, University of Alberta, written for a 4th year seminar in Queer and Trans Studies).

f. Graduate Essay Prize Committee Report – Heather Tapley

The Graduate Essay Prize Committee consisted of Shannon Jette (Concordia, Chair), Heather Tapley (Victoria), and Susanne Luhmann (Alberta). The committee received five essays to review and, as previously arranged, members notified each other via email of their top two choices. Overall, the committee was impressed with the submissions and unanimously agreed on the prize-winning essay; however, members decided not to award an honourable mention.

Graduate Essay Prize Winner:

Alex Rowlson, "Negotiated Nuptials": A Transnational Analysis of the International Marriage Broker Industry and the Russian 'Mail-Order Bride'" (Women's and Gender Studies, Toronto).

The committee's citation read as follows: "Rowlson's essay offers a nuanced transnational and intersectional analysis of American men and Russian women who seek each other out in international marriage arrangements. By approaching the women and men as 'transnational figures' and, thus, as active agents in the international marriage marketplace, the author productively interrupts the wide-spread popular and academic stereotyping of such arrangements as only abusive and/or exploitative, and structured within a victim/perpetrator binary. Instead, the author places marriage brokering within the long history of marriage as not a romantic, but an economic and political union. Rowlson convincingly shows how race, class, gender, and religion are intersecting factors within this international marriage economy and play a strategic, if stereotypical, role in the desires and choices of both the Russian women and American men. The paper stands out from among a cohort of strong submissions to this year's graduate essay prize. It excels by way of in-depth research, succinct mapping of a complex topic, and an already accomplished writing style."

g. Conference Committee Report – Marie Lovrod

Marie Lovrod emphasized that it takes a lot of work to pull a conference together, so in many ways, her report was a series of gratitudes. Thanks were extended to Kate Bride (MUN), Mylène Dorcé (Montréal), and Samantha Thrift (McGill), the program committee, who vetted all of the submissions this year and produced the program. Not only does the program committee review the submissions, they assemble single paper proposals into panels. This year the program committee received 51 paper proposals and 16 panel and workshop proposals, approximately half the number received for the CWSA/ACEF conference in Montreal.

Each year, the program committee welcomes individual paper submissions, but Marie encouraged panel submissions (of no more than 4 papers and preferably 3 papers with a moderator/chair). For several years, the conference program has also consisted of lunch

time sessions, which were well attended this year. Marie encouraged members to submit proposals for lunchtime sessions, on topics that might be useful for the entire membership. In recent years, the conference program has also included performances and installations. Marie emphasized that if members planned to submit proposals for these kinds of sessions, it was important to provide as much information as possible about what is needed to make the presentation work.

Marie also thanked Sal Renshaw for organizing a strong coordinators' meeting and for giving coordinators the invaluable opportunity to engage in national conversations about what is happening in their institutions. She also noted the contributions of the following individuals: the CWSA/ACEF Executive who assisted with the details, from plenary planning to catering orders; Wendy Robbins and Joan McFarland who were the local coordinators and helped to sort out the logistics on the ground; Marilee Reimer who arranged for printing of the program; the Department of History at UNB who contributed with UNB and STU to the costs of the walking tour; and the Book Prize as well as Undergraduate and Graduate Essay Prize Committees. Due to a series of life circumstances converging on volunteers who did background work for Congress, Kate Price (STU) found herself to be the sole volunteer able to help out at Congress this year, and she has been stellar in the role.

Marie noted that the call for papers for the 2012 conference in Kitchener-Waterloo will be circulated in October. The Congress theme next year is "CROSSROADS: Scholarship for an Uncertain World." Margaret Toye (WLU) has agreed to act as local coordinator next year. Marie asked that everyone fill out a conference evaluation form, which will be helpful for planning next year's conference.

h. Communications Committee Report – Ann Braithwaite

Ann Braithwaite emphasized plans for updating and redesigning the website. She encouraged all members to review the website for content.

i. Coordinators Meeting Report – Sal Renshaw

Sal Renshaw reported that 24 coordinators attended the meeting. Overall, the meeting was highly successful. Three themes were discussed: curriculum; naming and renaming; and budget and institutional challenges. One theme identified for next year's meeting is Women's Studies' visibility.

6. Karen Grant and Alison Hebbs, CFHSS Representatives

The CFHSS representatives announced the CWSA/ACEF conference dates at University of Waterloo/Wilfrid Laurier: May 26 – 29, 2012. (Congress will run from May 25 – June 2, 2012.) They also indicated that the Federation's strategic directions are available on the Federation's website. They further noted that the Federation's advocacy at the federal level resulted in a more favourable budget. The Federation is also planning Big Thinking Lectures and suggestions of speakers are welcome. The Federation's AGM in March will also include a conference, with federal government and community members involved.

In discussion, one concern that was raised was the various ways in which there is less space at Congress for interdisciplinarity (residents policies, lack of standardized schedules, the need to circulate programs on the Federation website, etc.). These concerns were noted by the representatives.

7. Executive Members Elections

Katherine Side noted that the terms and responsibilities for Executive positions are posted on the CWSA/ACEF website. She also emphasized that the CWSA/ACEF especially encourages tenured faculty members to take on Executive responsibilities as part of their salaried labour and service responsibilities.

- a. President Elect (one-year + two-year term): **Annalee Lepp, Victoria**, was acclaimed.
- b. Secretary (two-year term): **Katie Aubrecht, OISE**, was acclaimed.
- c. Member-at-Large #2 (conference liaison, two-year term): **Marie Lovrod, Saskatchewan**, was acclaimed.
- d. Communications Officer (two-year term): **Ann Braithwaite, UPEI**, was acclaimed.

8. Selection of Members for Committees

- a. Conference Program Committee (2012 Congress): Kate Bride (York), Mylène Dorcé (Montréal), Tara LaRose (OISE), Vannina Sztainbok (Toronto, Scarborough), Bobby Noble (York), Marie Lovrod (Saskatchewan), Rhiannon Bury (Athabasca).
- b. Conference Local Arrangements Committee (2012 Congress): Margaret Toye (WLU), Local Coordinator.
- c. Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee: Sonja Boon (MUN), Ilya Parkins (UBC Okanagan).
- d. Graduate Essay Prize Committee: Amber Dean (McMaster), Susanne Luhmann (Alberta), Meg Luxton (York), Margaret Oldfield (OISE).
- e. Communications Committee: Brenda Anderson (Regina).

9. Membership Rates

a. Institutional Memberships

Motion: That the institutional membership structure be revised to create a three-year institutional membership with an attendant discount of \$25.00 as an incentive for institutional memberships taken out over a three-year period, to reflect the following:

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| Small institution or program: | \$200.00 over 3-year period |
| Medium institution or program: | \$350.00 over 3-year period |
| Large institution or program: | \$575.00 over 3-year period |

Rationale: Institutional members have commented that it is challenging to renew each year on behalf of their program/department. It has been suggested that a longer time frame would be more expedient, especially for those departments that do not have departmental assistance/assistants. Further, chairs who approach their Deans for funding to purchase institutional memberships could make this request less frequently if there was a longer-term option available. The \$25 incentive was conceived of, in part, to encourage Deans who agree to pay for institutional memberships to choose the less expensive and longer-term option. Overall, this motion is borne out of direct requests from institutional members for a longer-term option to reduce time and effort required to renew and maintain memberships at the program/departmental level.

Motion: Meg Luxton moved to accept the institutional membership motion.

Second: Christine St. Peter

Motion Carried.

During the discussion, it was noted that a reminder to renew institutional memberships should be sent to all chairs and coordinators, or that a contact person be found in each program/department for this purpose. Email reminders could be followed up with personal phone calls.

b. Individual Memberships

Motion: That the Low Income (individual) membership rate of \$25.00/year be changed to include Low Income and Retirees (individual) and that the rate (\$25.00/year) remain the same. That a corresponding change be made on the website and on-line membership forms.

During the discussion, the motion was amended as follows: That Retirees would have the option of paying either the regular rate or the Low Income rate. That the Executive be charged with finessing the altered language.

Motion: Meg Luxton moved to accept the amended motion in principle.

Second: Margaret Oldfield.

Motion Carried.

10. Conference Travel Fund

Katherine Side noted that currently the CWSA/ACEF receives funding under the Aid and Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations to assist members to attend the AGM. The following motion would raise the maximum reimbursement amount from \$400.00 to \$500.00, effective for 2011 conference participation.

Motion: That the amount be changed from \$400.00 to \$500.00, depending on the number of applicants. That the new wording would read: "Under the existing policy, students, unwaged and underwaged CWSA/ACEF members may apply for reimbursement of their travel costs to a maximum of \$500.00 (depending on the number of applicants) to attend the CWSA/ACEF Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Congress. Signing the AGM attendance sheet is required to secure reimbursement of costs." This change be reflected on

the CWSA/ACEF website.

In discussion, it was suggested that the new policy also be sent to graduate students.

Motion: Kate Bride moved to accept the above motion.

Second: Bobby Noble.

Motion Carried.

11. Book Prize

Katherine Side noted that discussion of the Book Prize took place at a special session earlier in the day. Some members also responded to a previously distributed electronic survey.

Motion: CWSA/ACEF Prize for Outstanding Scholarship

- a. Nominations will include monographs, edited collections, or significant documentary films in English or French published/released in the previous year;
- b. The prize will recognize work produced by Canadian scholars/filmmakers, work published or produced by Canadian presses/film production agencies; or work on Canadian topics;
- c. Nominations can be submitted by publishers/media distributors or CWSA/ACEF members;
- d. The deadline for nominations will be September 30, 2011 to encourage nominations from the membership;
- e. CWSA/ACEF members cannot nominate their own publication/documentary film, or publications/documentary films in which they have personal or financial interests.
- f. In order to be considered, the author/filmmaker must be a CWSA/ACEF member in good standing and a member in good standing in the year that the prize is received;
- g. The assessment criteria will remain the same; i.e. relevance to Women's Studies as a discipline; currency of subject matter to debates/developments in the field; quality of style, presentation, research, and methodology; and originality;
- h. The selection will involve a peer review process among CWSA/ACEF members in good standing;
- i. At least two members of the CWSA/ACEF Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee must have oral and reading comprehension skills in French;
- j. The Executive will be charged with developing an electronic form to recognize scholarly achievements of all CWSA/ACEF members.

Motion: Christine St. Peter moved to accept the above motion.

Second: Bobby Noble.

Motion Carried.

Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee (2011-2012): Christine St. Peter (Victoria), Jen Roth (Lakehead), Lori Chambers (Lakehead).

12. New Business

a. Katherine Side drew members' attention to a letter she received from CAUT/ACPPU dated 12 May 2011, which raised concerns about cutbacks to librarians and archivists.

Motion: Linda Christiansen-Ruffman moved that the CWSA/ACEF send a letter expressing concern about the issues raised.

Second: Margo Francis.

Motion Carried. Unanimous

b. The issue of the process involved in discussing the CWSA/ACEF name change was raised from the floor.

Motion: Susanna Luhmann moved that the Executive initiate a process/forum on the name change and that this issue be discussed at the 2012 AGM.

Second: Bobby Noble.

Motion Carried.

13. Thanks to Continuing Executive Members

Katherine Side expressed her thanks to continuing Executive members. She also expressed thanks to Christine St. Peter, Women's Studies at the University of Victoria, who will retire on June 30, 2011. She was CWSA/ACEF President in 1989-1990, conference organizer in 1988-1989, and continued to be a stalwart contributor to the Association and to the annual conference.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Ann Braithwaite moved to adjourn.

Second: Wendy Peters.

Motion Carried.

Attendance at the 2011 AGM

Jill Arkles

Betty Jo Barrett

Ann Braithwaite

Marcia Braundy

Kate Bride

Rhiannon Bury
Lori Chambers
Linda Christiansen-Ruffman
Kathleen Cummins
Anne Forrest
Margo Francis
Caroline Hodes
Annalee Lepp
Marie Lovrod
Susanne Luhmann
Meg Luxton
Angela Miles
Sarah Morgan
Bobby Noble
Margaret Oldfield
Gary Lee Pelletier
Rosalee Peppard
Wendy Peters
Kate Price
Sal Renshaw
Christine St. Peter
Robin Sutherland
Heather Tapley