

**Canadian Women's Studies Association/L'association canadienne des études sur
les femmes
AGM 2012
University of Waterloo/Wilfrid Laurier University
May 28, 2012
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Submitted by Katie Aubrecht, Secretary**

1. Welcome

Katherine Side, president, was in Ireland at the time of the annual meeting and sent her regrets. Annalee Lepp, incoming president, acted as her representative and welcomed all attendees on Katherine's behalf. Annalee opened the meeting by thanking the conference participants, and members of the executive, the conference program committee, and the awards committees. She also thanked the outgoing membership secretary, Reeanna Bradley, as well as the local conference organizer Margaret Toye, Wilfrid Laurier University.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The AGM agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Approval of 2011 AGM Minutes

The 2011 AGM Minutes have been posted on the CWSA/ACÉF website for one year.

Motion: Annalee Lepp moved to accept the 2011 AGM Minutes

Second: Bobby Noble

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising (see 9. below for CWSA/ACÉF name change)

5. Reports and Motions

a. President's Report - Katherine Side (Read by Annalee Lepp)

The primary work of the CWSA/ACÉF executive, over this past year, has been organizing this year's conference in Waterloo, with assistance from the program committee members and Margaret Toye, Wilfrid Laurier, who has been an exemplary local coordinator. We would like to thank all of these people for their contributions to this year's conference.

I also would like to take this time to thank all of the members of the executive, as well as members of its various committees, for their contributions over this past year. In particular, I would like to thank treasurer, Rhiannon Bury, for her diligence in ensuring that our financial records are consistent with accepted accounting principles.

We have had a busy year:

i. The CWSA/ACEF has a new website thanks to the work of Ann Braithwaite, UPEI. This new website continues to be updated and provides current information about the association and its activities. It also reflects some significant changes that have occurred over time, such as the shift towards membership payment by Pal Pay; and, it also provides a blog for membership discussion.

ii. We have continued to maintain the student essay awards, as well as the newly named CWSA/ACÉF Outstanding Scholarship Prize, that better reflects the scope of the scholarly and creative works of our members. This year's award reflects these expanded criteria, approved at last year's AGM.

iii. We have, over the past 2 years, instituted a CWSA/ACÉF forum session at the annual conference, to provide members with a dedicated space and time for discussion of issues of concern to the association and its members. As well, we have established links, at the conference, with Canada Research Chairs whose research areas are of interest to our members. Both of these initiatives are in place at the conference this year.

Although we have sought, over the past two years, to invite high profile, keynote speakers, in both cases, extenuating circumstances have prevented their attendance. I think we can learn from this experience and to work more closely and more concertedly from within our own membership.

This year's conference program re-institutes the Graduate Caucus, as a dedicated space for graduate students.

Based on recommendations by our members, this year's program committee has also worked to connect the CWSA/ACÉF conference program with relevant Federation events.

iv. Individual memberships in the association have remained relatively stable; these are often dependent on the number of conference attendees, which is also determined by the conference location.

We have increased the number of institutional memberships over the past year and have instituted a new membership fees structure that allows institutional memberships to be taken out over longer periods of time. I would encourage those who are at institutions that have not yet taken advantage of this option, to consider the multi-year membership option.

v. We have continued to work with the Federation and to receive conference travel funds from the SSHRC Aid and Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations, to support some travel costs for some of our members. Over this past year, we have also developed an application process for these funds that better enables us to project costs to the association.

vi. We have initiated a discussion with the Consortium des études féministes francophones au Québec et Canada; the Consortium organizes an annual, thematic colloquium at the Association Canadienne Française pour l'Avancement des Sciences and we are interested in our common, future interests. We continue to provide call for papers and call for submissions announcements to our members in both official languages.

I have enjoyed my term as president and pass that role into the capable hands of Dr. Annalee Lepp.

b. Treasurer's Report – Rhiannon Bury

Rhiannon Bury, treasurer, informed the membership that in the 2011-2012 year, association revenues exceeded expenses (details in the report below). PayPal was introduced to help streamline the membership payment process. There is a small cost associated with PayPal, but Rhiannon Bury stated that the advantages of this online mode of membership payment outweighed the costs. In 2011-2012, the association paid its dues, and received donations toward the travel fund. The expenses were mainly related to administration (e.g., translation, teleconferences, conference costs), but in the end everything balanced. In the past, the association has typically always lost money, but this year the deficit was minimal (about \$500). The Association received full SSHRC funding to support the travel for students to the conference in Fredericton in 2011. However, there were few applications. The unspent amount has been carried forward in the student travel

grant pool. SSHRC also provided clarification that only students can access these funds. The association drew on the donor pool to support the attendance of low wage members.

Below are the financial statements prepared by Rhiannon Bury. The income and bank reconciliation statements she prepared for the AGM are unaudited. As per the AGM decision of 2010, we are only conducting an audit every second year unless the executive feels that one was necessary for a "non-audit" year. The last audit was done on the 2010 financials. The next audit will be done on the 2012 financials and will be presented at the 2013 AGM. At Rhiannon's recommendation, CWSA/ACÉF paid Shafana Mitha (CMA) to do the year end and start a new accounting record for 2012.

Rhiannon Bury was pleased to report to the membership that association finances are in good shape. With established bookkeeping practices in place from last year, recording and reporting has been straightforward.

- 2011 Income Statement
Our revenues of **\$ 17,820.00** exceeded our expenditures of **\$ 11,845.75**, resulting in a net income of **\$ 5,974.25**. In 2010, we had a net income of **\$ 2,025.81**.
- 2011 Bank Reconciliation
The year-end balance on the bank statement was **\$31, 100.45**. The book balance was **\$30,728.20** with three outstanding cheques for **\$372.25**. The difference between the book balance and the account balance is **\$0.00**.
- 2011 Conference
Expenses of **\$10,306.68** exceeded revenues of **\$9,805.00** for a net loss of **\$501.68**. In 2010 we had a net loss of **\$1,557.41**.

Starting in 2011, we have divided our aid for travel fund into two streams. Only those with a valid student ID will be reimbursed for travel expenses out of the funds provided by SSHRC as per its clear guidelines. Low-waged applicants will be reimbursed using other CWSA/ACÉF funds, beginning with those donated to the association for this purpose.

The SSHRC stream had an opening balance of **\$2,569.08** and we received the full grant amount of **\$5,700.00**. Total reimbursement was **\$1,967.23**. We have a year-end balance to carry forward to 2012 of **\$6,301.85**.

Our donation stream had an opening balance of **\$1,189.82**. We received **\$1,085.00** from our generous donors. Total reimbursement was **\$900.00**. We have a year-end balance to carry forward to 2012 of **\$1,374.82**.

All recommendations made by the auditor based on the 2010 audit were implemented.

c. Membership Report – Wendy Peters

Wendy Peters reported that there were just over 100 members as of May 1, 2012. This year the number of institutional memberships increased from 11 to 22. Annalee Lepp thanked outgoing membership secretary, Reeanna Bradley, UNBC, on behalf of the association and officially acknowledged all the work she has done over the last four years in processing memberships.

d. Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee Report – Lori Chambers

This year the association expanded the eligibility to include edited anthologies and films. This decision grew out of a motion that was carried at the 2011 AGM.

The Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee consisted of three members: Jen Roth, Lakehead; Lori Chambers, Lakehead; and Christine St. Peter, Victoria. The members of the committee read 17 books, 12 in English and five in French. It was a particularly strong and impressive crop of books, with great scholarship and a wide variety of issues represented. Fair warning to any who will take this on in the future: it is a lot of work. Although it was a tough decision, the process went smoothly. Both the winning anthology and the honourable mention could have a strong presence in Women's Studies programs.

Outstanding Scholarship Prize Winner:

Cheryl Suzack, Shari Huhndorf, Jeanne Perreault and Jean Barman, eds.
***Indigenous Women and Feminism: Politics, Activism, Culture.* Vancouver: UBC Press, 2010.**

According to the prize committee: "This year's winner, *Indigenous Women and Feminism*, represents pioneering work in women's, gender and Indigenous studies. The edited collection provides insights into Indigenous women's experiences and begins a process of mainstreaming Indigenous feminism within Canadian feminist publications. The anthology comprises multiple voices which coalesce around a series of important questions about nation, racialization, and the ongoing effects of settler-societies. The book effectively links Indigenous women's issues in Canada to transnational movements and concerns, and contributes to ongoing processes of decolonization."

Honourable Mention:

Sheila Cavanagh. *Queering Bathrooms: Gender, Sexuality, and the Hygienic Imagination.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010.

According to the prize committee: "This year's honourable mention, *Queering Bathrooms*, takes what is at first glance a very basic topic - the washroom - and subjects it to intense theoretical analysis. Cavanagh's wide-ranging inquiry into the washroom as an institution illuminates a range of gender issues. Cavanagh's deep contextual analysis deftly illustrates the connections between washrooms, the institutionalization of a binary sex-gender system, with particular emphasis on trans experience, and heteronormativity."

e. Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee Report – Mary Bunch

For the 2011-12 competition, the Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee - Sonja Boon, Memorial; Mary Jennifer Bunch, Western Ontario; Rachel Hurst, St. Francis Xavier; and Hans Rollman, York - reviewed a total of six papers nominated for the award. All the papers were of extremely high caliber; however the determination of the first- and second-prize winning essays was easily and quickly achieved by consensus.

Two committee members had nominated student essays for the competition and recused themselves from commenting on these papers. This posed no barrier to determining the top essays through a process of consensus. The committee's deliberations were collegial and no difficulties were encountered. The process went extremely smoothly.

Undergraduate Essay Prize Winner:

Jamie Pitt, "Inescapable 'Human Porosity': Dis/ability, 'Ethnicity', and Language in Hélène Cixous' *The Day I Wasn't There*" (Women's Studies, Memorial University, written for WSTD 2005: Identities and Difference).

According to the prize committee: "This elegantly styled essay explores the production of self and selfhood in Helen Cixous' *The Day I Wasn't There*, forwarding a nuanced analysis of identity and difference as produced by dis/ability, ethnicity and language. The committee was thoroughly impressed by the paper and there was strong consensus that it was the winner. The writing is lovely, with a developed style, and a confident and eloquently presented argument. The thesis was interesting, complex, and original. The author gives a clear outline of what they plan to do in the paper as an introduction, and they do a good job of signposting throughout the paper. It drew upon a range of works and provided a stimulating and sophisticated analysis that was nevertheless lucid and easy to follow."

Undergraduate Second Prize Winner:

Jennie Thompson, "The 'Secret Sin' of Victorian Men: The Masturbation and Spermatorrhea 'Panic' of Mid-to-Late Nineteenth-Century Britain" (Women's Studies, UPEI, written for WS 309: Masculinity Studies)

According to the prize committee: "This paper tied the Victorian moral panic over male masturbation to societal anxiety over the shifting roles of middle-class men. The author effectively linked masculinity to broader issues of gender, class and sexuality and their roles in the service of nationalist projects (of imperialism). The committee felt that this paper managed to straddle the very challenging line between adopting too broad a scope on the one hand, and failing to adequately construct the theoretical and historical context, on the other. It is a well-formulated essay, with a sophisticated, interesting and narrow thesis. This paper draws on a broad, yet well-selected, range of primary source evidence to support the argument and is confidently written."

On behalf of the Association, Annalee Lepp thanked members of the Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee for their work: Christine St. Peter, Jen Roth, Lori Chamber; and members of the Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee: Sonja Boon, Mary Bunch, Rachel Hurst and Hans Rollman.

f. Graduate Essay Prize Committee Report and Motion – Susanne Luhmann

The committee consisted of four members: Susanne Luhmann, Alberta; Margaret Oldfield, OISE/Toronto; Amber Dean, McMaster; and Meg Luxton, York. Only one submission was received for this year's competition and it was decided that this was not a sufficient number on which to base a decision to award the prize. Hence, the prize will not be awarded this year. The committee made the following comment and recommendation:

There have been concerns expressed that the April 15 deadline does not align well with deadlines in graduate courses. The deadline change indicated in the motion below would, in the opinion of the committee, facilitate the nomination of a greater number of graduate essays for the competition. In addition, an earlier committee decision would make it more likely that the winner of the Graduate Essay Prize would be able to attend the CWSA/ACÉF awards ceremony.

Motion: That the deadline for the Graduate Essay Prize be changed to February 1. Essays submitted for courses during the preceding calendar year (January 1 – December 31) would be eligible to be nominated.

Motion: Susanne Luhmann moved to accept the motion.

Second: Habiba Zaman.

There was no discussion and all were in favour.

In light of this change, Annalee Lepp asked whether the deadline for the Undergraduate Essay Prize nominations should also be changed. In the discussion that followed, several members pointed out the benefits of instituting earlier deadlines for both essay prizes, including consistency of deadlines, granting committee members more time for decision-making, and the logistics of inviting the winners to the annual conference. In part to accommodate sessional instructors who may only teach during one term, it was also recommended that a rolling deadline for both essay prizes be introduced; it would be the responsibility of the liaison person for each prize committee to gather and store submissions over the course of the calendar year and forward them to the relevant committee after February 1st.

Motion: Be it resolved that we change the deadline for nominations for the Undergraduate Essay Prize to February 1st to be consistent with the deadline for the Graduate Essay Prize for all the reasons mentioned in the discussion.

Motion: Ann Braithwaite moved to accept the motion.

Second: Habiba Zaman.

All in favour, one opposed.

Annalee Lepp thanked the members of the Graduate Prize Committee for all their work. **The executive will alert association members of the deadline change to February 1st as well as the rolling deadline over the calendar year; reminders to this effect will be sent out periodically.**

g. Conference Program Committee Report – Marie Lovrod and Kate Bride

Kate Bride served as program committee chair this year and has agreed to serve again next year, with a view to running for the conference liaison position on the executive when the position becomes vacant. Margaret Toye served as local coordinator (responsible for organizing the onsite venue, student volunteers, local restaurant meetings, the excellent display of materials in the meeting and refreshments room) and collaborator with a committee from both the Laurier and Waterloo programs that organized the interdisciplinary session on Women Leading the Academy. Sal Renshaw planned a very strong coordinators' meeting, which included provocative pre-readings that facilitated frank national conversations about changing conditions at institutions across the country. Rhiannon Bury once again demonstrated her financial acumen in assisting with all fiscal conference details, including judicious and delicious catered offerings.

Bobby Noble, Rhiannon Bury, Sal Renshaw, and the entire executive assisted the program committee in drafting the call for papers. Tara La Rose (Ryerson), Vannina Sztainbok (UToronto), Katherine Side (MUN), and Marie Lovrod (USask) collaborated in vetting the proposals. Jessica Khouri (MUN) was our fabulous graduate assistant and the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Wilfred Laurier University printed the final program. Mylène Dorcé (Montréal) provided translation.

On behalf of the entire association, the program committee would like to thank the following student volunteers for their contributions to the success of the conference: Jay Harrison who provided invaluable support to our local coordinator during Congress and the weeks of work leading up to it; Charlene Roberts (WLU) who organized volunteers and created the wonderful poster; Alina Balzer-Peters (UW) who co-organized volunteers; and the following students who all assisted at the registration table - Danielle Fradley-Davis, Alex Eastland,

Nasheen Kalkat, Preethisha Gopinath, Megan King, Shahana Srikanthan and Stephanie Mercado.

This year the program committee received 75 paper proposals, together with five workshop, 16 panel, five roundtables and one installation proposal/s, representing a significant increase over the numbers received for the conference in Fredericton. As a result, and given strict adherence to a three-member panel maximum, we had more limited available space, resulting in a reduced proposal acceptance rate. One of the suggestions that emerged this year as a few questions arose about acceptance rates and the vetting process included the adoption of an online conference vetting system that would enable more members to engage in proposal vetting.

Informal feedback affirmed that three papers per panel resulted in a stronger program. Incorporation of *Big Thinker* lunchtime sessions in close proximity to the CWSA/ACÉF venue was also much appreciated and facilitated attendance at these events. This year, space was reserved for a graduate student caucus and, owing to advance planning and blog postings accessible to all members, the discussions about name change proceeded efficiently and effectively to resolution. Installation proposals continue to require detailed descriptions with particular attention to venue, and success has varied, depending on the particular needs of the presenting artist. CRIAW/ICREF leaders met with CWSA/ACÉF in a roundtable format to discuss possible collaborations in the future and, already, links have appeared on organizational websites, to encourage cross-memberships.

The call for papers in Victoria will be circulated in October. Incoming President, Annalee Lepp, indicates that Sikata Banerjee will be Local Coordinator there. The theme for our next Congress is: @ the Edge; @ La Fine Point.

As noted above, there were some concerns expressed by members regarding the review process for conference abstracts and in particular, the rejection rate this year. Currently, the process is as follows: all abstracts are anonymized and forwarded to the conference program committee (consisting of three-five members plus at least one member of the CWSA/ACÉF executive) for review and decision. In order to broaden the involvement of CWSA/ACÉF members in the conference abstract review process, the following is recommended:

Motion: That the CWSA/ACÉF move to adopt conference management software. Under this new system, a committee of a minimum of four/five and up to ten reviewers would be established; the reviewers would each receive a set number of abstracts to review and each abstract would be evaluated by two members of the committee with the option of providing brief comments. The reviewers would forward their evaluations to the conference program committee who would review the evaluations and make the final decisions.

Motion: Marie Lovrod moved to accept the motion.

Second: Bobby Noble.

During the subsequent discussion, a number of issues were raised. The first pertained to the optimum number of reviewers for each individual paper and panel abstract, with a number of members arguing that an odd number would be ideal. In addition, it was also noted that after the initial abstract review, the conference program committee would consider the evaluations and make the final decisions, given that there are a limited number of conference session slots available.

Catherine Orr moved to amend the above motion to say that each abstract would be evaluated by three reviewers.

After further discussion of the logistics, Annalee Lepp moved to further amend the above motion, changing the language from three reviewers to “more than one reviewer.” Ann Braithwaite seconded. **Motion carried.**

Second, a question was raised about the cost of conference management software. Ann Braithwaite indicated that the software options available online are free of charge. Other noted benefits of the software included mechanisms to prevent reviewers from evaluating their own abstracts, to give each abstract a numerical score, and to provide written comments which could be referred to in borderline cases.

The following members present at the AGM expressed interested in participating in the abstract review process: Catherine Orr (Beloit College); Habiba Zaman (Simon Fraser University); Marie Hammond-Callaghan (Mount Allison); Ilya Parkins (UBC Okanagan); Mandy Koolen (Laurentian University); Marcia Braundy (Journeywoman Ventures Ltd.); Shawna Ferris (University of Manitoba); Bobby Noble (York).

Marie Lovrod thanked the Committee: Kate Bride, Vannina Sztainbok, Tara LaRose, Bobby Noble, Rhiannon Bury, Marie Lovrod, as well as Katherine Side who was present at one meeting.

h. Coordinators Meeting Report – Annalee Lepp

Annalee Lepp thanked Sal Renshaw for her work organizing another successful coordinators’ meeting. Sal Renshaw could not attend Congress this year; in her absence, the meeting was chaired by Ann Braithwaite, Marie Lovrod, and Annalee Lepp. There were 24 coordinators (or their representatives) in attendance at this year’s meeting. In order to shape and focus discussion, this year’s coordinators’ meeting was accompanied by a selection of short readings/resources. The meeting was organized by three discussion topics: 1) Interdisciplinary Curriculum: Is there a core? Do we need one? (Facilitator: Ann Braithwaite); 2) Graduate Programming: Getting them in, keeping them there, and what they will do afterwards (Facilitator: Marie Lovrod); and 3) Institutional Challenges: New Opportunities? (Facilitator: Annalee Lepp). The meeting concluded with a discussion on possible topics for next year’s meeting, led by Annalee Lepp. Katie Aubrecht, secretary, recorded the notes.

i. Communications Officer Report – Ann Braithwaite

The communications officer’s main task throughout the year is to maintain and regularly update the association website and keep its information up to date and relevant for the membership. (There is also provision for a communications committee—but that was inactive this year.)

During the past year, the association website was completely redesigned and redone—with a brand new look and new organization. Additionally, the association purchased its own domain name (www.cwsaacef.com) and developed new email addresses for many executive positions, in order to better enable contact with the membership (generalinfo, websitemanager, membership, and treasurer—all @cwsaacef.com). The new website is much easier to maintain and update, and will be easy for anyone to learn how to use in the future. It is hosted by weebly.com.

The new website also has a provision for a blog, which the association used this year as a platform to mount a discussion about a possible name change for the organization.

Members were invited to “comment” and those comments were compiled for a special session at the annual conference on this topic—with a motion to be brought to the AGM.

The communications officer, along with other members of the executive, will be revisiting the role of communications with the membership and others more broadly during this upcoming year.

6. CFHSS Representatives (4:00 pm)

Karen Grant, Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences Secretariat, and Congress Co-Chair and University of Waterloo Dean of Arts, Douglas Peers discussed the status of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Creative Arts within the context of government budget cuts. Dean Peers assured the membership that the Federation is committed to advocating on behalf of the associations. Although the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) took a cut in 2011-2012, for the most part the situation has remained stable. He further noted that we are also witnessing change in SSHRC in the form of its new funding architecture.

Dean Peers related these changes to what he described as a lost ability to speak to the wider public about value of what we do in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Creative Arts, especially in relation to teaching. He shared his understanding that there needs to be a shift toward greater recognition of research users, bringing research and teaching together. On the topic of recognition of Congress, Dean Peers shared that Minister of State (Science and Technology), the Honourable Gary Goodyear, was present at the 2012 Congress opening ceremony. At the ceremony, Goodyear announced a new SSHRC partnership grant on gaming that will have a value of \$ 2.5 million.

Dean Peers informed the membership that the Federation has taken a more proactive role in terms of member services. He said that in the future there will be changes in the way the Congress sites are identified. The locations of the next three Congresses have been chosen. However, within the Federation, there is talk of using a bidding system to identify future Congress sites. Currently, sites are chosen based on region, but a more flexible model is required to allow for Congress to continue. In the future, the region will be taken into account, but cities with convention centres capable of accommodating 7000+ attendees will also come into consideration.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns

- During the question and comment period following the short presentation, Ann Braithwaite suggested that one of the challenges at Congress is that every association schedules their sessions at different times. Ann asked whether it would be possible for the Federation to create a standard schedule for booking rooms to facilitate more interdisciplinary sessions. Dean Peers replied that the *Big Thinkers* podcast offered this year offered one way to access sessions delegates could not attend in person.
- Linda Christiansen-Ruffman asked if the Federation had raised any questions concerning the changes in the budget or the restructuring of grants, or if there was any analysis of the new models. Angela Miles asked whether the budget aspects of SSHRC research proposals will be affected by recent changes. Dean Peers responded that all proposals will continue to be assessed by peers and the new changes will not alter the decision-making processes of relevant committees.
- Ann Dennis shared her concern about the possible Congress move away from universities towards conference centres. This could limit the number of cities that

could host Congress. It could also end up costing members more through higher registration and accommodation fees. Dean Peers suggested that this matter will be under discussion over the next five years.

Annalee Lepp thanked the CHFSS representatives for attending the AGM.

7. Executive Members Elections

- a. Treasurer: Rhiannon Bury, Athabasca, acclaimed for a second term.
- b. Member-at-Large #1 (coordinators liaison): Heather Latimer, Manchester, acclaimed for a two-year term.
- c. Member-at-Large #3 (membership liaison): Position remains vacant.

8. Selection of Members for Committees

- a. Conference Committee (2013 Congress): Marie Lovrod (Saskatchewan), Kate Bride (York), Vannina Sztainbok (Toronto, Scarborough), Susanna Luhmann (Alberta), Tara LaRose (OISE).
- b. Conference Local Arrangements Committee (2013 Congress): Sikata Banerjee (University of Victoria), Local Coordinator.
- c. Outstanding Scholarship Prize Committee: Lori Chambers (Lakehead), Jen Roth (Lakehead), Bobby Noble (York).
- d. Undergraduate Prize Committee: Sonja Boon (Memorial), Hans Rollman (York), Elzbieta (Ela) Przybylo (York), Annette Blum (OCAD)
- e. Graduate Prize Committee: Ilya Parkins (UBC Okanagan), Suzanne Lenon (Lethbridge)
- f. Communications Committee: Ann Braithwaite (UPEI) -Communications Officer; Bobby Noble (York) - Social Media Officer

9. CWSA/ACÉF Name Change

Ann Braithwaite provided the background to the name change discussion, including the motion passed at the 2011 AGM, the blog created on the CWSA/ACÉF website where the executive solicited comments from members, and the special session held during the conference where the name change and various options were discussed. It was decided that a vote on a new name be taken at the 2012 AGM and the issue of the name could be revisited in the future. Participants in the conference session agreed that the new name should be bilingual. A French translation of an English language name was found to be an insufficient approach since, for example, "women's and gender studies" does not translate into French directly, and the Congress program does not accept a slash (/) in association names (so only the English appears). There was also a discussion about whether to retain "Canadian" and "Association" in the title. In the former case, there was general agreement that the reference to Canada be dropped due to the link between nation building and colonialism. In the latter case, the inclusion of Association would depend on Federation rules.

Motion: Be it resolved that the new association name be, "Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes."

Motion: Annalee Lepp moved to accept the new name.

Second: Bobby Noble.
The new association name was acclaimed.

Motion: Be it resolved that upon finding out Federation rules with regard to association names, we change our name to "Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes" (WGSRF) with minor adjustments made accordingly.

Motion: Shawna Ferris moved to accept the motion.

Second: Mary Bunch.
Motion carried.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Thank you to Departing Board Members

Annalee Lepp thanked the departing president Katherine Side, membership secretary Reeanna Bradley, Member at Large-coordinators liaison Sal Renshaw, and Member at Large-membership liaison Wendy Peters for all of their excellent work on the executive.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Annalee Lepp moved to adjourn.

Second: Bobby Noble seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

The meeting concluded at 4:55pm and was followed by a reception.

In Attendance at the 2012 AGM:

Aubrecht, Katie	OISE/University of Toronto
Balzer, Samantha	McMaster University
Boucher, Lisa	York University
Braithwaite, Ann	University of Prince Edward Island
Braundy, Marcia	Journeywoman Ventures Ltd.
Bunch, Mary	Western University
Bury, Rhiannon	Athabasca University
Chambers, Lori	Lakehead University
Christiansen-Ruffman, Linda	Saint Mary's University
Dennis, Ann	University of Ottawa
Ferris, Shawna	University of Manitoba
Forrest, Anne	University of Windsor
Hammond-Callaghan, Marie	Mount Allison University
Hillsburg, Heather	University of Ottawa
Jennex, Craig	McMaster University
Khan, Shahnaz	Wilfrid Laurier University
Khourie, Jessica	Memorial University
Koolen, Mandy	Laurentian University
Latimer, Heather	University of Manchester
Lepp, Annalee	University of Victoria
Lovrod, Marie	University of Saskatchewan
Luhmann, Susanne	University of Alberta
Lunny, Debbie	Concordia University
MacKenzie Lay, Isabel	University of Toronto
Miles, Angela	OISE/University of Toronto
Noble, Bobby	York University
Orr, Catherine	Beloit College
Parkins, Ilya	UBC Okanagan
Peters, Wendy	Nippissing University
Pitt, Jamie	Memorial University
Przybylo, Elzbieta (Ela)	York University
Sayeed, Asma	University of Alberta
Smith, Jonathan	Wilfred Laurier University
Stephenson, Zipparah	Brock University
Toye, Margaret	Wilfred Laurier University
Wolframe, PhebeAnn	McMaster University
Zaman, Habiba	Simon Fraser University