



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
May 29, 2010  
Concordia University**

**Attendance:**

Executive: Amar Acheraïou (Regional Representative), Karin Beeler (President), Pascal Gin (Secretary), Jonathan Hart (*CRCL*'s Editor), Susan Ingram (Vice-President), Markus Reisenleitner (Treasurer), Katrina Sark (Local Organizer)

Members: 21

**Agenda**

1. President's Opening Remarks
2. Conference Program Chair's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Editor's Report

**1. President's Opening Remarks**

- 1.1 • The President welcomes all members and extends her congratulations to participants as well as to the Conference Program Chair, Susan Ingram, for a successful 2010 Annual Meeting.
- 1.2 • The meeting proceeds with a brief introduction of all present at the AGM.

**2. Conference Program Chair's Report**

**2.1 Local organization**

- The Chair expresses her gratitude to the Local Organizer, Katrina Sark, for her invaluable assistance with Congress 2010.
- The Association is seeking a Local Organizer for Congress 2011. All members are invited to forward names of potential candidates.

## 2. Conference Program Chair's Report (continued)

### 2.2 Overview of the 2010 Annual Meeting

CONGRESS	PAPERS	PARTICIPANTS (including panel chairs)
Concordia, 2010	• 64 papers (4 double)	• 71 in total: 23 from ON , 16 ½ from AB, 11 ½ from Quebec, 8 international (+ keynote), 7 from BC, 2 from SK, 2 from MB; one independent
Carleton, 2009	• 78 papers (2 double, 1 roundtable)	• 79 in total: 40 ½ from ON (+ keynote), 16 from AB, 7 ½ international, 6 from BC, 4 from Quebec, 2 from MB, 2 independents
UBC, 2008	• 87 papers (1 double)	• 89 in total: 25 from ON (+ keynote), 17 from Quebec, 15 international, 14 from AB, 12 from BC, 2 independents, 1 from SK, 1 from MB, 1 from NB, 1 from NFL
Saskatoon, 2007	• 67 papers (3 double/ multiple)	• 72 in total: 27 from ON, 16 ½ from AB, 8 ½ international, 6 from BC, 5 from Quebec, 4 from MB, 3 from SK (+ keynote), • 2 independents

### 2.3 Planning for the Annual Meeting in 2011

- The overall theme for next year's Congress, to be held in Fredericton, is *Coasts and Continents: Exploring Peoples and Places*. The Association will propose a related subtheme.
- Members are strongly encouraged to put forward proposals for panels. Joint panel proposals with other associations are also welcome. They are encouraged by the Congress and represent a financial incentive for the Association. Some of our participants at this year's Congress were also active with a number of other associations.
- Participants who wish to submit a proposal to a joint panel should do so with only one association to avoid duplication and scheduling issues.
- Sessions could also follow other formats: topical round tables/seminars, reading sessions devoted to a critical text, workshops targeting various aspects of the profession for comparatists (job skills, publishing, pedagogy)

### 2.4 Executive positions

- A new executive will be elected next year. Involvement of student members is strongly encouraged.

## 2. Conference Program Chair's Report / 2.4 Executive positions (continued)

- A question was raised regarding the possibility of a dedicated graduate student position. Such a position would require a proposal for restructuring the executive and a subsequent vote. At present, all positions on the executive are open to any association member, whether faculty or graduate.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

### 3.1 Meeting fees and membership dues

- Members are reminded that meeting fees go to the Federation and are applied towards expenses incurred at Congress.
- Membership dues defray association related expenses. These expenses are mostly associated with travel reimbursements but also cover Federation fees, Membership in the ICLA and outstanding Congress expenses.

### 3.2 Financial Report

- CCLA paid memberships currently stand at 92.
- The CCLA is a financially healthy association with a current balanced budget of approximately \$ 8,000 to \$ 9,000.

### 3.3 Subscription to the Association's journal

- Paid members are reminded that their membership, which runs from September to September, covers a subscription to the *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature*. Members are entitled to receive the four issues published from September to September.
- Questions were raised regarding missed issues of the *Review*. The Association keeps an updated database of all members' mailing information. In case of a missed issue, members should check online the accuracy of their information. Access to the database requires a username and password that can be set from the Association's website. Paid members should definitely contact the Journal ([rccl@ualberta.ca](mailto:rccl@ualberta.ca)) if they do not receive their issues although their mailing information on file is accurate.

### 3.4 Travel reimbursements

- Student members seeking travel reimbursement are reminded that they should contact the Treasurer after the AGM.
- Original receipts (or a facsimile if unavailable) should be received by the Association by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Legitimate travel expenses cover transportation, accommodation and Congress fees.
- Last year's travel reimbursements covered on average 70 % of travel expenses

### 3. Treasurer's Report / 3.4 Travel reimbursements (continued)

- A question was raised regarding extent of reimbursement when home universities already defray part of the expenses. In such cases, the reimbursement paid by the Association can be applied to the portion of expenses not covered by the home university. Reimbursement documentation issued by the university is definitely helpful.
- Independent scholars holding a concessionary membership are entitled to submit a request for refund.

#### 3.5 Website

- Thanks go to the Treasurer for his work on designing and setting up the association website.
- Submissions for relevant CFPs and events are gladly accepted but should not include any attachment.
- The Association's mailing list is opened to all who wish to become recipients.
- The Federation is currently working on a centralized online registration system for both Congress and individual associations.

### 4. Editor's report

#### 4.1 Ranking and grants

The editor is pleased to report that the *Review* enjoys a very strong academic ranking amongst peer-reviewed academic journals. It is also recipient of the largest Aid to Scholarly Journals grant awarded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, due in part to the *Review's* open access policy.

#### 4.2 Recent issues

The Editor briefly presents the latest issues published.

#### 4.3 Publication schedule

Staff turnover, the digitalization of past issues and peer-review delays have contributed to somewhat of a backlog, which is being addressed currently. As is customary for scholarly publications, the timeframe between submission to publication can range between 6 to 18 months. Like most scholarly journals, the *Review* relies on the volunteer work of its editorial team. The editor extends his gratitude to Irene Sywenky and Cindy Chopoidaló.

Assembly adjourned at 5 pm.