



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
May 29, 2012
University of Waterloo**

Meeting called to order at 12.00pm

Attendance: Executive: Susan Ingram (President), Markus Reisenleitner (Vice-President), Sheena Wilson (Secretary), Lauren Beard (Graduate Student Representative), regrets from Paul Morris (Treasurer)

18 members present

Approval of the minutes of 2010 AGM and of the agenda

1. President's report (Susan Ingram)

- Progress report and announcements: threatened disestablishment of Centre for Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto successfully averted and doing better than ever, hosting ACLA in 2013 (April 5-7), conference theme – “Global positioning systems”; seminar proposals are due October 1st, 2012; paper proposals are due Nov. 1st, 2012.
- Also coming up: the ICLA in Paris (July 18-24, 2013), conference theme – “Comparative Literature as a Critical Approach”; deadline for papers June 1st, 2012.
- Desirable to have reports on these and other relevant conferences at the next AGM in Victoria.
- Announcement from Lauren Beard: Northrope Frye Conference at the University of Toronto to commemorate Frye's birth date, October 4th-6th, 2012, at Victoria University at the University of Toronto; conference theme – “Educating the Imagination.”
- All of these announcements also on the CCA website: complit.ca. Because we have so few institutional anchors for our discipline, it is crucial to expand the association's website and role in communicating about these events. Thanks to Markus Reisenleitner for maintaining it and for putting together an excellent Congress program.

2. Conference Chair's report (Markus Reisenleitner)

- Report on this Congress: 49 papers + special topics roundtable. To encourage innovative formats, we would like to establish an award for people who are able to bring innovation to the conference.
- Information about next year's Congress: in Victoria from June 2-4, 2013, theme: "The Edge" (congress2013.ca).
- Discussion of how to avoid last-minute cancellations that necessitate changes to the program. Asma Sayed suggested the Women's Studies model: must be a member to submit an abstract. General agreement.
- Discussion of online membership payment. MR outlined advantages and disadvantages of various systems like Paypal. Will look into the new one Congress is offering but is skeptical about the fees.
- Discussion of online membership list. Rachel Stapleton commented on the desirability of it being possible to electronically verify that our membership is up to date. This has in the meantime been made possible. There is a new link at the bottom of the membership page (<http://complit.ca/adhesion-membership/>). Members will need to keep track of their membership login, which was sent to them upon registering and which MR can remind them of.

3. Treasurer's report (read by Susan Ingram)

- Paul Morris's service to the association was noted in absentia, and our gratitude for his taking on the most work-intensive position on the executive.
- \$4822.08 current budget
- \$6945.00 given out in travel/accommodation reimbursement last year (Fredericton)
- 68 members
- Renewed discussion of online payment options, importance stressed of renewing memberships early because that money is used to fund the underemployed and the graduate students.

4. Graduate Student Representative Report (Lauren Beard)

- Explanation of reimbursement process for Congress travel and accommodation, stressed need to attend AGM to be eligible.
- would like to use the website and mailing list as more of a resource. Discussion of various possibilities for new forms of communication, such as a graduate student mailing list.
- Motion to change the title of the "Secretary" position to "Media and Communications Officer."

5. CRCL report (Cindy Chopoidal)

- Update on changes in the journal's staff and their titles and responsibilities.
- Distribution of list of new issues that are in print. The 37th issue should be out soon. Members requested to contact the journal if they hadn't received them.

- Significant frustration expressed regarding the distribution/reception of journal subscriptions. Detailed discussion about the communications procedures between the journal and the association.
- Helpful suggestions from the membership:
 - that members be notified when an issue is going out so that if they do not receive, then they can alert the journal;
 - that the table of contents of issues, esp. recent issues (fall 2011, for example), be posted online so that contributors have easy access to the bibliographical information.
 - that the uploading of the CRCL onto the web be done beginning with the most recent issues as opposed to going to the archives.

6. Other business

- Election of regional representatives: last election in 2007, desirable to have turnover because it is the responsibility of these reps to provide information to Sheena and Lauren about ongoing activities.
- Regrets from Don Gamble and Jean Wilson, the Eastern and Ontario rep, respectively.
- Discussion determined the need to canvas the membership via an email announcement to gather nominees for the remaining two positions (Western rep and Quebec rep)
- Discussion of travel refund policy, which has in the meantime been superseded by the SSHRC announcement that their subsidy, which we used for the reimbursements, has been cancelled.
- Announcement by Jennifer Ruth Hosek of a website she developed that pairs language teachers with instructors and students in the complementary language: *LinguaeLive* [www.LinguaeLive.ca]. Please contact Jenn for more information jhosek@queensu.ca.
- Visit of representatives from the Federation of the Social Sciences and Humanities, the first time they have attended a CCLA AGM and not an executive meeting. Important that the membership understand what the Federation does and the relationship between the Federation, who is responsible for Congress and for liaising with the host universities, and that the Federation understand the issues the CCLA has with the ongoing Congress pricing policies, esp for a/v equipment. Reps assured us that we are among many who have told them the same things, that they hear us and will relay our concerns to the Federation and next year's planning committee.
- Discussion of the Margaret Atwood lecture, members very upset to have been kicked out because of a lack of space, stressed the need for Congress to provide adequate facilities for their events.

Meeting adjourned: 2.00pm