



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
May 28, 2016
Science Theatres 128, University of Calgary**

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The meeting commenced at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Executive: Albert Braz (President), Jessica Tsui-Yan Li (Vice-President), Paul Morris (Treasurer), Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard (Early Career Scholar Representative), Andrea Valente (Member at Large), Kevin Wilson (Member at Large), Susan Ingram (WebSysAdmin), Irene Sywenky (Editor, CRCL) + 22 members at large.

Opening Remarks:

Albert Braz opened the meeting, welcomed the members and introduced the Executive. He announced that next year's Congress will be held at Ryerson and that elections for a new Executive will take place there. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunities to be involved.

Conference Program Chair's Report:

Jessica Li thanked a number of people for all the help she received on the program, including the Executive Committee and local organizer Pamela Macallum. Special thanks went to Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard for translation, to Bao at the University of Toronto for his design work on the printed program and to the University of Toronto for their continued generous support of the printed program. She reported that she had received 82 abstracts from 13 countries on 5 continents and that the final program contained 61 presentations, including 29 by graduate students. There were 67 registrants. She invited all presenters to submit a revised version of their presentations for possible publication in the *CRCL*. She will be guest editor of a special issue and will send out an email invitation. The CFP for Ryerson will be out in September. People are encouraged to submit panels and to volunteer to help with any and all aspects of the program preparation.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Morris reported that the CCLA budget remains in the black, with a healthy current balance of 7,763.05 and 102 active members.

There were 7 main expenditure items:

• CFHSS 2015 Membership Dues	554.77
• ICLA Dues	740.00 (USD)
• Conference Fee Reimbursements for Students (2015)	664.00
• Comparative Literature Tribune (University of Toronto)	150.00
• Translation of CCLA Constitution (autumn 2014)	500.00
• CFHSS (Amount owing on Congress 2015 expenditures)	37.42
• Esther Cheung Award for 2015	250.00

Payment of \$100.00 was forthcoming from the University of Toronto Press for an advertisement in the 2016 CCLA Programme. Last year he reimbursed the 7 graduate students who submitted their fees, travel and accommodation receipts, and is anticipating a generous donation from the CRCL, which he will put it towards reimbursements this year. Receipts for registration, travel and accommodation should be sent to him by Sept. 1.

Websysadmin Report:

Susan Ingram reported that she had once again had a GA working for her and that Huda Hassan has collected a list of Canadian dissertations in Comparative Literature. It will be posted on the association website (complit.ca) when it is completed this summer. Everyone is invited to add to it once it is up and to make suggestions for additions to our online archive. She thanked Josh Synenko for taking on the sendouts and the correspondence involving the Esther Cheung award for the best paper by a graduate student. She passed on Josh's regrets. He had had to remain in Toronto on account of the birth of Hanor on May 12. Susan wished the new family well and added that an announcement for this year's prize will be sent out after Congress and that volunteers to adjudicate are welcome. A suggestion was made from the floor that the winner be encouraged to revise the paper for possible publication in the *CRCL*.

Early Career Scholar Representative Report

Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard reported on the Tribune, a bilingual, one-day event at which young scholars present their current research. After successful events in January 2015 in Montréal and October 2015 in Toronto, a third iteration will take place in Montréal this fall. The format of 10-minute presentations will continue. She acknowledged the generous sponsorship of the CCLA and CRCL and hoped it would continue. A link to Tribune programs will soon be available on the CCLA website.

Report on the *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature*:

Irene Sywenky announced that the most recent issue was in the mail and that the journal was featured at the Congress book fair with association of learned journals. She encouraged everyone to visit and check out the last 3 issues, which were on display. She reported that the journal continued to be in good financial standing and apologized for not having a financial statement. The journal has signed an agreement with EBSCO but requested that members choose to read via Project Muse if possible as their royalties are twice as high. She hopes to establish an annual tradition of a special issue publication of Congress paper.

Paul thanked the journal for its donation this year and expressed the hope its support will continue. There was great applause.

Albert announced the end of the reports and invited everyone to attend the soirée, which was to follow. He thanked Paul for arranging the venue. Paul explained that on account of last year's negative on-campus experience, we were going to have an off-campus event this year at the nearby Kilkenney Pub. There would be finger food, and he would be distributing tickets for a free alcoholic drink. More applause.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.