

Canadian Comparative LITERATURE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 28, 2018, Riddell Centre - RC 128.1, University of Regina

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Meeting began at 16:30

Attendance:

Executive: Jessica Tsui-Yan Li (President), Joshua Synenko (Vice-President), Paul D. Morris (Treasurer), Mark Terry (Media and Communications Officer), Susan Ingram (WebSysAdmin), Markus Reisenleitner (Past-President), Albert Braz (Past-President), Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard (Member at Large), Doris Hambuch (Member at Large), Irene Sywenky (Editor, CRCL) + 10 members.

Opening Remarks:

Jessica Tsui-Yan Li welcomed all members and guests and thanked everyone for contributing to a successful conference this year. She thanked all executive members by name including the attending members at large and the past-president.

Report from Joshua Synenko, Conference Program Chair:

Joshua Synenko remarked that this year's conference was a very collegial experience. He gave thanks to many members for their contributions throughout the year:

- Jessica Tsui-Yan Li – for her support throughout the year.
- Susan Ingram – for her inspiring support.
- Markus Reisenleitner – for his website support and design.
- Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard – for her translations.
- Doris Hambuch – for her early support for the program.
- Paul Morris – for his budgetary work over the months.

We had 40 presenters, five of whom were international from the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, Iran, the United States, and China. Among those 40 presenters, we had 16 graduate students, 1 unwaged, and 1 retired.

Esther Cheung Award: Josh reminded members to vote for best graduate student paper delivered. He also asked members for ideas regarding the design a new logo for the CCLA and its 50th anniversary for next year's Congress. He also reported that we received 47 applications to present this year. Some were refused, others dropped out. We accepted 43, a few dropped out at the last-minute.

Report from Paul D. Morris, Treasurer:

We have a balance of \$7,894.98. A few more membership fees coming in, so the amount is expected to be adjusted. Numbers looking better than before. Paul thanked to Irene Sywenky and the CRCL for their graduate student support. Here is a breakdown of the entire Treasurer's Report from May 29, 2017 to May 28, 2018:

Balance Forward	
• May 29, 2017	12,625.75
Expenditures	
• CFHSS 2018 Membership Dues	500.00
• CFHSS Conference Expenditures	544.04
• Conference Soirée	1,213.71
• Keynote Speaker Fees	2,170.77
• Conference Reimbursements for Students (2017)	2,813.60
• Comparative Literature Tribune (University of Toronto)	200.00
• Tribune Round Table (Montreal)	100.00
Deposits	
• Membership Fees (ongoing)	
• University of Toronto (advertising)	100.00
Current Balance	
• May 28, 2018	7,894.98

For conference reimbursement Paul mentioned that the amount changes every year, but we have been quite generous in previous years and he expected that to be the case this year as well. He asked that those who are eligible to contact him by email. He said he will be asking for copies of receipts for transportation, registration and accommodation. The deadline to submit receipts this year is August 1. He said that he would send the cheques out at the beginning of September. He added that the CCLA does not cover all the costs submitted, but at least a portion of the costs.

Report from Irene Sywenky, Editor of Canadian Review of Comparative Literature:

Irene thanked Jessica Tsui-Yan Li for guest editing the special issue two years in a row. She said that Jessica has done a stellar job. This year we don't seem to have a designated editor for the journal. We will have a general issue this year. If you have anything urgent or relevant, please get in touch. Irene reported that our financial situation is quite healthy. Irene reported that the journal is in the black and is committed to supporting the CCLA. Specifically, the SSHRC funds after commitments: \$37,936.36; operating account funds after commitments: \$51,370.01.

Apparently, we are very poor as far as scholarly journals go. We will continue to try to support conferences. The SSHRC rules are changing to full, open access. New information will be released in July and the competition deadline will be in September. We are still eligible.

Report from Susan Ingram, Websysadmin:

Susan reported that we have a new website. This is an interim solution implemented to be more secure due to hacker concerns. Our old server located in Scotland would not supply a security certificate, so the new website server is in Canada and gives us a hacker-free existence. Some others have been down for months so hopefully this will not happen to us.

We will have a logo design for the 50th as well as a new one for the CCLA. We will keep an archive of all our logos. Thanks to Mark Terry for his work in Communications.

Report from Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard on *Tribune*:

Jeanne reported that *Tribune* gives members an opportunity to discuss our projects informally. Our 5th annual meeting is coming this year. She announced that a bilingual CFP for the 5th meeting will be issued soon. She recommended that members take one day to discuss mental health and another day to discuss the CFP. Please submit something to meet new people and meet our members.

Other Business:

Mark Terry announced that a new Facebook page for the CCLA was being created. It was brought to the attention of the attending members that another CCLA Facebook page was already online, but was not being used by the executive. We learned that CCLA member Kat Sark from the University of Victoria was managing this page. Mark Terry was added as an Administrator.

The Annual General Meeting ended at 17:30.