

## 2015 CASEA President's Report

June 1, 2015

In this report, I will summarize some matters that are internal to CASEA as well as others that relate to our relationships with other organizations such as CSSE, BELMAS, UCEA, CAP, and CCEAM.

### CASEA

This past year, we returned to our regular cycle of CASEA activities. These included the appointment of members to chair our awards committees and to serve as CASEA representatives on CSSE bodies. I would like to recognize the following CASEA members who have served in this way:

CASEA representative on *Canadian Journal of Education* (CJE) Advisory Board: **Catherine Hands**

CASEA representative to the CSSE New Scholars' Fund: **Barbara Barter**

T. B. Greenfield Dissertation Award Committee chair: **Bonnie Stelmach**

Margaret Haughey Master's Award Committee chair: **Gerald Galway**

Distinguished Service Award: **Wendy Poole**

The chairs of the awards committees chose the remaining members of their committees.

Of course, I would also like to acknowledge the work of our CASEA Executive members:

Jackie Kirk (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President) and Shelley Scott (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President) were our program co-chairs this year and have worked very hard to put together this year's program. I refer you to their report in which they describe very clearly and forthrightly the challenges associated with planning our program. Please consider carefully the questions that they pose in the report and provide feedback to them to assist with planning next year's conference. I thank Shelley also for attending the November 2014 CSSE Board of Directors meeting on my behalf since it was held in Calgary.

Gus Riveros (Secretary-Treasurer) has successfully transferred our CASEA bank account to a Royal Bank branch in London and we have arranged for the signing officers as required by our by-laws as amended at last year's AGM.

Thank you, also, to Alysha Sloane, our graduate student representative for her contributions to discussions held this year and in particular for organizing this year's graduate student seminar.

My thanks also go to Dawn Wallin, our Past President. I rely on her for advice on CASEA and CSSE matters and appreciate her consistent support and guidance.

Patricia Briscoe has agreed to help with our CASEA website this year. She has posted the various reports and documents as requested and is interested in other ways to improve and update our web presence.

At last check, we had approximately 145 active members and a further 35 colleagues whose memberships have lapsed for 12 months or less. I would certainly encourage everyone to invite colleagues and graduate students to become CASEA members.

### **CSSE (Canadian Society for the Study of Education)**

As reported earlier, Shelley Scott attended the CSSE Board of Directors meeting held in Calgary in November 2014. Jackie Kirk attended the CSSE program chairs meeting in Ottawa in February 2015. I took part in a couple of teleconference meetings of the CSSE Board of Directors during the academic year as well as the May 2015 meeting held on the day before the 2015 conference. Here are some of the topics raised during these meetings:

a) CJE: The Board made the decision during the year to appoint Katy Ellsworth as the managing editor for the journal. I have posted Katy's May 2015 report to the Board for your information. We are asked to encourage colleagues in our areas to submit manuscripts to CJE and to suggest to Katy names of scholars to invite to publish in CJE.

b) Big Thinkers and CSSE keynote speakers: Don Klinger, CSSE President, is asking us to suggest names of potential Congress Big Thinkers or CSSE keynote speakers for the 2016 (Calgary) and 2017 (Ryerson) conferences.

c) Canada Research Chair (CRC) lecture: It is our turn to organize the CRC lecture at the 2016 conference. According to Tim Howard, we are to choose a suitable person to deliver this lecture. This session would appear on the program as a CSSE session. CSSE will pay the registration fee for our chosen speaker. Since this is a program matter, I would suggest that members provide recommended names to Jackie and Shelley for consideration.

### **BELMAS (British Educational Leadership, Management, and Administration Society)**

We are pleased to welcome David Dixon and Steve Lambert from the United Kingdom as the presenters during our BELMAS session. It will be held on June 3 at 8:30 in LMX 242. As part of our reciprocal arrangement with BELMAS, we were offered a prime timeslot during the July 2015 BELMAS conference in the UK. However, we did not receive any abstract submissions for this session. As a result, I had to notify Megan Crawford, the BELMAS conference chair, that we had to withdraw from that session. From my experience, the BELMAS conference is certainly an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

### **UCEA (University Council for Educational Administration)**

UCEA has created a Center for the International Study of School Leadership (<http://www.ucea.org/initiatives/ucea-center-international-study-school-leadership/>).

Jeff Bennett of the University of Arizona is leading this center, and our colleague Katina Pollock is one of the international directors. At the website, you will see that the center is compiling a list of recent publications in the area of school leadership. The center also organized an international leadership summit as a post-conference event at their November 2014 Convention in Washington, DC.

It was through UCEA that we learned the sad news of the passing of our colleague Hanne Mawhinney. We will have a tribute statement in her honour at the banquet. In addition, Sue Winton of York University has been asked to give a presentation about Hanne's contributions to Canadian scholarship at the November 2015 UCEA Convention in San Diego.

### **CAP (Canadian Association of Principals)**

Tina Estabrooks, CAP President and principal of Centennial Elementary School in Saint John, NB, has expressed interest in collaboration with our members. I have posted a brief report about CAP on our website and invited Tina to address our members during our AGM.

### **CCEAM (Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management)**

Since June 2014, I have held the dual role of President of both CASEA and CCEAM. This has opened the door for some of our CASEA members to become involved in CCEAM activities. In particular, the CCEAM journal *International Studies in Educational Administration* (ISEA) is in the process of searching for a new editor. In the interim, ISEA plans to publish a special issue on the work of principals in diverse contexts. Katina Pollock is the guest editor for this issue. We have circulated the call for manuscripts and it is also posted on our CASEA website. Manuscripts are due in September 2015. Of course, ISEA is also accepting manuscripts on other relevant topics for regular journal issues. You may send these manuscripts to Dr. Christopher Bezzina at the University of Malta. ISEA generally publishes three issues per year.

As CCEAM President, I was invited to give a keynote address at the annual conference of the Education Management Association of South Africa held in Johannesburg in September 2014. One result of that visit is that some of our CASEA colleagues have been asked to serve as external examiners for some South African PhD dissertations. I have received a similar invitation to attend the August 2015 conference of our Jamaican affiliate of CCEAM.

Since CCEAM is an accredited organization of the Commonwealth, there are opportunities for CCEAM members (including CASEA members) to participate in various events organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat. For example, the Commonwealth Ministers of Education meet every three years, and their next meeting will be held in June 2015 in the Bahamas. I will be attending as an observer and have been asked to participate in a stakeholders' forum on the topic of school improvement.

At the AERA meeting in April 2015 in Chicago, CCEAM was granted a timeslot to present a symposium. We had several CASEA members take part in that symposium. The selection of papers included in the symposium was based on blind review by independent CCEAM Board members. We expect that this will be an annual opportunity for CCEAM, which will include CASEA members.

Also at AERA, there was an international leadership pre-conference panel session to which I was invited on behalf of CCEAM and CASEA. I participated via Skype in the session organized by Jeff Bennett. I believe that this opportunity may occur again next year.

The next CCEAM conference is planned for Nov. 5 to 8, 2016 in Shardarshahr, Rajasthan, India. Carolyn Shields is our CASEA representative on the CCEAM Board and also on the CCEAM Conference Committee. We expect to have more detailed information in the near future, including the call for papers. The theme of the conference is Educational Leadership for Global Social Justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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