



President's Report – Bonnie Stelmach

May 25, 2013

Dear CASEA members/chers/chères members de L'ACEAS,

I thank you for expressing confidence in me, and trusting me to carry out the important work of our association this past year. I was afforded opportunities to learn about leadership, governance, policy process, and politics. I would be remiss if I did not extend my deep appreciation for and thanks to the CASEA Executive who have been patient, instructive, and encouraging. In particular:

- Past President, Dr. Dawn Wallin, answered countless questions and offered sage advice and strategies throughout the year. There was nothing “past” about her role. Dawn was fully engaged and active in helping me with CASEA matters. Unequivocally, I am in her debt!
- 1st President, Dr. Ken Brien, has been a counterpart for the last three years. Because of his direct involvement with CCEAM and BELMAS, Ken has provided me with a global perspective of issues. His meticulous attention to detail and task-oriented approach gives me confidence that CASEA will flourish as a result of his leadership.
- 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Jacqueline Kirk, was first my acquaintance as a graduate student, and has bloomed as an aspiring leader for CASEA, and has become a trusting colleague whom I admire. She attended the program meeting on Ken’s behalf while he was teaching in South America, and she has shown decisiveness in problem solving on program matters.
- Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Ben Kutsyruba, was quick to set up the financial requirements in the beginning of the year, and he has been expedient with information we needed at decision points. Ben probably does not know how intimidating I find financial matters, and his skill in this area put me at ease.
- Graduate Student Representative Heather Anderson, PhD Candidate, inserts enthusiasm and spunk in her work as graduate student representative AND book launch organizer. I have had the pleasure of working with her on the Executive for more than this year, and she has shown her commitment to CASEA by contributing new ideas for the program. And I am in awe of her executive reports!

CASEA relies on the citizenship of its members, and I am thankful for the generosity of our committee chairs and members:

- T. B. Greenfield Dissertation Award Committee Chair, Dr. Carol Harris, and committee members Dr. Sheila Carr-Stewart, Dr. Joseph Flessa and Dr. Janice Wallace;
- Margaret Haughey Master’s Thesis Award Committee Chair, Dr. Jim Brandon, and committee members Dr. Amanda Cooper, Dr. Carmen Mombourquette, and Dr. Brenda Spencer; and,
- Distinguished Service Award Committee Chair, Dr. Carolyn Shields, and committee members Dr. Claire LaPointe, and Dr. Janice Wallace.
- Banquet was organized by Dr. Sabre Cherkowski.
- Our website was updated and managed by PhD Candidate Sean Coutts.
- CJE representation was provided by Dr. Catherine Hands.
- New Scholars Fund had the representation of Dr. Michael Cottrell.

The Executive addressed ideas and issues emphasized at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, and had some new developments:

- Chairpersons for award committees were taken up by members outside of the executive:
 - T. B. Greenfield Dissertation Award Chairperson was not the Past President
 - Margaret Haughey Master's Thesis Award Chair was not an Executive member
 - Distinguished Service Award Chair was not an Executive member and was a past DSA recipient
- Committee membership addressed geography and gender where possible.
- The Executive and committee chairs created checklists for the awards committee chairs.
- This year no funds were required to support travel for Greenfield and Haughey award recipients because neither were able to attend.
- Four newsletters were distributed: Fall, Winter, Spring, and Congress Edition
- Following last year's initiative and in the interest of being green, Executive reports were posted on the website prior to the AGM
- Following Kim Peacock's transition out of website manager for CSSE, Sean Coutts volunteered to update and manage the CASEA website, and has done a wonderful job!
- Along with other organizations, CASEA suggested "spotlight" sessions on Sunday's scheduling to encourage field colleagues to participate in CSSE.
- Dr. Ken Brien was reappointed for two years to represent CASEA on CCEAM Board.
- CASEA has agreed to support the reception at the CCEAM/CASEA joint meeting at UPEI in 2014 to a maximum amount of \$1000.
- CASEA is supporting an initiative by Colin Russell, the Provisional Steering Committee Chair for the inaugural meeting of the International Congress of Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Societies. This initiative has received the support of UCEA, CCEAM, EFEA and SELMAS. Dr. Ken Brien will represent CASEA at the inaugural meeting in Dalmahoy, Edinburgh July 13, 2013.
- CASEA revised antiquated language in by-laws (changes highlighted):
 - #3. A Committee of not fewer than three members of the Association shall be appointed by the Past President, in consultation with the officers of the Executive, to act as a Nominating Committee. (included Past President to reflect our current practice)
 - #4 eliminated – it stated there should be at least 2 candidates for each office
 - #5 and #13—eliminated the statement that elections and minutes will be handled "by mail"
 - #7 The annual membership fee for the Association shall be set in accordance with Article 4.3 of the Constitution. (changed from \$5.00 regular members and \$2.50 for students)

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13. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be distributed to the membership.

Dr. Ken Brien moved via e-mail on April 8, 2013 that the bylaws be amended as noted. Dr. Ben Kutsyuruba seconded the motion on April 8, 2013. The motion will seek approval from the membership at the AGM for the motion and to renumber the bylaws.

CSSE Board of Directors Meeting June 1, 2013

1. CSSE Directors discussed enhancements of membership services. Currently, membership to CSSE amounts to submitting a proposal and attending the conference, but between those dates, members do not access service. This is an issue to consider if CSSE tries to reach out to non-academic organizations (e.g. school divisions) to increase membership.

2. Following November Board of Directors meeting, the by-laws were updated to reflect revisions to Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act S.C. 2009. C. 23. The revisions update the language but process for election of Directors remains the same.

3. Following the motion passed at the CSSE Board of Directors meeting in November 2012, the sub-committee Report “CSSE Participation in the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences” was submitted by Fernand Gervais. Discussion of pros and cons to CSSE holding its own meeting apart from Congress ensued.

Pros to status quo (remain with Congress):

- some CSSE members are interdisciplinary researchers and identify with Congress.
- CSSE benefits from Congress infrastructure for the organization details and arrangements (e.g. badges, signage, etc.)
- Networking opportunities
- Education receives more recognition
- Book expo
- Some scholars would have to choose between CSSE and other conferences held co-terminously
- Registration is managed for us
- Access to Big Thinker series, etc
- Eliminate confusion with double fee structure (Congress and CSSE)

Pros to having a CSSE only conference:

- currently some feel education does not have a strong voice with Congress—education could make its own decisions
- allows for flexibility to increase membership—more preconferences
- would be easier to generate our own revenue because we could control registration fees
- the experience of CSSE program chairs is that Congress does not take into account our needs (e.g. no choice over Congress location)
- all details of organization

The November motion was amended so that instead of voting on a decision at the CSSE 2013 AGM, associations would discuss the pros and cons at respective AGMs, and bring a synthesis of ideas to the CSSE AGM and June 5th Board of Directors meeting. The sub-committee report will be revised and submitted to associations for circulation in 2013-2014. A consultation process will be developed for each association following the CSSE 2013 AGM, and will be shared at the 2014 CSSE AGM

4. Katy Ellsworth, Executive Director of ACDE has been commissioned to conduct an analysis of CJE communication plan, knowledge mobilization plan, etc. She will submit a report for the November 2013 Board of Directors meeting.

5. CSSE Budget—deficit incurred in 2012 (\$41,420) was overcome, and CSSE now has \$16,333 surplus.