

**CASEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/
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Vice-Presidents'/Program Co-Chairs' Report
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Greetings to CASEA members, including those who have participated in this year's program and were unable to attend the conference.

Many thanks to members who contributed to the program by reviewing proposals. This year 72 reviewers contributed their time and expertise. All proposals were reviewed by 3 or 4 members. Members reviewed 3-4 proposals, and some accepted last minute additional proposals – we are very appreciative of your generosity!

CASEA membership this year was 162 as of December 2008. It is critically important that members register by submission deadline (November) so that we can secure time slots. CASEA was allotted 22 timeslots this year. The repertoire of research across CASEA is interestingly diverse. Organizing sessions thematically was a challenge. The 2009 CASEA program is composed of the following sessions/activities:

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| Presentations in French | 3 |
| Multiple Paper Presentations | 13 |
| Symposia | 7 |
| Panel Discussions | 4 |
| Roundtable Discussions | 6 (2 presentations at each table) |
| Poster Sessions | 2 |
| Conversations | 9 |

The program also includes a graduate student seminar, educational administration seminar, BELMAS seminar, book launch, and Greenfield Dissertation Award presentation. All provinces, but no territories, are participating in the program this year. As well, we are pleased to be joined by our international colleagues from the United Kingdom and the United States.

Two proposals were withdrawn pre-review; two colleagues withdrew their accepted presentations. Two paper proposals were rejected. Two requests were made to change paper presentations into roundtable discussions. Three proposals did not conform with the submission guidelines of three, double-spaced pages.

We focused on mentorship of graduate students this year. We welcome 22 graduate students who are participating in the program this year. We hope that graduate students will feel welcomed into CASEA by being scheduled into sessions with senior scholars where possible, and having the opportunity to chair sessions. Graduate students were also invited to review proposals. Might CASEA consider for next year providing an online tutorial of the reviewing process so that graduate students might feel supported in this process?

Another change this year was the elimination of discussants. We encourage members to provide feedback on this decision.

Information at a Glance:

| Number of... | 2008 | 2009 |
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| Proposal Submissions | 84 | 74 |
| Conversation Submissions | 8 | 9 |
| Multiple Paper Presentations | 18 | 13 |
| Symposia | 6 | 7 |
| Panel Discussions | n/a | 4 |
| Roundtables | 7 | 6 |
| Poster Sessions | 5 | 2 |
| Presentations in French | n/a | 3 |
| Rejected Proposals | 5 | 2 |
| Requests to Change Presentation Format | 2 | 2 |
| Proposals Not Conforming to Submission Guide | 4 | 3 |
| Proposal Reviewers | 90+ | 72 |
| Scholars Launching Books | 5 | 5* |

* at time of report preparation

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