

**CSSE Board of Directors Meeting Updates  
May 26, 2012**

1. CSSE Annual Conference

A. Financial Concern

- CSSE has been running a deficit for the last few years, and the budget estimates reflect deficits of over \$60,000.00 for the next couple of years which is reflected in increases in salaries, the hiring of the Executive Assistant, WERA commitment, and CJE offsets due to lost SSHRC funding (which is now replaced again). Although CSSE has a healthy surplus, it was noted that this deficit is too high given greater financial crises within the academy more generally.

B. Spotlight Sessions

- This year's spotlight sessions are an attempt to highlight Association sessions that may be of interest to teachers and practitioners. These sessions are highlighted on the CSSE website on a word-press site with links to snapshots of the sessions. Fifty-five local teachers have registered for these sessions through SURE (which is a school-board/university collaborative group focused on knowledge mobilization).

C. Job Fair

- This year's conference includes a job fair pilot for graduate students as a way of connecting graduate students with potential employers who are not affiliated with the Academy. This year's sessions include representatives from the Ontario Government, the Hamilton School District and the Waterloo-Catholic School Board. In addition, the CCGIEC website allows graduate students to upload their CV within one year of graduating so that potential employers can access the secure online database and recruit/contact potential candidates. CV's can be uploaded only once and expire from the site in one year.

D. Delegates

- As of May 25, 2012 there were just under 800 delegates registered for the conference.

YEAR	VENUE	#
2000	Edmonton	627
2001	Quebec	663
2002	Toronto	801
2003	Halifax	742
2004	Winnipeg	713
2005	London	855
2006	Toronto	983
2007	Saskatoon	795
2008	Vancouver	1191
2009	Ottawa	1147
2010	Montreal	1188
2011	Fredericton	810
2012	Waterloo	798

E. CSSE New Scholar Award and Coutts Award

- CSSE will review these awards in the upcoming year as there continues to be ongoing issues with the adjudication and granting of them.

2. CJE:

- A. Four applications were received for the editorship of the French version of the CJE, and two candidates have been short-listed though a final decision has not yet been made. The selection committee consists of Dr. Fernand Gervais, Dr. Marc-Andre Ethier, and Dr. Carla DiGiorgio. Stéphane Allaire, the past editor, will support the new editor.

### 3. Federation Concerns

- A. There exist increasing concerns with the relationship between CSSE and the Federation, particularly in the organization and participation with Congress. To that end, the Board of Directors passed the following motion:

That the CSSE board of Directors proceed with a formal plan to consider the value of hosting a CSSE only conference. PLEASE NOTE: no decision to have a stand alone conference until 2015.

That the process include:

1. Creation of a sub committee of the CSSE Board of directors to produce a report that considers the benefits and drawbacks of a stand alone conference including issues related to the organization, its associations and individual perspectives.
2. That the report be circulated to all associations and individual members.
3. That all associations debate over the course of the next calendar year the results so that there can be a decision taken at CSSE's AGM in 2013 (Victoria)
4. That the Executive circulate to all members and its associations the recommended options and/or actions during the late spring of 2013.
5. That the CSSE Associations schedule discussions about the recommendations for their AGM's in 2013.
6. That the CSSE AGM be scheduled in 2013 so that individual associations can debate the merits of the recommendations PRIOR to the CSSE General AGM.
7. That the AGM in 2013 make a final decision on the recommendations.

4. CSSE Membership Survey Launched May 26. The survey is sent via the listserv, and is also available through links on the CSSE website, Twitter and Facebook. Posters are also available.

### 5. CSSE 2013: University of Victoria

- A. Theme: At the Edge
- B. Kathy Sanford is the conference chair

### 6. Outreach

- A. AERA 2013: CASEA to organize the CSSE Session at AERA
- B. WERA: CSSE is reviewing its decision to support WERA

### 7. Governance: Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

- A. This new federal legislation requires all NFP organizations to meet new standards, the intent of which is to increase accountability to members. CSSE has until October 17, 2014 to comply, but we hope all changes will be adopted at the 2013 AGM. This will necessitate some changes to the language used in the CSSE Constitution bylaws without changing their intent. The one issue that may need more consideration is that in the new legislation, all Directors are to be elected by the entire membership once directly. This has some implication for our structure of having Association members elect presidents who then become Directors. CSSE will be taking its Constitution to a lawyer who will update the bylaws in light of the legislation while maintaining the spirit of our current bylaws. The Board of Directors will vote on changes at Board of Directors' meeting in November which will then go the CSSE AGM for approval in 2013.