

2011 – 2012 CCEAM Report

This past year, the CCEAM Board and Executive have met several times by teleconference and by e-mail communication for discussion and planning. A major task has been a review of the CCEAM constitution. There are links on the CCEAM website (www.cceam.org) to the current constitution (updated in September 2008) and to the proposed revised constitution presented to the Board in March 2012. The plan is to hold a special general meeting by teleconference in the coming months to approve the constitution. In my opinion, the main change to the constitution is to reorganize the CCEAM Executive to provide for regional representation. Under the proposed arrangement, there would be one member of the Executive from each of the following regions: Americas, East and West Africa, Southern Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. The Executive would include the Immediate Past President, President, Vice-President, and three additional Board members. The current President is Frank Crowther from Australia, who was elected to a four-year term that began in January 2011.

Other topics of discussion during the past year by the CCEAM Board have included proposals to review the publications, the terms and conditions of employment for the Executive Director and the Administrative Assistant, and the overall state of CCEAM finances. Jenny Lewis, the Executive Director, has been involved in seeking projects and securing funding, especially from the Commonwealth Foundation.

I would encourage CASEA members to mark the dates of Nov. 3 – 7, 2012, in their calendars. The 2012 CCEAM conference will be held then in Limassol, Cyprus. The Cyprus Educational Administration Society (CEAS) will be the host organization for the conference with the theme “New Trends, New Challenges in Educational Leadership and Governance.” Conference information is available at this link: <http://www.cceam2012.com/> Early bird registration deadline is July 31, 2012, and registration closes on Oct. 15, 2012. Our Cyprus colleagues last hosted the CCEAM conference in 2006 and provided both wonderful hospitality and an interesting conference.

Another important area of activity has been our planning for the 2014 CCEAM conference to be held at the University of Prince Edward Island. The dates for the conference will be June 6 – 10. As decided by a poll of the members of CASEA in June 2010, we will be holding a joint CCEAM and CASEA conference in 2014. This means that CASEA will not participate in the regular CSSE conference that will be held in May 2014 at Brock University. There is a planning team in place at UPEI that has been working for over a year on the local arrangements. This team was chaired by Tim Goddard and is now being chaired by Miles Turnbull, the Dean of Education at UPEI. At the same time, on behalf of CASEA, I have been chairing the program committee for this conference. Other members of this committee include Marlene Atleo, Jerome Cranston, Bruce Sheppard, Carolyn Shields, and Dawn Wallin. Our goal is to produce a program that includes and respects the important features and protocols of both CASEA and CCEAM conferences. We will be preparing a conference launch presentation to be given at the 2012 conference in Cyprus.

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