



President's Report 2011-2012

Bonjour Colleagues!

Another busy and interesting year has come and gone.

The past year has been chalk full of initiatives for CASEA/ACEAS with planning for the annual conference as well as getting started on program planning for the CCEAM conference which will be held at UPEI in 2014. Our 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Ken Brien, has been chairing the program planning committee that has met several times this year via teleconference to work on the initiative. Our CASEA/ACEAS members who are engaged in this program planning committee include: Dr. Marlene Atleo, Dr. Jerome Cranston, Dr. Bruce Sheppard, Dr. Carolyn Shields, and Dr. Dawn Wallin. Our intent is to have our "regular" program Vice-Presidents continue the work on this project over the next two years. Over the next two years CASEA/ACEAS will also have to come to a firm understanding of its relational responsibilities to both CCEAM and UPEI as we work towards making the 2014 conference successful.

In November program proposals came in to CASEA for review for our annual conference. Dr. Bonnie Stelmach and Dr. Ken Brien did another fine job of getting the proposal calls out, and organizing our review process. We always are ahead of the CSSE Program Planning committee meeting but anxiously wait to notify our own members of the results of the proposal submissions. I am always gratified to know that Bonnie and Ken do such a fine job of ensuring that the submissions and reviews are handled in a timely way and that they engage in getting our program together as quickly as possible. Thanks to our membership for their proposal submissions as well as for the reviews they process for us, as these help each of us to "finesse" our proposals into interesting sessions for our members. As the Vice Presidents' Report demonstrates, our program is once again replete with a number of interesting presentation sessions. Thanks to Randy Hetherington for organizing this year's Graduate Students' Symposium which centers on creating an effective literature review hosted by Dr. Bonnie Stelmach. Thanks also to Heather Anderson for organizing this year's Book Launch which boasts 10 books this year from our members: Dr. Carolyn Shields, Dr. Lyn Sharrat & Dr. Michael Fullan, Dr. Charles Webber & Dr. Judy Lupart, Dr. Jon Young & Dr. Peter Grimmett, Dr. Irene Naested & Dr. Daniel Jarvis, Dr. Avis Glaze, Dr. Ruth Mattingley & Dr. Ben Levin, and Dr. Louis Volante. Our Association's relationship with our BELMAS colleagues is once again supported by a BELMAS session including two papers by Gil Howland and Colin Russell. Finally, Dr. Ben Kutsyuruba organized this year's CASEA/ACEAS annual banquet which is hosted at the Charcoal Steakhouse Restaurant. Our membership numbers are very healthy (175) and bode well for a vibrant Association for the upcoming year.

In November I attended the annual Canadian Society for the Study of Education annual Board of Directors' Meeting, upon which I reported in the December 2011 newsletter. I will not reiterate the information from that newsletter but will draw your attention to the new Project Coordinator position that has been added to CSSE's organizational structure, and that this year's conference added a more concerted partnership effort between CSSE, the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE) and the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHE). In addition, the meeting was attended by the American Educational Research Association's Executive Director, Dr. Felice Levine, who spoke of the AERA conference in Vancouver as well as the World Education Research Association.

This year was a nominating year for the new CASEA/ACEAS Executive. Appreciation is extended to Dr. Rosemary Foster for chairing the Nominating Committee, and Dr. Robert MacMillan and Dr. Nina Bascia for agreeing to serve as Committee Members. Congratulations is extended to our new incoming Executive! We look forward to your leadership over the next two years:

President: Dr. Bonnie Stelmach	Past President: Dr. Dawn Wallin
1 st Vice President: Dr. Ken Brien	2 nd Vice President: Dr. Jackie Kirk
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Ben Kutsyuruba	Graduate Student Representative: Heather Anderson

Be aware that we are also interested in securing Committee Members for our various committees and will be soliciting those as the year progresses.

All three CASEA/ACEAS awards will be presented this year, and my report will be amended to include the winner's names of each of them after they have been presented at this year's conference. Thank you to all who submitted for the awards, and to the awards Committees for their diligent and time-consuming work in determining the award recipients:

T.B. Greenfield Dissertation Award:

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Foster

Committee Members: Dr. Claire Isabelle, Dr. Bruce Sheppard, Dr. James Ryan

Margaret Haughey Thesis Award:

Chair: Dr. Paul Newton

Committee Members: Dr. Cindy Rottmann, Dr. William Smale, Dr. Heather Duncan, Dr. Jim Brandon

Distinguished Service Award:

Chair: Dr. Ben Levin

This year CASEA/ACEAS is proud to have representation at the British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society (BELMAS) conference to be held in Manchester from July 20-22, 2012. Thank you to Dr. Jane Preston, Dr. Laurie-ann Hellsten, Dr. Brian Noonan, Dr. Michelle Prytula, Dr. Paul Newton, and Dr. Frank Peters for helping us to have such a large representation of our members at the BELMAS conference.

This year our Association initiated a Survey Monkey survey regarding our awards process. Thank you to all those (N=58) who completed the survey and provided us with feedback into our work in this area. Our AGM is restructured this year to provide time for a talk-back session about the survey results in order to provide our membership with input into changes to our procedures.

On a personal note, I wish to extend my appreciation to the membership of our Association, and in particular to our Executive and Committee Members with whom I have worked closely over the last two years. Special thanks to Rosemary Foster for all of her guidance as she helped me "learn the ropes," to Bonnie Stelmach and Ken Brien for ALWAYS being on their computers, contributing their ideas and keeping me in the loop, to Paul Newton for his sarcastic humour which never fails to bait me when necessary, to Joe Flessa for taking care of those pesky books, to Randy Hetherington for his terrible jokes and his desire to enter into the spirit of his role as our Graduate Student Representative amidst a busy administrative career, to Ben Kutsyuruba for having the most cheerful attitude I've ever seen when dealing with banquet venues, changes

in payment structures and banquet tickets, to Heather Anderson for her organizational “zen” and “get’er done” attitude, to Ben Levin for his willingness to help out whenever he is asked, and to Kirk Anderson for being willing to serve on the New Scholars’ Fund even when none of us sometimes know if anything will happen on that front! I thank also those who have helped on our Committees over the last two years and who are often the unsung heroes and heroines doing much of the “real” work and spending much of their time in service to our Association: Claire Isabelle, Bruce Sheppard, Jim Ryan, David Burgess, Michelle Stack, Heather Duncan, William Smale, Jim Brandon, Cindy Rottmann, Lyse Langoise, Nina Bascia, and Robert MacMillan. Finally, I thank all of you who have contributed to our newsletters or even sent me typos or affirmations once they were received. The celebrations of our members’ lives and careers, and the little notes of appreciation were for me the highlights in their creation.

In conclusion, I have learned to appreciate the unique aspects of our membership and individuals’ willingness to work with us when asked, to offer their input, and to contribute with a positive and innovative spirit. It is this kind of character that distinguishes our members and has made my experience noteworthy and pleasurable. It truly has been my honour and privilege to serve this Association for the past two years, and I look forward to working with CASEA/ACEAS and all of you in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Wallin