

2016 CASEA President's Report

It is my pleasure to present my final report as CASEA President. I offer my thanks to members of CASEA who have provided support and encouragement to me and to our association over the past three years. I want to thank in particular my Executive colleagues for their collaboration and support: Dawn Wallin, Jackie Kirk, Shelleyann Scott, Gus Riveros, and Alysha Sloane. Thank you also to the many CASEA members who served on committees or as representatives for CASEA in various ways.

Liaison with External Organizations

CASEA continues to enjoy fruitful relationships with external organizations. We have a long-standing relationship with the British Educational Leadership, Management, and Administration Society (BELMAS). This normally includes reciprocal invitations to each other's annual conferences. For the 2016 CSSE conference, our BELMAS guest is Mr. Ian Potter, Executive Headteacher, Bay House School, Hampshire, England. He will be presenting a paper during a multi-paper session on June 1. Thanks to efforts by Dr. Tim Goddard, one of our past presidents, CASEA members will now be automatically granted BELMAS member rates for registration at the annual BELMAS conferences, normally held in mid-July each year. We have several CASEA members who attend the annual BELMAS conferences. On behalf of CASEA, I made a request to CSSE that BELMAS members attending our annual CSSE and CASEA conferences be granted the same privilege and the response from the CSSE Executive and Board was positive. We believe that there would be great benefit to encouraging attendance by more of our BELMAS colleagues at our annual conferences.

CASEA is also the Canadian affiliate of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management (CCEAM). I have served as President of CCEAM since 2014 and Dr. Carolyn Shields (Wayne State University) is the CASEA representative on the CCEAM Board. Through my involvement in CCEAM, I had a very interesting learning opportunity in June 2015, when I attended as the CCEAM observer the 19th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers held in Nassau, the Bahamas. During this conference, there were parallel youth, teachers', and stakeholders' forums held as well. I learned that there are several Commonwealth organizations associated with education and had the chance to meet with representatives of some of these organizations. This conference culminated with the Nassau Declaration. Of interest to education researchers in this Declaration were the call by the Ministers for effective and meaningful research collaborations and the offer by India to establish a Commonwealth Consortium for need-based research. The newly launched Commonwealth Education Hub is expected to play a role in facilitating research collaborations. The Commonwealth Education Ministers meet every three years, with invitations by Fiji and Kenya to host in 2018 and 2021 respectively.

With respect to the CCEAM conference scheduled for September 2016 in Udaipur, India, Carolyn Shields and I have worked closely with other CCEAM Board members and the representatives of our Indian affiliate, particularly over the past year. At a meeting held on May 27 with members of the CCEAM Executive and the CCEAM conference committee,

we decided to make a recommendation to the full CCEAM Board that CCEAM will withdraw from the planned conference. This decision was taken primarily because it was clear that the conference would not be financially viable. It will be up to our Indian colleagues to decide whether to proceed with the conference on their own.

Through our relationship with CCEAM, a few CASEA members, myself included, were able to attend the inaugural national conference on educational administration and leadership organized by our Jamaican affiliate, the Institute for Educational Administration and Leadership—Jamaica (IEAL-J), in August 2015. During this conference, I had a chance to meet with IEAL-J members and encourage them to consider attending our annual conference as an alternative to American or British conferences. After a successful inaugural conference, IEAL-J has already announced plans for a second conference in early March 2017. Those of us in attendance at the 2015 conference noticed a great deal of energy and commitment among educators at all levels of the system to improve education in Jamaica. If CASEA members choose to attend the March 2017 conference, I am certain that you will be warmly welcomed and find it to be an enlightening experience.

At last year's conference, we invited Ms. Tina Estabrooks, President of the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP), to address our AGM. She described the work of CAP and expressed interest in working more closely with CASEA. The Faculty of Education at UNB played a role in supporting the annual CAP conference held in May 2016 in Saint John, NB. During the conference, Dr. Kirk Anderson, incoming President-Elect of ACDE, and I met with the CAP Board of Directors to share our interest and offer ideas for collaborative work with CAP. The 2017 CAP conference will be held on May 23 to 26 in Saskatoon.

In an effort to establish a relationship with the corresponding francophone association, l'Association pour le développement de l'enseignement et de la recherche en administration de l'éducation (ADERAE), we now have a link to the ADERAE website on our CASEA website. We hope to take further collaborative steps with members of ADERAE.

Ben Levin

At last year's AGM, we had a brief discussion in reaction Dr. Levin's criminal conviction. Following the meeting, CASEA members submitted written statements to me about their reaction to the case and suggested possible responses. I received about 10 thoughtful written responses to this case. Meanwhile, Don Klinger, CSSE President, obtained legal advice from the Queen's University lawyer about whether CSSE could revoke an award from a member. The legal advice was essentially that our bylaws and our award criteria do not include any provisions for the revocation of awards nor do they make any reference to being of good character. The advice goes on to suggest that CSSE adopt a policy that allows the association to revoke an award where the recipient's post-award conduct is deemed to bring the association's reputation into disrepute. In my view, our choices include taking no action, passing a motion of censure (essentially a statement of disapproval), and adopting a bylaw to allow for CASEA to sanction members, including revoking awards, for cause. If we choose the latter option, my suggestion would be that we ask the incoming Executive to work on drafting an appropriate bylaw.

Membership and Communications

At last count, we have a total of 143 active members and there are 59 others whose CASEA memberships have lapsed up to 12 months ago.

This past year, we have activated a CASEA Twitter account: @CASEA_ACEAS. I have noticed that more academics are tweeting regularly. BELMAS in particular has occasional scheduled Twitter gatherings on various topics.

Last year, we honoured our late colleague Dr. Hanne Mawhinney at our annual banquet. This past fall, we learned that the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), our American colleagues, similarly honoured her at a session during their fall convention. Dr. Sue Winton (York University) spoke on behalf of CASEA at this session.

Earlier this month, we learned of the sudden death of our colleague Dr. Vivian Hajnal, a former Associate Dean in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. We will pay tribute to her during our AGM.

We will receive a report at our AGM from representatives of two Canadian journals that publish articles in educational administration and leadership and whose editors are CASEA members: the Canadian Journal of Educational Administration and Policy (CJEAP) and the Journal of Educational Administration and Foundations (JEAF). We held a meeting earlier this year to discuss the future of both journals and their relationship with CASEA.

For the 2017 conference to be held at Ryerson University in Toronto, the CSSE Board of Directors voted on May 28 that the submission deadline for proposals will be Oct. 1 with a goal of completing reviews by Dec. 1, having the draft program of each association to the CSSE office by mid-January, holding the program chairs' meeting about a week later, and sending out decision notifications by the beginning of February.

Milestones of Members

Sarah Eaton appointed Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, at the University of Calgary as of July 1, 2016.

Charles Webber has been Dean of Continuing Education and Extension at Mount Royal University in Calgary since 2013.

Sofya Malik successfully defended her PhD thesis and will graduate in June 2016 with her PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto. Her thesis is entitled *Knowledge Mobilization in Ontario: A Multi-Case Study of Educational Organizations*. Her supervisor was Carol Campbell. Since December 2015, Sofya is employed by the Ontario Ministry of Education in a newly created position as Senior Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator and Project Lead.

Among her duties, she leads Ministry responsibility for the Knowledge Network for Applied Education Research (KNAER) project.

Kirk Anderson is now the incoming President-Elect of ACDE. His term as Dean of Education at Memorial University of Newfoundland was also recently extended for a further three years.