

CASEA President Report 2020 for CASEA AGM

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Recognition of the work of the Executive

I want to thank all of the CASEA executive team – Tory Handford, Pam Osmond-Johnson, Patricia Briscoe, Jackie Kirk, Deji Osiname, for all their work on the conference and supporting CASEA's activities throughout the year; particularly given the frustration of doing all the lead up program director work and to no avail when the conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic social isolation. Having done this program work I know how much time and effort it takes and so I really appreciate their efforts!!

Thank you, team!!

CASEA in the Spotlight

It is great to see our members stepping up into leadership roles within CSSE. For example, Dr. Abdoulaye Anne (ULaval) has assumed the role of Vice President – Francophone and Dr. Jackie Ottmann is the incoming President of CSSE.

- New appointments

The other two new CSSE appointments are Indigenous VP – Dr. Dwayne Donald (UofA), and Dr. Rob Nellis (Red Deer College) – VP (Anglophone). Many thanks to Dr. Lynn Thomas (Université de Sherbrooke) for her years of service as president CSSE.

CASEA Executive Team Meetings

The executive team met twice during the year.

Highlights:

The need to reduce the number of symposia into the program as these restrict the program flexibility.

The president contact universities about moving social sciences disciplines convocations to later in June to avoid conflicts with CSSE conference – this did not arise this year due to the conference cancellation but should be flagged for next year in 2021.

We will be following the work of CSSE closely regarding a new Code of Conduct currently in the drafting stage. This is addressed in the following section regarding the racial discrimination incident at Vancouver in 2019.

<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/academic-group-launches-probe-into-alleged-racial-profiling-of-black-student-1.4454486>

CASEA 2nd Executive meeting:

The Cancellation of the Conference and CASEA's Approach

The executive team met to discuss the cancellation of CSSE 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision of how to approach this was left to each association. We decided:

- Not to roll over accepted proposals, rather to suggest other approaches to knowledge mobilization and dissemination.
- We sent out a communique to our members that the following options were available to disseminate their research:
 1. A 200-word manuscript to be posted on our website as a Published Conference proceeding.
 2. A PPT, Prezzi, video, or other media form presentation to be uploaded on our CASEA website.
 3. A 7000-word manuscript to be submitted to CJEAP journal
 4. A manuscript to be submitted to ISEA journal.

Continuing Drive for Increasing our CASEA Membership

We would invite all members to recommend joining CASEA to their new colleagues and graduate student with the view to boosting our membership and the power that comes with belonging to a national association. Through our membership we can enjoy wonderful networking opportunities, a seat at the decision and policy-making table, and gain access to cutting edge research in our field. Please do spread the word to all who have an interest in Leadership and Administration not only in K-12 but also in Higher Education and other sectors.

CSSE meetings

There have been two meeting with CSSE Board of Directors:

Ottawa meeting June 1, 2019 and Zoom meeting June 2020 (Zoom due to the pandemic restrictions)

Highlights:

- **Discussion about racial discrimination**

Racial discrimination issue that arose out of the Vancouver conference. This was taken to Congress but the student did not want the transgressors identified but congress indicated they have been given a 2 year ban but this created issues as it was a CSSE member and his wife (non member) but because we do not know their identities we cannot enforce the ban.

Unfortunately, racial and other forms of discrimination (Islamophobia) is not unknown to CASEA members as we also had an incident in the CASEA section of the conference where racially toned tweets were sent out (and later removed) surrounding a doctoral student's presentation and this caused significant offence to the student involved. The student refused to bring an official complaint to the executive but it was raised in our executive meeting.

- *CSSE Participation and support of other committee work* – Joint Committee on Standards for Education Evaluation (JCSEE) – voted a representative from Canada be on that committee due to the influence at the governmental policy level
- *Retirement* - A plan in place for Tim Howard's retirement. Tim is going part time in 2020 as a phase out process.
- CSSE Policy for a Code of Conduct – there is now a draft code of conduct. I would be suggesting that CASEA adopts the Code of Conduct or drafts one that aligns with this for our own members which enables us to take action in the event of inappropriate behaviour by our members.
- CSSE Financial implications of the cancelled conference – there was about \$22,000 which was incurred for the conference that was non refundable and so it is important for the members to continue to maintain their membership in support of CSSE.