

## **CASEA President's Report 2020-2021**

I would like to thank the executive members for all of their contributions throughout the year.

Past President: Shelleyann Scott, University of Calgary

President: Paul Newton, University of Saskatchewan

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Pamela Osmond-Johnson, University of Regina

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Patricia Briscoe, Niagara University

Secretary-Treasurer: Lee Smith, University of Alberta

Graduate Student Rep: Nyasha Nyereyemhuka , Western University

I would also like to thank those who served as committee chairs.

Greenfield Committee – Chair - Dr. Shelleyann Scott University of Calgary

Margaret Haughey Award Committee – Chair - Dr. Don Scott, University of Calgary

Distinguished Service Committee – Chair - Dr. Brenda Spencer, University of Calgary

CJEAP – Editor - Dr. Paul Newton, University of Saskatchewan (editor)

As well, the U of S has hired an assistant for the CASEA executive work. We welcome Idowu Mary Mogaji who is a PhD student at the University of Saskatchewan

### ***CASEA Executive Team Activity***

This year, we have been meeting monthly as an executive. The planning for this unusual conference has taken the majority of our attention, but there are a few other initiatives that we have been exploring as an executive:

1. *Membership recruitment*

The executive has been exploring possible membership drives. We have been discussing focusing on graduate student recruitment, but we are also considering recruitment of practitioners and increasing collaborations with practitioner associations.

2. *Equity, diversity, and inclusion in CASEA*

It is critically important that CASEA reflect on our own organization with respect to EDI. We hope that this year's conference will provoke some conversations about what CASEA should be doing to address systemic racism within our own organizations. The panel discussion on "Decolonizing Educational Leadership" is intended, in part, to explore the potential role for CASEA in decolonizing educational leadership and in anti-racism. The executive has also noted the need to address diversity in membership and on the CASEA executive. We will be seeking advice from members over the upcoming year.

3. *Communication with members (website, newsletters, twitter, etc.)*

We are slowly getting access to social media platforms, and our student assistant will be helping us to be more effective in communicating with members and highlighting the work of the association and its members.

4. *Activity between conferences*

The cancelled conference in 2020 highlighted the need for CASEA to engage in other activities beyond the annual conference. The executive is exploring ways to keep members more connected to CASEA in between conferences. We have considered a variety of initiatives such as research briefs posted to the website throughout the year to keep members informed about the work that CASEA members are doing.

We would invite feedback on any of these. Feel free to reach out to any executive member to provide advice.

Paul Newton  
President, CASEA