

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

1st Vice-President: Pamela Osmond-Johnson, University of Regina

2nd 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. Bonnie Stelmach University of Alberta

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

CASEA Executive Team Activity

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

1. *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. This year's conference includes several sessions focusing on diversity and decolonizing the field and the association. We also established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee this year. One of the activities of that committee was to prepare a motion to update the association constitution to better reflect the priorities with respect to equity and diversity. I want to personally thank the committee members for their work this year. They are:

Jerome Cranston, Ann Lopez, John Scott Lowrey, Christine Martineau, Janet Okoko, Pamela Osmond- Johnson, Stephanie Tuters, Randy Wimmer, and Jing Xiao

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

We are slowly getting access to social media platforms. The website has been updated and cleaned up. We are exploring ways to use the website and twitter be more effective in communicating with members and highlighting the work of the association and its members.

3. *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 continuing to explore 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