

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/
PROCÈS VERBALE DE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE
2 June 2015/2 juin 2015**

In Attendance:

Roberta Barker, Peter Kuling, Helene Vosters, Emily Rollie, Barry Freeman, Marlis Schweitzer, Jim Dugan, Moira Day, Kathleen Gallagher, Ashley Majzels, Grahame Renyk, Nicholas Hanson, Yana Meerzon, Louise Frappier, Jess Riley, Christopher Grignard, Conrad Alexandrowicz, Ashley McAskill, Heather Davis-Fisch, Ginny Ratsoy, Heidi Verwey, Nora Stovel, Louise Forsyth, Kim Solga, Laura Levin, Robin Whittaker, James McKinnon, Raymond Louter, Jenny Salisbury, Natalia Esling, Matt Jones, Julia Cuppy, Kimber Sider, Shelley Scott, Rosalind Kerr, Gabrielle Houle, Sean Young, Sasha Kovacs, Timothy Youker, Bruce Barton, Paula Sperdakos, Aida Jordao, Reina Green, Susan Bennett, Kelsey Jacobson, Dylan On, Signy Lynch, Jerry Wasserman, Mariette Theberge, Glen Nichols, Francine Chaine, Belarie Zatzman, Diana Manole, Martha Herrer-Lasso, Katrina Dunn, Selena Couture, Kelsey Blair, Ron East, Kim McLeod, Claire Carolan, Kirsten Sadeghi-Yekta, Zita Nyardy, Alisan Funk, Ric Knowles, Michelle MacArthur, Karen Fricker, Johanna Lawrie, Stephen Johnson, Jenn Stephenson (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to order 12:10pm/Overture 12h10
2. Approval of Agenda/Proposition de l'ordre du jour
MOTION: (Jones/Salisbury)
Approval of the Agenda: CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2014 AGM/Proposition de l'adoption du procès verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2014
MOTION: (Sperdakos/Rollie)
Approval of the minutes of the 2014 AGM: CARRIED
4. President's Report/Rapport de la president: Stephen Johnson
Stephen acknowledged the excellent work of the conference organizers and their team. This is an immense and complicated project and the team has produced a very successful conference. Another hallmark of this conference has been the joint endeavour with SQET to co-host many sessions. The past year has shown strong relations with SQET with opportunities for joint membership, cross-posting on websites, etc. The process of getting to know each other has been very positive and rewarding and will continue. Stephen remarked that he was pleased with the recent election. There were some technical glitches related to the interface between the new CFHSS membership portal and our voters list, but these will be resolved for next year. The election has produced an excellent slate of new members to the Executive. Stephen also noted the increase of visibility and activity by graduate students in the association. Restructuring of conference organization is underway with new job descriptions and definitions for conference elements. The executive is committed to continued broad-based involvement in

conference planning. For the 2016 conference in Calgary, Kim Solga will be the Conference Program Chair and Bruce Barton will be the Local Arrangements Chair. Work is continuing and is approaching completion for a new CATR website with a members-only section to allow for forum discussions. The long-standing CANDrama listserv will be disappearing in October so we are very motivated to establish a replacement. The executive had an 'extra' meeting this week – dubbed the “blue sky” meeting to discuss the future of the association and to ask what it is that the association does/can do for its members. There was particular interest in discussing our role as advocates and recruitment of new members. CATR is also in preliminary discussions with CSDS (Canadian Society for Dance Studies) regarding mutual interests and possible joint membership. During the questions, it was noted that the bilingual nature of this year's conference was especially appreciated and ought to be continued moving forward. Yana also commented that this work needs to be supported since it is not without costs and labour.

5. Treasurer's Report/Rapport du trésorier: Jim Dugan

Budgets from 2014 and projected budget from 2015 were reviewed. Generally it was noted that the association is in good financial shape. Membership revenues are solid. Also over this past year, we have been able to increase travel support for graduate students to attend the conference. Jim also reviewed the conference budget from 2014 – the conference at Brock actually posted a small profit. This is because we were only charged at 50% for the catering since there were so many problems/delays with various lunches provided. The 2015 conference is projected to run a small deficit. The investments that support the McCallum and Lawrence prize were also reviewed. The Lawrence prize fund is in good shape financially. The McCallum fund however will not be able to support the amount that is currently being spent annually indefinitely. Jim reported that he has approached Mrs. Lawrence regarding her interest in creating a new scholarship to fund the research of emerging scholars. This idea was approved by her and Jim reported that the executive has approved the creation of this new award. This will take some pressure off the McCallum funds and bring the disbursements from that fund into line with what can be sustained.

6. Secretary's Report/Rapport du secrétaire: Jenn Stephenson.

The executive group of CATR meets three times annually. Once in person at the conference and twice remotely. This year we have switched to Bell Teleconferencing for these meetings. There is some cost involved – about \$150 per meeting. But the audio quality is much more reliable.

7. REPORTS/RAPPORTS

a. Elections/Élections: Stephen Johnson

As noted in the President's report, there were some glitches regarding the interface between the new membership system and our membership system. We do not

anticipate that this will be a problem next year. Also Stephen formally thanked the outgoing members of the executive for their service and welcomed our new members.

- b. Membership/Adhésion: Peter Kuling
Peter recapped his adventures with the new CFHSS membership system. CATR was one of a few associations to pilot the new system. The bugs are being worked out.
- c. TRIC/La Revue Recherches théâtrales au Canada: Barry Freeman
Barry reported that Kim Solga will be the new Associate Editor and begin her term on 1 June. After one year, she will take over as Editor from Marlis. The journal is considering moving to a 1-year paywall (from the current 2-year paywall) to bring its practices into line with SSHRC's new open access policy. The journal is launching a new website at a new URL. The new website will be in both French and English. Barry and Marlis undertook a readership survey this past spring to learn more about the reading habits of TRIC's subscribers. Last year in August, free copies of the journal were distributed to graduate students. The journal invites people to contact the office to obtain copies for new students for this August.
- d. Scholarly Awards/Prix d'excellence: Jenn Stephenson for Kathleen Irwin
All the awards were announced at the banquet on 1 June. Jenn read the names of the winners and titles of their work from the slides.
- e. Heather McCallum Scholarship/Bourse Heather McCallum: Stephen Johnson for Natalie Alvarez
The names of the scholarship winners were announced at the banquet and their names and project titles were read from the slide
- f. Robert Lawrence Prize/Prix Robert Lawrence: Moira Day
Moira reported the names of last year's winners and announced that a very good number of nominations had been received for 2015.
- g. CATR/ACRT Awards/Les prix de l'ACRT/CATR: Nicholas Hanson
Thank you to the members of the committee. Efforts to encourage nominations from seminar leaders and panel curators were much appreciated. The names of the winners were announced at the banquet and were read again here at the meeting.
- h. Francophone/Francophile rep: Francine Chaine
Francine documented the work undertaken by herself and Louise Forsyth over the past three years to encourage and support francophone/francophile scholarship and networking at the conference.
- i. Conference 2016/Colloque de 2016: Kim Solga
Next year's conference will take place in Calgary. The exact dates are still TBA.

8. Other Business/Divers

Stephen Johnson noted that it is important to get the AGM earlier in the week perhaps and be sure that it doesn't conflict with other sessions. (Very unfortunately this year the AGM conflicted with a joint session with History).

A question was raised about the application of equity principles in the association in general and at the conference in particular. Discussion followed. The suggestion was made that the association create the role of Equity Officer. It was also noted that once the members-only website is up and running, the forums there could be a site for equity caucus discussions.

Peter gave a brief report re: CFHSS. He and Stephen were planning to attend their AGM right after this session.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Ratsoy/Knowles) CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned 2:15pm/14h15

