

## CSSR 2010—AGM 4 June

attendance: Alphabetical order (Séverine Barthes, David Beard, Lyn Bennett, Jason Bermiller, Rebecca Carruthers den Hoed, Bruce Dadey, Gilles Declercq, Stephen Pender, Michael Purves-Smith, Shannon Purves-Smith, Josef Schmidt, Ivor **Shapiro**, Tracy Whelan, Jeanie Wills, Pierre Zoberman)

3.1. recruitment, not recrutement

3.2 Séverine, not Severine.

4.1: PZ: the decision was made. There must/might have been a motion, in which case I simply noted the end-result

We are the same as you; neither of us can remember if there was a motion. Leave it as is. If someone remembers moving it, they will let us know.

4.3 There were no changes here, but we are not sure of the names for the motions. There appear to be two motions. You have Jeanie and I responsible for the second one. Michael wrote this: "Essay contest. Jeanie/Shannon – Stephen-Tracy-Michael." Does that mean that the three committee members were Stephen, Tracy, and Michael? This might need clarification from other Exec. members. [The latter would be my guess, but I am not sure, so clarification, yes]

We agree: clarification, yes.

5. Should we remind Jeanie to send the report for the minutes? (The other option is to wait until next year, but that has happened every time since she joined the exec.)

9.2 Rebecca **suggested** that the special topic be the joint session.

Lyn, not Lyb.

10.2.2. Good as is.

11. omit my comment, "He proved it."

12. good as is.

### 2 Business arising from the minutes

Stephen will be happy to do it. Jeanie happy to see recruitment attached to the VP's function. Stephen: happy to organize the committee. Tracy and Michael on that committee. Stephen/Jeanie: write a letter of "invitation" to old members. Tracy will explore Waterloo. at the end).

Shannon will supply a list of past speakers (former members). Everyone should pass on ideas to committee members

3.2 Late fees: Jeanie and Pierre will send two reminders. Bruce suggested an “early bird” lower fee.

Severine remarked that, esp. for foreigners, it was easier to come and pay cash. Rebecca said she was looking into internet payment.

Rebecca : the executive should do a comparison.

3.3. Call for papers date. CFP out in September. We will set an earlier deadline.

3.4 Reconsideration of waiting list. Decision to forget it (Pierre, Stephen, Lyn)

#### 4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

4.1 Pursuing a joint session for 2011, with the CSRS. Keen interest on their part. It could be our special session.

4.2 Pilot program for graduate students. Stephen offered to look into the 4Cs program, which is voluntary. Stephen and Rebecca will work on the grad submissions. Three considerations: one-month early submissions; coaching; commitment to attend.

4.3: graduate essay contest. Stephen: let’s raise the fees to support an award for graduate student papers. Motion to form a committee. Stephen would put up the money. Motion that the three committee members work with the VP on recruitment submit a report on raising fees and supporting a graduate student award. Move: Jeanie/second: Shannon

Motion : thanking everyone who helped organize the conference in Montreal Moved Stephen/ Tracy.

4.4. Plenary speaker. There were concerns expressed about the cost of a guest speaker. Rebecca will explore with Claude La Charité.

Shannon/Jason

5. TREASURER’S REPORT *There was no written report. To be forwarded. Balance \$2,085.40.* Jason/ Tracy.

6. Stephen/Michael for the treasurer’s oral balance statement.

7. Webmistress’ report. Rebecca looking into updating the website so that it be compatible with online forms and into online payments. Should we look into paypal? May mean that we have to transfer onto a new software. More pictures. But the software is too clunky. Ivor Shapiro: compliments on the website. Rebecca (response to Jason) ethical question of a secure site.

Motion to approve: Pierre/Lyn

#### 8. RHETOR UPDATES

8. .1.Thanks to Sylvain for having the journal included in the MLA Bibliography.

8.2.Rhetor update. 13 submissions for Rhetor. Shannon looking for reviewers.

8.3: question of reviews and the review editor. Stephen: why not choose to include a review essay instead of reviews? We have to “pursue” someone. Stephen: people are not going to come to *Rhetor* for reviews. So review essay is a good idea. David Beard: it would avoid political issues involved in individual reviews. Jeanie: yes, review essays, more specifically for Canadian work.

Vote: - whether we should have a review editor

- Should it be an extra member?

Stephen: tying the theme to past or future special sessions.

Stephen: moves that each issue of Rhetor include at least one review essay  
Friendly amendment (Bruce): and that the editor invite a scholar to write this issue.  
Second: Jeanie. Carried unanimously.

Rebecca; suggests a motion that the editor be in charge of inviting someone to write.

Michael/ Jeanie.

9. CSSR attendance at the FedCan Congress in Fredericton in 2011. Rebecca: suggests motion that we hold our annual congress with Fedcan May 28-June 5. . Jeanie/Shannon. Unanimous.

9.2 Rebecca that the special topic be the joint session.

Stephen: find a topic as back up topic.

Lyn Bennet moves that we do Renaissance rhetoric if the joint session flies and that we do healing rhetoric in case it does not work out . Lyn would work on the CFP and then pass it on to the advisory committee. Stephen/Lyb. Unanimous.

10. Elections

10.1 One year tenure member-at-large. Jeanie nominates Bruce. Bruce agrees. Acclaimed.

10.2. 1. *Rhetor* Editorial board.

Shannon: can a member of the advisory be on the editorial board? What about the executive?

Michael: the advisory board? Rebecca: disinclined. Not conflate roles. David: not a burdensome task. Rebecca: agrees. Simply keep tasks distinct. Shannon: last year's work was particularly heavy.

Advisory: Stephen and Jill one more year. Alice and Sylvain: 3 yrs.

10.2.2. Nominations:

David Beard (agreed), Jason Bermiller, Rebecca Carruthers, Maurice Charland, Tania Smith, Philippa Spoel, Mark Wallen, Pierre Zoberman (agreed). [Jennifer MacLennan was nominated, but apparently she is on sick leave at present]

Rebecca : will consult and organize the vote

10.3 Student member: Jeanie nominates Séverine Barthes. She accepts : acclaimed.

11. Other business: Oct 14-16, deadline June 15. McLuhan conference, Winnipeg.

We thanked the advisory board.

David Beard mentioned he was a blogger, and he would include an entry on the conference[He proved it]

Stephen: include the banquet fee online.

12. Motion to adjourn. Jason/Joseph (5:30)