

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting for RhetCanada/CSSR
Vancouver, BC
6 June 2019

In attendees: Tracy Whalen, Masa Torbica, Céline Pieters, Devon Moriarty, Bruce Dadey, Benoit Sans, Julie Dainville, David Beard, Kyle Gerber, Andrew McGillivray, Tania Smith

Meeting called to order by Tania Smith at 4:12pm

Items

1. Approval of agenda

-D. Moriarty moves to approve agenda; K. Gerber seconds

2. Review of minutes from 2018 AGM; Approval of minutes from 2018

-T. Whalen moves to approve; B. Sans seconds

-suggestion to feature Michael Purves-Smith award in future conference programs

3. President's Report (T. Smith); see report

-B. Dadey moves to approve; D. Beard seconds

4. Vice-presidents report (D. Beard)

-K. Gerber moves to approve; J. Dainville seconds

5. Secretary-Treasurer report (J. Moffet, *in absentia*; read by A. McGillivray); see report

-B. Sans moves to approve; B. Dadey seconds

6. Webmaster's report (B. Dadey); see report

-T. Whalen moves to approve; K. Gerber seconds

7. *Rhetor* journal editor's report (T. Whalen); see report

-J. Dainville moves to approve; M. Torbica seconds

8. Business arising from the minutes:

-membership fee raise: students from \$15 to \$25 (with the option for a subsidy upon request);

-T. Smith moves the motion; D. Beard seconds; all present vote; votes are "all in favour"

-association fee raise for both regular members and students; Student association fees rise from \$27 to 35 and regular members rise from \$47 to \$55; these fees represent the *before the early-bird deadline* fee

-T. Smith moves the motion; D. Beard seconds; all present vote; votes are "all in favour"

-membership fee for regular members rise from \$40 to \$55

-T. Smith moves the motion; T. Whalen seconds; all present vote; votes are "all in favour"

-discussion about concurrent sessions in the program; there is a consensus that a goal for future conferences should be to reduce concurrent sessions without increasing catering fees

9. Committees and elections

- Past-president: Tania Smith
- President: Bruce Dadey
- Vice-President: Benoit Sans
- Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew McGillivray
- Member-at-Large: Sigrid Streit

-*Rhetor* Editor: Tracy Whalen; no vote required

-Webmaster: Bruce Dadey (with Shivaun Correy as social media person); no vote required

-the new executive motion is moved by T. Smith; seconded by J. Dainville; all present vote; votes are “all in favour” for the slate of new positions.

Note: the point was raised that there is no student on the executive committee; six weeks before next year’s AGM a motion should be circulated among all RhetCanada members that there will be an election of a Student Member to the Executive Committee (Actionable Item)

Advisory committee votes:

-Julie Dainville voted on to committee for 2019-2021

-David Beard voted on to the committee for 2019-2021

-Moved by T. Smith; seconded by D. Moriarty; all present vote; votes are “all in favour”

Student prize committee:

-David Beard nominated; terms of reference need to be updated

-further recruitment will take place by email before proposals for next conference come in

Membership working group:

-continue to disseminate CFPs

-creation of a RhetCanada magazine (non-peer reviewed, such as a blogzine)

-membership working group disbanded

Ad-hoc conference planning committee: Kyle Gerber, Devon Moriarty, Masa Torbica, Céline Pieters (Benoit Sans, VP, will lead the conference planning working group)

10. Conference 2020 theme: *Bridging Divides*

Meeting adjourned by Tania Smith at 6:19pm