

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting for RhetCanada

Video Conference

16 June 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m. EDT

In attendance: David Beard, Julie Dainville, Jonathan Doering, Kyle Gerber, Loren Gaudet, Monique Kampherm, Tess Laidlaw, Shannon Lodoen, Ryan McGuckin, Brad Mehlembacher, John Moffatt, Benoît Sans, Wendy Shilton, Sigrid Streit, Andrea Valente, Bruce Dadey

Meeting called to order by B. Dadey at 4:05 (Toronto time)

- 1. Approval of Agenda: see agenda**
 - a. J. Moffatt moved to approve**
 - b. B. Sans seconded**
 - c. Motion carried**
- 2. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes: see 2021 minutes**
 - a. B. Sans moved**
 - b. J. Moffatt seconded**
 - c. Motion carried**
- 3. Business arising from the 2021 minutes**
 - a. There was no business open from the 2021 minutes**
- 4. Reports**
 - a. President's report (B. Dadey): see report**
 - b. Secretary-Treasurer's report (A. McGillivray/Kyle Gerber): see report**
 - c. Rhetor Editors' report (Julie Dainville/John Moffatt): see report**
 - d. Webmaster's report (B. Dadey)**
 - e. Student Paper Prize announcement (D. Beard, J. Moffatt, T. Whalen)**
 - Michael Purves Smith Student Award: Máire Slater**
 - RhetCanada Undergraduate Student Paper Award: Queenie Chen and Romina Hashemi**

A. Valente motioned to accept all reports.
B. Mehlenbacher seconded
Motion carried

5. Business arising from the reports

- John Moffat will follow-up on outstanding EBSCO cheques

6. Committees and elections

a. Executive Committee Elections

i. Secretary-Treasurer:

1. K. Gerber stands to be acclaimed
2. M. Kampherm motioned to acclaim
3. J. Moffatt seconded
4. Poll opened; acclaimed

ii. Member at large

1. S. Streit stands for member at large
2. B. Mehlenbacher motioned
3. A. Valente seconded
4. Poll opened; acclaimed

iii. Student member

1. M. Kampherm stands for student member
2. S. Streit moved
3. A. Valente seconded
4. Poll opened; acclaimed

b. Committees

i. Advisory committee (3 members needed; R. Harris and R. McGuckin ongoing)

1. Grad Student

- a. S. Lodoen stands for advisory committee
- b. S. Streit motioned
- c. B. Sans seconded
- d. Poll opened; S. Lodoen acclaimed

2. Two open positions

- a. T. Laidlaw let stand
- b. M. Kampherm moved
- c. S. Streit seconded

- d. Poll opened; T. Laidlaw acclaimed
 - e. B. Mehlenbacher stands
 - f. S. Streit motioned
 - g. L. Gaudet seconded
 - h. Poll opened; B. Mehlenbacher acclaimed
 - c. Student prize committee (3 members: D. Beard, J. Moffatt, T. Whalen served previously)
 - i. D. Beard, J. Moffatt, T. Whalen stand for student prize committee
 - ii. B. Mehlenbacher motioned
 - iii. A. Valente seconded
 - iv. Poll opened; D. Beard, J. Moffatt, and T. Whalen acclaimed
 - d. Editorial committee (Michael Dudley serving until 2024)
 - i. Proposed new members
 - Tracy Whalen
 - Ryan McGukin
 - Jonathan Doering
 - Salvatore di Piazza, University of Palermo
 - Céline Pieters, University of Vienna
 - ii. Motion to accept slate: B. Sans
 - iii. S. Streit seconded
 - iv. Poll opened; slate acclaimed
 - e. Conference planning committee
 - i. L. Gaudet, J. Moffatt, J. Doering, S. Lodoen, A. Valente volunteered for planning committee
 - f. Social media committee
 - i. A. Valente (Twitter) and J. Dainville (Facebook) offered to consider ways to develop further presence on these platforms
- 7. RhetCanada 2023 conference

Congress being held on May 27-June 2, at York University, Theme: Reckonings and Reimagining

 - a. Venue
 - i. Discussion on long term consideration: building in an online component (hybrid) for international engagement.

- ii. General discussion was in favour of collaborating with Congress 2023

- 1. Motion to hold 2023 RhetCan at Congress at York

- a. R. McGuckin motioned
 - b. S. Streit seconded
 - c. Poll opened; motion carried

- b. Theme

- i. Theme suggestions were volunteered and narrowed down to a process of selection
 - ii. "Rhetoric, Reckonings, and Re-Imaginations" chosen as 2023 theme by acclamation

- c. Organization and format

- i. Should we offer some kind of hybrid approach?
 - 1. General view was to have presenters in person, with potential for people to view presentations remotely

- d. Amendments to paper prize terms of reference: see proposed amendment

- i. J. Moffatt motioned to accept
 - ii. S. Streit seconded
 - iii. Poll opened; motioned carried

- e. Amount for 2023 Paper Prizes

- i. Proposed amount for 2022 and 2023 is \$300 per prize
 - 1. J. Moffatt motioned
 - 2. J. Danville second
 - 3. Poll opened; motioned carried

- 8. Other business

- a. Organizational promotion and development

- i. In view of the time, Bruce motioned to consider another way to discuss this topic. All were in favour.

Meeting adjourned by B. Dadey at 5:55 p.m. EST

Minutes recorded and submitted by K. Gerber