

# RhetCanada/CSSR Annual General Meeting

1 June 2023, 1:30-3:30 p.m. EDT

Calumet College 211, York University, Toronto, Ontario

## Present:

- **In Person:** Bruce Dadey, Andrea Valente, Sigrid Streit, Jonathan Doering, Shivaun Corry, Mark Wallin, Randy Harris, David Mirhady, Kyle Gerber, Shannon Lodoen, Monique Kampherm
- **Virtual:** David Beard, Maša Torbica, Ryan McGuckin, Benoit Sans, Wendy Shilton (logged in after some voting had happened: Brad Mehlenbacher, Loren Gaudet)

Bruce Dadey called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

## 1. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion: Mark Wallin
- b. Seconded: Jonathan Doering
- c. All in favour

## 2. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes

- a. Jonathan Doering
- b. Shivaun Corry
- c. Two abstentions; all others in favour

## 3. Business arising from the minutes

## 4. Reports

- a) President's report (Bruce Dadey)
- b) b. Secretary-Treasurer's report (Kyle Gerber)
  - a. comments: Kyle and the executive will continue to pursue receiving outstanding EBSCO payments
- c) Rhetor Editor's report (Julie Dainville/John Moffatt)
  - a. Comments: clarification required on opportunity for student-award winners

## 5. Business arising from the reports

- No business arose from the reports
- Motion to receive the reports: Shivaun Corry
- Seconded: Mark Wallin
- All in favour

## 6. Committees and elections

### a) Executive Committee Elections

#### a. President:

##### i. Jon Doering to stand for president

1. No additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Shivaun Corry
3. Seconded: Mark Wallin
4. All in favour

#### b. Vice-president

##### i. David Beard stands for vice-president

1. No additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Shivaun Corry
3. Seconded: Monique Kampher
4. All in favour

#### c. Member-at-large

##### i. Monique Kampher stands for member-at-large

1. No additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Shannon Lodoen
3. Seconded: Jonathan Doering
4. All in favour

#### d. Student member

##### i. Shannon Lodoen stands for student-member

1. No additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Randy Harris
3. Seconded: Mark Wallin
4. All in favour

#### e. *Rhetor* editors

##### i. John Moffatt and Julie Danville stand for editors

1. no additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Shannon Lodoen
3. Seconded: Andrea Valente
4. All in favour

#### f. Webmaster

##### i. Bruce Dadey stands for webmaster

1. No additional nominations
2. Motion to acclaim: Mark Wallin
3. Seconded: Monique Kampher
4. All in favour

b) Committees

- a. Advisory committee (2 members)
  - i. Randy Harris and Ryan McGuckin stand for advisory committee
    1. Motion to acclaim: Monique Kahmpher
    2. Seconded: Shannon Lodoen
    3. All in favour
- b. Student prize committee (3 members)
  - i. John Moffatt, David Beard, Ryan McGuckin stand for student prize committee
    1. Motion to acclaim: Mark Wallin
    2. Seconded: Randy Harris
    3. All favour
- c. Conference planning committee
  - i. Benoit Sans, Sigrid Streit, Shannon, Monique, Loren, Bruce
    1. no action necessary (volunteer committee)
- d. Social media committee
  - i. Shannon Lodoen
  - ii. Comments: Shannon will attend to Facebook and Twitter as needed

7. RhetCanada 2024 conference

- Congress will be held at McGill (Montreal), May 8-17. Primarily in person, not hybrid. Virtual platform: can show pre-recorded sessions, can record sessions for display after Congress
    - o [Note: after the AGM, and before these minutes were finalized, the 2024 Congress dates were adjusted to May 21-29, 2024.]
  - can hold virtual-only sessions; no tech support
  - no Congress theme selected
  - registration fees: regular: early bird 210, regular 253 / on site 290; student: 85/110/145 (no fee if Black or Indigenous); underemployed: 190/230/260
- a. Venue
    - a. Took straw poll: 13 for congress, 10 for ISHR, 5 independent
    - b. The executive will make a decision about venue/date before the deadline
  - b. Theme
    - a. Opening suggestions: Influence; Rhetorical Applications; Rhetoric Revived; Rhetoric Reclaimed; Where's the Rhetoric?; What's Rhetoric Got to Do With It?; Rhetoric, Disinformation, and Hate; Rhetoric and (Dis)information; Interdisciplinarity and Rhetoric; AI: Argumentative Imaginations and Rhetoric;

- b. "Where's the Rhetoric?" voted as the theme
- c. Organization and format
  - a. The executive committee will discuss this further pending review of a survey sent to the members
- d. Amount for 2024 Paper Prizes
  - a. \$300 each for Graduate and Undergraduate
    - i. Motion to accept: Jonathan Doering
    - ii. Seconded: Shannon Lodoen
    - iii. All in favour

## 8. Other business

- a. Organizational promotion and development
  - a. Suggestions for development
    - i. Regional Connections
    - ii. Nodal Development
    - iii. Organized Panels
    - iv. More informal panels
    - v. Posters, materials
  - b. Volunteer Ad hoc committee to pursue questions of development
    - i. Wendy, Shannon, David, Mark, Masa
- b. Webmaster addition
  - a. Jonathan Doering

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.