

RhetCanada/CSSR Annual General Meeting

September 3rd 2025, 2 p.m. EDT - Online

Present: Jon Doering, Kyle Gerber, Shannon Lodoen, Kavi Duvvooori, Sarah Whyte, Jeffrey Orr, Sarah Casey, Bruce Dadey, Daniel Raines, Tess Laidlaw, M. Remi Yergeau, Sean Zwagerman, David Beard, Rency Luan, Monique Kampher, Fortune Lavie, Carolyn Eckert, Mary Adeyemo, Fiona Thompson

1. Jon Doering called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. Motion to Approve: Bruce Dadey
 - b. Seconded: Jeffrey Orr
3. Approval of 2024 AGM minutes
 - a. Move: Monique Kampher
 - b. Second: J. Orr
4. Reports
 - a. President's Report (J. Doering)
 - i. The president's report highlighted several positive elements of the online and in-person conferences, including attendance, the range of presentations, and exciting opportunities for next year's conference.
 - ii. The report also highlighted several challenges including member retention, and the need to continue developing a core leadership group to grow the society.
 - b. Secretary-Treasurer's report (Kyle Gerber)
 - i. The report highlighted an error in "Expenses 2024-2025," third bullet point, which didn't reflect updated items in Student Prizes; an amended report will be submitted.
 - ii. It also highlighted how the report includes outstanding cheques
 - c. Rhetor Editor's report (Sean Zwagerman)
 - i. The editor's report highlighted the desire for increased submissions to grow and develop the journal, and move to online "rolling" publications.
 - ii. The report also announced the end of Julie Dainville's term as co-editor, and the likely replacement of a Francophone co-editor in Fall 2025.
5. Motion to receive the reports
 - a. Motion: Sarah Casey
 - b. Second: J. Orr
 - c. All in favour

Committees and elections

6. Executive committee elections
 - a. President: J. Doering

- b. Vice president: Shannon Lodoen
- c. Student member: Rency Luan
- d. Member at large: Monique Kampher
- e. Webmaster(s): Bruce Dadey
 - i. Motion to approve slate: Bruce
 - ii. Second: S Casey
 - iii. The slate was approved

7. Advisory committee

- a. Kyle Gerber
- b. Randy Harris
- c. Monique Kampher
- d. Tess Laidlaw

Jon called for a vote to affirm the committee. The slate was approved.

8. Conference planning committee

- a. Shannon Lodoen
- b. Kavi Duvori
- c. Kyle Gerber
- d. Sarah Casey
- e. Fiona Thompson
- f. Bruce Dadey
- g. Sarah Whyte
- h. Carolyn Eckert
- i. Jeffrey Orr
- j. Mary Ademayo

9. Student prize committee

- a. Bruce Dadey
- b. Tess Laidlaw
- c. M. Remi Yergeau
- d. Sean Zwagerman

Jon called for a vote to approve the slate. The slate was approved.

10. 2026 conferences

- a. Winter and Summer division
 - i. David Beard is taking the lead to organize the winter conference
 - ii. Rency Luan is taking the lead to organize the summer conference
- b. Summer host: SJU, Waterloo, ON
- c. Collaboration with CASDW, and Rhetoricon Launch
- d. Grant initiative

Sarah Humphreys is serving as PI on a SSHRC grant application in collaboration with others including Randy Harris, Shannon Lodoen, and Jonathan Doering.

- e. Overall summer conference name: “Rhetoric, Writing, and Discourse Today”
- f. Roadmap for the year

Date	Event
September 15	RhetCan CFP goes out (for both Winter Showcase and Summer Conference)
November 1	Winter Showcase submission deadline
November 21	Winter Showcase acceptance notifications sent out
January 17 or 24 (TBD)	Winter Showcase, online
January 30	Summer Conference submission deadline
February 28	Summer Conference acceptance notifications sent out
April 21	Summer Conference student drafts due
May 26-30*	Summer Conference, St. Jerome’s University (*joint conference; RhetCan-specific events run from May 28-30)

11. Build-your-own role for the 2026 conferences

- a. Daniel Raines: accessibility
- b. Fortune Lavie: accessibility

12. Other initiatives and discussions (time allowing)

- a. There was a question about whether the RhetCanada fee will cover both portions of the conference.

At the moment, it seems as though the conference fee will cover both.

- b. Potential themes for the Summer Conference:
 - i. Rhetoric, Writing, and Discourse Today: Modern Problems, Ancient Solutions
 - ii. Rhetorical Invention, Rhetorics of Innovation, and Re-inventions of Rhetoric

13. J. Doering called to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.