

SSA/AÉS Congress AGM 2019
7th AGM
Location: University of British Columbia
SSA Meeting Minutes – 3 June, 2019

Rebecca apologizes for non-vegan options at the AGM meal
Ryan and Rebecca note that the attendance is much higher than 2018 AGM

Rebecca Sullivan opens meeting and introduces the steering committee.

Steering Committee:

Rebecca Sullivan, chair
Dan Irving, vice-chair
Mark Lipton, treasurer
Carol Dauda, program coordinator
Dan Irving, vice-chair
Ryan Conrad, communications officer
Ali Greey, secretary

Rebecca offers land acknowledgement.

Reese simpkins moves to approve the AGM agenda for 2019
Tamara Lang seconds the motion to approve the AGM agenda for 2019
Kaitlyn Dykstra moves to accept the 2018 AGM minutes. Joshua Falek seconds the motion.
RS opens the floor for discussion. No discussion from the floor.
RS opens vote to accept the AGM 2018 minutes. The motion is carried with one abstention.

RS: Chair's Remarks

- SSA is growing and expanding.
 - Her third year in this role. It matters to her that when she finishes a volunteer role, you try to leave it a little better and stronger than when you took your role.
 - We are generally seeing between 70 and 100 members. Remarks 70 at Regina, this year 100.
- We need to continue to work on our Indigenous and colonial research and our Francophone research.
 - These are not unique problems but that doesn't mean that we don't have a responsibility to work on them.
- RS heartily welcomes international scholars. We consider ourselves an international haven. Welcome, we will continue outreach with international scholars.
- Encourages faculty members to click the Sustaining Institutional Memberships.
- Also push your institutions to sign up for institutional membership. This includes one individual membership and two graduate students' memberships. Institutions can do this to support their graduate students.
- Spread the word. That's how we grow.
- Opens floor for questions and comments.
 - No questions or comments.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Lipton was unable to attend, delivered by RS).

- In our constitution all members have right to review the financial statement, but that is not available right now.
 - Financial statement was not made available.
- Goal was to get the SSA to long term financial well-being, to always have a cushion of \$25,000 in the bank in case there is a problem.
- Once we're done reconciling 2019, we will be at that magic number.
- Starting to loosen the purse strings a little bit.
- Often asked if funding for graduate students for travel. Not yet.
- Still working on developing prudent reserve.
- That's why we introduced the institutional membership.
- Can't promise a travel fund happening yet, but we recognize that problem. We are also talking with Congress. They need to have more of these opportunities available.
- Reminds members that have to pay for BOTH membership and conference registration fees.
- Reminds that have to also pay for membership fees – Registration and membership fees are separate and not the same.
- Conference usually costs \$4000-\$6000 to put on. We support the conference by applying for money from Congress, selling ads in our program, as well as membership and registration fees. We make money off the conference – and we need to.
- Opens for questions.
 - Joshua Falek asks at what point will begin having graduate student awards?
 - RS says need to increase prudent reserve to \$30,000 and then have to make decisions about how to distribute that money. Would be more comfortable at a \$40,000 reserve first.
 - Because treasurer is not showing a financial report, we don't need a mover; however, RS indicates that there is a general confidence in the financial health.
 - Reese simpkins moves that we are in positive financial health and there is confidence in the steering committee. Seconded by Teresah Kenney. Motion is carried.

2019 Conference Report (Carol Dauda)

- 100 presenters. They spanned across Canada.
- We had catered lunches for plenaries and AGM.
- Trans-archival futures at VIVO was fantastic. It was a real priority for us to partner with community organizations. We're going to continue our commitment to that. Our first time having a pre-conference event.
- Jamie Lee Hamilton will be our keynote, it was terrific.
- Did joint sessions with WGSRF, WiG/CAUTG and SSS
- Received International and Interdisciplinary Session Funds.
- Ongoing commitment to community, artistic, and activist scholarship.
- Next year Congress is at Western University (London, ON)
- Huge thanks to the Programming Committee
 - Carol Dauda

- Spencer Belanger
- Ryan Conrad
- Alex DeGagne
- Emmerich Deroya
- Carol Dauda adds that she's been really impressed with the sessions this year.
- RS asks how we can improve the sessions for Western.
- No comments from floor . Ryan adds that if anything comes up that you think of, send an email to the executive committee.
- RS suggests us to also let committee know if something works.
- Member notes that there is a Pride Library (Hudler Library) in London, Ontario. Another member notes that the library is quite small and doesn't know if it can host many.

Ryan Conrad's report

- Points out that website has been changed. The website is now accessible in English and French
- Points to list of resources on sexuality studies group-sourced information list.
- Points to the launching of the awards program. Everything comes through on the announcements.
- One of the important pieces for Ryan is that no one should be forced to use the Facebook platform to access announcements. Hope to integrate with the website. Have put a lot of energy and time into making website functional and useful.
- RS acknowledges the extent of Ryan's contribution.
- Hoping for feedback. What do you want us to do in terms of association communication.
- What are people's thoughts.
 - Emma McKenna – has said that she prefers email instead of social media.
- Show of hands for how many are on..
 - Facebook: About ¼ of the room.
 - Twitter: ¼ of room.
 - Instagram: ½ of the room.
 - Checks email routinely: almost everyone in the room.
- Rebecca says that our Facebook is fairly active and it is moderated but most of the steering committee is not on it. We have a google group – no twitter or Instagram.
- RS is thinking – we have a general sense of numbers. RS is leaning toward activating google group and deactivating Twitter.
- Natalie Kouri-Tow: The association doesn't have to be actively on those platforms, but passive – e.g. having the twitter account that people can generate content. Which allows members to mobilize platforms to do it. A nicer and easier method.
- Naomi Lang – question about the google group.
- RS – The google group is one directional. For us to tell you.

SSA Constitution Revisions

- If we don't get it cleaned up for this round (time constraints)

- Number one thing is the structure that we are trying to get the constitution running how it has been running in real life.
- One – we're thinking that we need to stop thinking we have committees and more act like they're officers. Without this, bit becomes unwieldy

CCA Officer – this officer does very little. We don't have the money or the human capital. – it's not sustainable. We do have that mandate, just don't think it's worthwhile to have this person do this work without any resources.

QIS Chair – has been Kris Packard. He is stepping down. We do not have any nominations. Larger question that we are having about making this one person responsible in a volunteer role and if there might be otherways to do it.

Grad student officer GSO – Initially, we stopped having GSO because most of the steering committee were grad students.

Encourages all people with continuing appointments to take on responsibilities.

Now it would be helpful to get a grad student on to help us get that position – reactivating that position.

QIS Chair– starting to think about it as not a voluntary administrative position. Instead receive a small honorarium, maybe \$500. They would be in a position to advise. We would therefore have to call it something different because can't have one role that's paid. Wouldn't want it to be an administrative honorarium. Haven't done any consultation yet.

Ryan suggests we table the constitution information with a TRC statement.

Thomas Waugh Award for Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar.

Something that provides prestige and support, without being onerous.

Don't have space for a plenary but will draw attention to the name.

Submit a full-length paper by February 1st or date tbd.

Will be looking for volunteers to serve on the committee for next year.

Not happening this year. It will happen next year. For the paper you are presenting next year.

Joshua Falek: why aren't Master's students eligible.

RS: That's because we want the award to be something that someone about to head onto the market can leverage.

This will be officially launched for next year.

Academic Leadership in Sexuality Studies

Community-based award for the member who's helping advance the field and working in their own communities to advance the field, and support its members. If you have a salary, then this is the award for you.

Receive \$1000 to mount an event. Limitations on what the money can be used for.

Have to be a member in good standing, plan on presenting and attending at Congress.

You don't have to propose what you're going to do. Just to be generally awesome.

reese simpkins – says that anything for contract faculty after 3 years are eligible for which?

Rebecca thanks reese – points out should attend to this.

Kaitlyn Dykestra – suggests it should thinking about how much work people are doing to prepare for the award.

RS – asks, how do we recognize you for having written a really great paper the year prior.

Ryan Conrad – describes how this is a different way of doing it and they both have different pro's and con's.

RS – adds that one will get some feedback on publishing.

Reese simpkins – if we are giving our papers – rapid turn around time. The only thing is that there is kind of a rapid turn around.

RS - If the abstract deadline is January 7th everyone applies, but if it's in December, no one does.

Leadership award is activated for 2020 at Western.

Dr. Natalie Kouri-Towe. First award winner!

Steering Committee Elections

Chair: Dan Irving

Treasurer: Mark Lipton

Vice Chair: Ryan Conrad

Motion Rebecca Sullivan, Seconded by Carol Dauda – motion passed.

Program Officer: Carol Dauda (renewable for one year)

Secretary: Ali Greey another year 2020.

Communication Officer: Ian Liujia Tian, Joshua Falek, Patrick Teed

Patrick Teed – outlines his election platform.

Joshua Falek – outlines his election platform.

DI (Dan Irving) calls for nominations from the floor.

RS asks about rules for this (multiple people in the role of Communication Officer).

RS makes a motion that all who want to give labour to sexuality studies can do so – Alison seconds. Motion passed.

GSO – Alison Grittner explains their election platform. Alison Elected.

Other Business

Dan Irving thanks RS for how she brought the organization to a place of health.

Because does business arises in our heads as we process the meeting – please feel free to email

Dan

Motion to adjourn – Patrick Teed, seconded by Kyle Rubini. Motion passed.