

Annual General Meeting Agenda
For the Canadian Association of Food Studies (CAFS)
May 27, 2018
University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan

1. Introductions as required for meeting; confirmation of quorum (and information related to number of voting members present and proxies); confirm those serving as chair, secretary and rules of order person for meeting; conflict of interest identification
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - Wanda, David seconds, Manon abstains
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - None
5. Reports from the:
 - a. President - Rebecca Schiff**
 - In the past year, we have worked on putting the governance proposal for the journal into practice, by creating policies and procedures.
 - We have also worked on policy development, including a sponsorship policy developed since the last conference.
 - Thanks for David for the newsletter.
 - b. Treasurer (including financial statements) – Caitlin Scott**
 - The financial statements will be put up on the website. In the past year, we have worked to overcome a major budget shortfall and have managed to bring the deficit under control. Our major expenses outside of the conference continue to be the journal and the administrative stipends. Through our membership drive, we were able to make up a good deal of the difference and this year we have a much smaller budget deficit.
 - In the coming year, a big priority will continue to be supporting the journal. We encourage those of you looking to publish to consider the journal, to support this open access resources that we have for food studies in Canada.
 - The journal will also be applying to the newly-announced SSHRC funding.

Questions

- Rachel Engler Stringer – Why was the budget off by so much last year?
A: The conference food was incredibly expensive and we had a lot of government lunches that ended up being beyond the resources provided.
- Andre – Are we project to break even this year?
A: Wanda - Breaking even means being able to support the journal, and we are going to be able to do that but will need to continue to be careful with our budget.

c. Nominating Committee – Irena Knezevic

- New board is announced. Jennifer Brady will be the new president. André has agreed to stay on as vice president, and we have Charles Levkoe coming back to act as the other vice president.

- We had 6 people leaving and we had 7 nominations and decided to take them all because we are allowed to have that many in the bylaws. We acclaimed all of them rather than running an election to get rid of one.
- We have more diversity on the board including a francophone member, new disciplines, and students.

Continuing members

SECRETARY: Margaret Bancercz
 TREASURER: Caitlin Scott
 MEMBER AT LARGE: Julia Laforge
 PAST PRESIDENT: Rebecca Schiff

New members

PRESIDENT: Jennifer Brady
 VICE-PRESIDENTS: Charles Levkoe, André Magnan
 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: Susan Aitken, Manon Boulianne, Fleur Esteron, Rita Hansen Sterne, Marit Rosol, Theresa Schumilas

- Irena makes the motion to approve the new board. Bryan Dale seconds. The incoming board members present abstain.

d. Canadian Food Studies – David Szanto on behalf of Editor in Chief Ellen Desjardins

- A new design has come out which has received positive feedback. We are in our 5th year of publishing and continue to be online and open access. We are building the body of voices on food studies in Canada. We have been ramping up over the past year and support many different types of content. The editorial team is diverse and across Canada with Jenifer Sumner joining recently.
- Two special issues coming out on national food policy, and food procurement.
- CURRENTLY: Funding is the major issue. This past year we have started charging authors – fees are really important to support the work that the editorial team is doing.

Question: What portion of articles have fees?

A: Over time we have tried to find funding. As of a few days ago it was announced that SSHRC is starting to fund open access online journals, and focusing on Canadian content but we do not have many of the details yet, or know what the stipulations/ rules will be.

e. CAFS Newsletter Editorial Committee – Irena Knezevic

- We were really lucky to get David Szanto to put the newsletter together this year. Andre and Manon have served as editorial support to David on the French. Kristen Lowitt and Irena helped to edit the English content. Have continued the \$200 stipend. Type of content continues to be diverse creative content, summaries of research, events etc. It is a way for members to promote work, get exposure, and connect with other researchers.

6. New Business Items:

- a. Next years' conference
 - Conference at University of British Columbia

- Conference Planning Committees – still working on forming the committees – get in touch with Rebecca or Jennifer Brady – particularly faculty members – have a lot of students and we'd love to have some faculty
- CAFS members to contribute to organizing conference

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b. Feedback on conference

- The minutes reflect that child care has been decreased – 18+ months and was not promoted well

7. Dates of next annual meeting - TbD

8. Other Business

- David Szanto proposes that pecha kucha presentations could be great videos for our website and has offered to facilitate the production of those. It allows for quick dissemination of ideas. Could create a CAFS Youtube channel. Andrea Noriega ads that we need a better hashtag. Caitlin notes that we are actually in the process of creating a social media volunteer position.
- Rebecca closes by saying how it was an incredible honour to be the president and she is excited to be past-president.

9. Adjourn