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Canadian
Association for
Food Studies

Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2021 1:00-3:00pm EDT

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Meeting agenda

**CAFS AGM
AGENDA
Friday June 11th 1-2PM EST**

- 1. Introductions and overview of AGM procedures**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of 2020 minutes**
- 4. Reports**
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Conference Coordinator's Report
 - d. Canadian Food Studies Editorial Collective
 - e. Communications Report
 - f. School Food Working Group
- 5. Presentation of new CAFS Board**
- 6. Presentation of CAFS Awards**
 - . Student Paper Award
 - a. Research Excellence
- 7. Q and A / Open Discussion**
- 8. Adjournment of the AGM**

President's address

(Amanda Wilson)

*A polished version will be published in a forthcoming issue of CFS.

*The video can be found [here](#).

- The board met more frequently this year than in most previous years – it was an unusual year in many ways
- Follow-up on commitments to acknowledge and address anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism within the context of Canada
 - online resource list on the intersection of food systems, racialized violence, and oppression within the Canadian context. This resource is now available on our website. ,
 - Special Issue confronting Anti-Indigenous, Black and Asian racism in Canadian food systems – the Call for Proposals for which is currently being circulated
 - hosted a webinar with three Indigenous scholars sharing their reflections on the place of “Canada” and “Canadian” within our association name
 - Discussions continuing next year
 - We also published a letter in support of mi'kmaq (migmah) lobster fishers
- We've made a lot of great progress on communications this year – we now have a dedicated board member responsible for communications (Pheobe Stevens), as well as a whole communications sub-committee!
 - New CAFS Website
- The Journal has also made important strides in establishing a new structure and updating our fee structure – great editorial collective and co-editors-in-chief – I'll let them provide more of an update in their own report
- Awards Committee – happy to see multiple nominations to the Student Paper Award, we're going to be proposing some changes to the criteria
- Nominations Committee – excited to have two new members joining the board, recruitment remains a challenge at times
- Extend a big thank-you to my fellow board members, Trudi the CAFS Administrator, Rosie and Rachel the two conference co-coordinators and David Szantos for his continued communications and website support.

Financial report

Financial Report for May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

Prepared by: Meredith Bessey - Treasurer

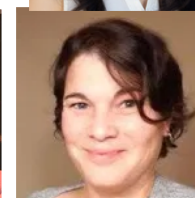
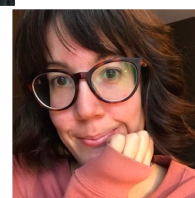
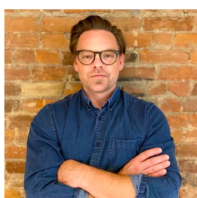
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Administrator Stipend		4,200.00	
Newsletter Stipend		400.00	
Special Projects		400.00	
Directors Insurance		885.60	
Bank Fees		34.50	
Web hosting		235.68	
Website update		2,050.79	
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CAFS AGM 2021

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Welcome and Overview

CAFS Board



CAFS Administrator - Trudi Zundel



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Reports!

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President's Report

- Commitments on addressing anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism
- Progress on Communications!
- New Journal Governance Structure and Fee Structure
- Awards Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Thank-you to board members and Trudi!

Communications Report

- Formation of communications sub-committee
- Website launch
- Webinar series
- Social media strategy
- Prioritizing diversity and inclusivity



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Conference Coordinators Report

- What went well
 - Rachel and Rosie as a team - flexibility, discussion, more reliable
 - Regular meetings Oct - June
 - Stephanie - an employed admin
 - Consideration of Canadian context

- Justice elements
 - Mixed Results
 - Pricing of conference
 - Translation - call for papers and keynote
 - Closed Captioning
 - Affinity Groups
 - Code of Conduct

- Projected Conference Profit: \$44,000 USD
 - CAFS ~\$10,000

Recommendations

- Team of CAFS representatives
 - Identify the team ASAP
 - Francophone - translate, moderate, and has a network
 - Pay organizing team
 - More CAFS onboarding - sponsorship policy, practices, expectations of pushing for justice and against “the way things have always been done”

- Center justice in future conference decision-making
 - Start from the very beginning
 - Set aside money
 - Get other organizers on board

- Clearer governance
 - Set the tone - prioritize collaboration and relationship-building
 - Agendas and meeting minutes shared - main administrator
 - Create a master “check-list” of tasks

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Administrative Staff

[Alyson Holland](#) (McMaster University)

[Alexia Moyer](#) (McGill University)

Editors-in-Chief (shared role)

[Rachel Engler-Stringer](#) (University of Saskatchewan)

[Charles Z. Levkoe](#) (Lakehead University)

[Marit Rosol](#) (University of Calgary)

Associate Editors

[Élisabeth Abergel](#) (Université du Québec à Montréal)

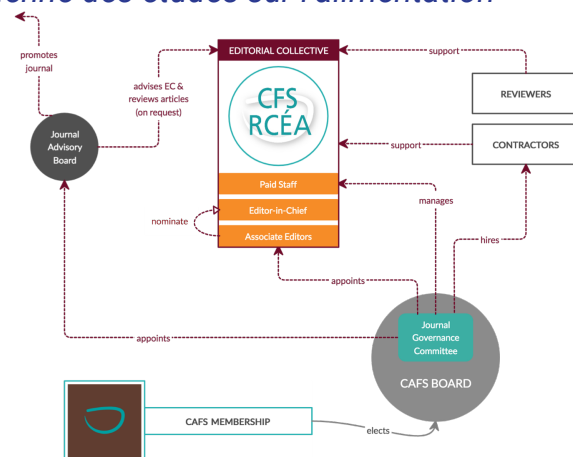
[Mary A Beckie](#) (University of Alberta)

[Michael Classens](#) (Trent University)

[Philip Loring](#) (University of Guelph)

[Sherry Pictou](#) (Dalhousie University)

[David Szanto](#) (University of Ottawa)



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Issues Published in 2020/21 and Forthcoming

Vol 7 No 1 (2020): "Its smoke must make it blind": Fire and a commitment to regeneration

Vol 7 No 2 (2020): A problematic of plenty

Vol 8 No 1 (2021): O is for open (as well as optimal, operable, optimistic, organic)

Forthcoming (July/August 2021): Themed Issue -- Food: Locally Embedded, Globally Engaged (FLEdGE)
Guest Editors: Alison Blay-Palmer

Forthcoming (October 2021): Themed Issue -- Critical Food Pedagogies
Guest Editors: Michael Classens and Jennifer Sumner

Forthcoming (December 2021): Themed Issue -- Critical Food Guidance
Guest editors: Ellen Desjardins and Jennifer Sumner

Forthcoming (2022): Themed Issue -- Towards Just Food Futures: Bridging Sustainable Food Systems with Income-Based Approaches to Food Insecurity
Guest Editors: Marit Rosol, Eric Holt-Giménez, Lauren Kepkiewicz, Elizabeth Vibert

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Updated Fee Schedule

School Food Working Group

- Followed up on two letters to federal government about the importance of investing in school food research by contacting CIHR and SSHRC Presidents
- Met with Associate Vice-President of CIHR on June 8th, to discuss need for school food funding stream.
- Held a 2 hour teleconference sharing research based on our cancelled panels from CAFS 2020
- Had our CIHR proposal from 2020 rejected, re-submitted in 2021
- Had School Food in Canada During COVID project funded (Usask) and completed

Proposed CAFS Board 2021-2022



CAFS Awards - Student Paper Award

Congratulations to Rachel Waugh!

"An exploration of discursive framings of body weight"



CAFS Award - Research Excellence in Food Studies

Congratulations to Jennifer Sumner!

- "Jennifer's work...has always sought to challenge established boundaries and to push scholars to take their thinking in new and important directions.
- "her tireless commitment to social justice and critical scholarship has encouraged scholars from around the world to ask key questions about things many take for granted"
- "Jennifer's efforts to inject both critical thinking and theory-driven understandings into all her scholarship are sure to leave a lasting mark, not just on food studies but many other areas of research and practice."
- "Collaborating with others has always been her strength...Jennifer invites the formation of groups that bring together a range of perspectives on a specific topic.
- "Dr. Sumner's work in food pedagogy is empowering a new generation of food systems scholars"
- If I was to try to sum up Jennifer's strengths as a researcher and scholar I would highlight her role as an absolutely first class initiator and collaborator.



Open Discussion / Q&A



Additional notes

Financial Update

Andre Magnan – can you clarify if the 50% I s from surplus? And how much this year?

Meredith – yes, contribution is from surplus; last year we were in deficit; this year we don't know yet but are expecting to be well in the positive

Conference Coordinators Report

Amanda – noted that is year the CAFS conf was very different in that it was joint with 3 other associations and virtual

Bryan Dale – asked about additional expenses for CAFS; plans for 2022 CAFS conference

Rachel - \$2.5k will be reimbursed and \$10k is in addition (which accounts for all current and future expenses)

Amanda – Congress location for 2022 has not been decided; lots to be worked out.