

Minutes of the Executive of the CSDH/SCHN AGM

6 June 2013, 3:00 pm, Victoria, BC at Congress

Present: Dan O'Donnell, Brent Nelson, Jason Boy, Michael Sinatra, Keith Lawson, Daniel Powell, Susan Brown, Sandra Gabriele, Stéfan Sinclair, Michael Ulliot, Harvey Quamen, Paul Hjartarson, Aimée Morrison, Spencer Roberts, John Simpson, Matt Milner, Jentery Sayers, Geoffrey Rockwell, Jon Saklofske

1. Welcome (Dan and Michael)

2. Visit by the Federation

Ray Siemens reported the continued goodwill that digital humanities enjoy with the Federation and its ongoing advocacy on points of interest to our community, like open access and the new tool directives in SSHRC.

3. Visit by MITACS

Jean-Philippe Valois presented funding opportunities for senior undergraduate and graduate students and post-docs applying their research in a non-academic setting <http://www.mitacs.ca/>

2. Annual financial report (Keith)

Treasurer Keith Lawson presented a break-down of financials that indicate that we are in very good shape.

3. Constitutional change re-election procedures (Michael)

The executive committee of CSDH/SCHN proposed the following change to the society's constitution regarding the voting procedures:

CURRENT WORDING:

1.1 Terms and Conditions of Appointment: Members of the Executive serve three-year terms, except for the Members-at-Large who serve two-year terms, and are elected by society members by majority vote from among a slate of members-in-good-standing of the society proposed by the Renewal Committee at the society's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

PROPOSED CHANGE:

1.1 Terms and Conditions of Appointment: Members of the Executive serve three-year terms, except for the Members-at-Large who serve two-year terms, and are elected by society members by majority vote VIA AN ONLINE VOTING PROCESS from among a slate of members-in-good-standing of the society proposed by the Renewal Committee.

Approved unanimously

4. Results of the election (Brent)

A call for nominations went out on May 7 for three positions. The President (English) position was vacated by Dan O'Donnell who is taking up the Editor in Chief position of DS/CN and will in this capacity stay on *ex officio*. A Vice President position was vacated when Susan Brown declared her candidacy for the President position. A member-at-large position was vacant because Jon Saklofske's one-year term was over. One nomination was received for each position, and each candidate was thus acclaimed: Susan Browne for President (English); Deane Irvine for VP; Jon Saklofske re-elected for another term as member at large.

5. Report on DS/CN (Dan)

This year saw the roll-out of a journal incubator for administering the workflow of the journal and the addition of Lisa Snyder as Associate Editor. The journal also implemented rolling publication and a more amorphous form of publication, welcoming e.g. special issues in addition to our conference's proceedings. The journal is also taking leadership in ADHO as the principal publishing organ for initiatives related to GO::dh.

6. Congress 2013 and 2014 (Michael)

Michael expressed thanks to Jentery Sayers, local host, and Christine McWebb, program chair of CSDH/SCHN2013. In 2014 Geoffrey Rockwell will assume the program chair and John Bonnett will be local host.

7. Ian Lancashire Award / Announcement of new awards (Susan)

Susan Brown outlined the new award structure. The Ian Lancashire Promise Award was given to Titilola Babalola (University of Lethbridge) and honourable mention of Alyssa Arbuckle (University of Victoria) and Deanna Fong (Concordia University). Carolyn Guertin won the society's Outstanding Early Career Award and delivered the plenary talk after the AGM.

8. AOB

Submitted by Brent Nelson