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**Meeting of the General Membership of CALS**

**May 25, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of agenda for May 25, 2023**
3. **Minutes of Previous General Meeting (June 15, 2022) -** Available for information
4. **President’s Report – Dawn Trussell**

Dawn recognized and thanked the 2021 CCLR Organizing Committee.

Dawn reported that the CALS Board developed a brand story, which documents the history, intentions and actions of CALS.

Dawn thanked the committees of the Board (Communications Committee, Awards and Grants Committee, Anti-Oppression Committee, and Outreach Committee) for their work over the past year.

Dawn thanked CALS Board members for the period of 2020 – 2023 and introduced members of the CALS Board for 2023 – 2026.

1. **Financial report** **– Dawn Trussell on behalf of Luke Potwarka**

Dawn presented CALS financial report for the period of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Dawn also reviewed the Legacy Fund guiding principles.

1. **Report of the Editor of Leisure/Loisir – Rebecca Genoe**

Rebecca reported the following journal updates:

* The removal of page limits from volumes and issues (The journal is required to publish 24 articles per year)
* Upcoming special issues on the following themes:
	+ Leisure, inclusion and belonging
	+ Leisure and racism
	+ Joint special issues with Leisure Sciences on the fraying and rebuilding of society and Society and Leisure related to CCLR 2023
* Journal statistics:
	+ 106 submissions in 2022 (increases in international submissions over the past five years)
	+ Acceptance rate was 40% in 2022
	+ Downloads were up 4% in 2022 over 2021
* Journal sponsorships:
	+ CCLR Leisure and Poverty Plenary Session
	+ CCLR Round Table discussion in concert with the special issue on inclusion
	+ U Of R KHS Research Day presentation awards
	+ One CCLR grad student travel grant
1. **Sub-committee Updates and Reports**
	1. **Communications Committee –** Dawn Trussell (on behalf of Richard Norman) reported the following committee updates:
		* CALS has a new website (canadianleisurestudies.ca)
		* Future plans for the website include:
	* CALS Membership support i.e., secure members section, registration (member/conference), awards
	* Integrated social media and communications i.e., single source
	* Archive for conferences and additional resources
	1. **Awards and Grants Committee –** Darla Fortune reported the following committee updates:
		* The committee worked with the Anti-Oppression Committee to revise CALS award descriptions and processes to align with EDI principles
		* The committee reviewed over 20 applications for the Domestic Graduate Student Conference Grant and International Graduate Student Conference Grant. With the additional funding provided by Leisure/Loisir, the committee selected five students to receive Domestic Graduate Student Conference Grants this year and one student to receive the International Graduate Student Conference Grant.
		* The committee reviewed nominations and submissions for the Emerging Leisure Scholar, Leisure Scholar, and the Marion Miller awards and selected award winners in each of these categories. Award winners to be announced at the closing banquet of CCLR.
	2. **Anti-Oppression Committee** – Fenton Litwiller reported the following committee updates:
		* The bid form for CCLR now contains a recommendation for potential host committees to support the small businesses of Black people, Indigenous peoples, racialized people and 2SLGBTQ people whenever possible
		* The Anti-O Committee and Awards Committee met to revise and align CALS award descriptions and processes to align with EDI principles
		* The inaugural 2REAL pre-conference took place at CCLR 2023 with 14 scholars (graduate students, early career scholars and mentors) in attendance
		* The Anti-O committee supported the development of a president’s statement to open CCLR as an open space for dialogue that denounces racism and transphobia and created an ‘Interrupting harm’ protocol for moderators
	3. **Outreach Committee** – Heather Mair reported the following committee updates:
		* CALS has a MOU with: Australian & New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies (ANZALS), Leisure Studies Association (LSA), The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS)
		* CALS hosted the first ever “Global Conversations” Panel with reps from ANZALS, LSA, TALS, WLO and China-International Leisure Research Association (CIRLA)
		* Projects in development include building a thorough list of provincial, regional, national and international groups we want a more formal relationship with, developing a set of principles for MOUs and partnerships, and creating a new student advisory committee for graduate and undergraduate students
2. **Report on the 17th Canadian Congress of Leisure Research – Paul Heintzman**

Paul reported that there are 160 registrants for CCLR 2023. He highlighted some of the challenges with coordinating hybrid sessions for this year’s conference.

1. **CCLR 2026 – Bid Review Committee Report and Announcement – Paul Heintzman**

Paul reported that CCLR 2026 has been awarded to the World Leisure Centre of Excellence (WLCE) and Department of Recreation and Tourism Management at Vancouver Island University**.**

1. **Other Business**

No other business