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**Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 25, 2021**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Present:**

Dawn Trussell – President, Paul Heintzman – Vice President, Heather Mair – Past President, Luke Potwarka - Treasurer, Darla Fortune – Secretary, Devan McNeill - Graduate student representative,

Rebecca Genoe - Ex-Officio, Barb Hamilton-Hinch, Dan Henhawk, Fenton Litwiller, Lim Lopez, Richard Norman

**Regrets:** Christine Ausman, Denis Auger, Pooneh Torabian

**Minutes**

1. **Approval of agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the agenda

Moved by: Heather

Seconded by: Fenton

Motion passed

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 31, 2021 meeting**

**Motion:** to approve the meeting minutes from May 2021

Moved by: Luke

Seconded by: Richard

Motion passed

1. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arising from the minutes

1. **Updates and reports**
   1. **Financial Status & Activities (Luke)**

Luke provided an update of revenue and expenses related to CCLR. After accounting for our expenses and the money generated from memberships ($13000) and sponsorships received from various institutions ($2500), we essentially broke even with this year’s conference. However, we still may need to pay overage fees to Brella for the additional people who registered and used the site.

**Action item:** Luke to update CCLR financial status for final transactions for next meeting. Clearly identify money generated from memberships as separate entity.

* 1. **Report of the Editor - Leisure/Loisir (Rebecca)**

Rebecca reported the following journal updates:

* At the time of the meeting, 46 manuscripts had been submitted to Leisure/Loisir so far this year
* 45% of submissions have been rejected
* There have been two special issue calls:
  + The first special issue, *Engaging struggle: The deconstruction of the academy in leisure studies*, is anticipated to be the fourth issue of 2021. To date, the guest editors have reviewed all abstracts received and invited full manuscripts
  + The call for abstracts for the second special issue, *Leisure and (Anti)Racism: Towards a Critical Consciousness of Race, Racism, and Racialisation in Canada*, has been extended until October 4th, 2021
* The process of hiring an editorial assistant is underway
* We have not yet received funding from Routledge for the Emerging Scholar Award

1. **New Business**
   1. **Land acknowledgment**

Dawn invited feedback from the BOD on land acknowledgements and where we see the place of land acknowledgements at our meetings. Discussion ensued about the complexity surrounding a land acknowledgment, the importance of connecting the act of doing it with the reasons for doing it, the humility that comes with acknowledging what we do and do now know about colonization, and whether instead of a land acknowledgment, we could consider doing something more educational in nature. In the end, the BOD decided we do not want to have a formal land acknowledgement at this time but we will continue to think through our collective commitments.

* 1. **Congress 2022**

Dawn raised the question of CALS participating in Congress 2022. Discussion ensued around whether there has been any meaningful change resulting from the decision among various groups to boycott Congress 2021, logistical concerns of participating in another virtual conference at such a late date, and the motivation to attend Congress being to have the opportunity gather in person.

**Motion:** to not be part of Congress 2022 and direct our attention to CCLR 2023

Moved by: Heather

Seconded by: Dan

Motion passed

**Action item:** Dawn will send an email to CALS membership to inform everyone about the BOD’s decision.

* 1. **Moving forward – legacy fund initiatives, communications, membership, outreach … what will our priorities be?**

Heather provided some background and spoke about the results of the membership survey. As a recap, priorities of membership included the CALS website, CALS activities (specifically members would like to be on committees of the BOD and be involved in advocacy), developing a mission statement, and a desire to work with other organizations.

Dawn shared a list of the priorities she compiled based on feedback from the BOD. Board members in attendance split into three breakout groups to discuss these priorities. Conversations generally focused on:

* the need to develop a mission statement and clarify our values by having a ‘who are we?’ conversation
* the need to have a Fall retreat (connecting virtually in a retreat format)

Questions surfaced around how to reconcile meeting pressing deadlines while setting aside time to discuss our mission. A suggestion was put forth to have a Zoom retreat in the Fall rather than waiting until Spring 2022.