

**MINUTES OF THE CCWH
Annual General Meeting (York University, Toronto, ON)
May 29, 2006**

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Elizabeth Smyth. Seconded: Jane Errington. Passed.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2005

Moved: Jane Errington. Seconded: Mary Anne Poutanen. Passed.

3. Announcements

- i) The CCWH dinner will take place this evening at the home of Bettina Bradbury. The cost is \$20 for faculty and \$10 for graduate students.
- ii) Congratulations to Kate McPherson, who was awarded the 2006 Marion Dewar Prize in Women's History.

4. Business Arising

Franca Iacovetta reported on the success of the Labouring-Feminism conference in Toronto. She thanked the CCWH for its intellectual and financial support, which allowed the organizing committee to bring two young Quebec graduate students to the conference. Future plans include a publication arising from the conference; the establishment of an international labouring feminism network; an international conference. Franca will send further information to the CCWH as available.

5. Reports

a) Chair (Tamara Myers)

The formal chair's report is reprinted in the newsletter. The CCWH co-sponsored three panels at the CHA last year, and one this year. Tamara thanked the University of Winnipeg for a donation of \$1000.00.

The website has been stagnant and we have hired a new webspinner. Moved (Tamara): to increase the remuneration of the webspinner to \$1500. Discussion: A discussion ensued as to the amount of remuneration considered reasonable. Suggestions ranged from \$500 to \$1000. Others suggested that the executive work on developing a job description for the webspinner. Adele noted that the CCWH survey indicated that members wanted both an active listserv (considered most important) and an active website. Friendly amendment: (Elizabeth Smyth): that the CCWH empower the executive to pay *up to* \$1000.00 to implement, update and redesign the website this year. Seconded (Jane Errington). Passed.

b) Associate Chair (Adele Perry)

The main responsibility of the associate chair is the production of the annual newsletter. It has been translated, and will soon be posted on the website.

Adele suggested that we need to rethink both the ways that newsletter reports come in to the Associate Chair, as well as how the regional organization of the CCWH is structured. It might be easier if two people did the work of collecting and reporting on information for the newsletter; perhaps having regional reps as constituted is not the best method of

communication, either for the newsletter or on an ongoing basis. Discussion: many of the reports in the newsletter replicate what is listed in the annual bibliography. This could be eliminated. There isn't much ongoing communication and activity between reps and members in the regions during the course of the year. Francoise Noel raised the possibility of a French language representative in addition to a Quebec representative. Moved (Bettina Bradbury): The CCWH mandates the executive to explore alternative ways to structure regional representation, and to structure the newsletter. Seconded (Franca Iacovetta): Passed.

There has been some discussion of organizing a conference in women's history in honour of the retirement of Mary Kinnear. This will be discussed in further detail next year.

c) Secretary-Treasurer (Lara Campbell)

Treasurer's report presented (on handout). Lara followed up on previous year's inquiry regarding need for auditor by consulting a Vancouver auditing firm (John Richards and Company). The accountant advised that the CCWH does not generate enough revenue to make an audit worthwhile; the firm quoted a cost of \$2000.00 for an audit, and does not recommend audits for organizations with an annual revenue under \$30,000. Discussion: The constitution provides for the option of having members look at the financial records at any time. Some concerns that Section VII of the CCWH Constitution should be re-written. If this section is to be re-worded, a notice of motion should be made for next year's meeting.

Moved (Jane Errington): To accept the report of the secretary-treasurer. Seconded (Bettina Bradbury): Passed.

d) Hilda Neatby Prize Committee (Chair: Nicole Neatby)

An English language prize was selected, no French language prize awarded. Winner to be announced at CHA reception. (34 articles submitted 4/34 in French)

Discussion:

How can the CCWH solicit more French language articles? Should there be a critical mass of French language articles before the prize is awarded? Every two years? The established practice is to hold French (or English) articles over to the next year if there aren't enough. The priority for next year is publicity and outreach for this award.

e) Subcommittee for New Directions (Lisa Chilton and Catherine Carstairs)

Survey was done over email and at the CHA in 2005.

See attached handout (full report in newsletter) for a draft of recommendations.

f) IFRWH representative (Lynne Marks)

Lynne was not at the meeting but will be contacting CCWH members via the listserv.

g) Nominating Committee

Chair: Adele Perry

Associate Chair: Katrina Srigley

Secretary-Treasurer: Lara Campbell

Regional Representatives

Québec: Amélie Bourbeau, UQÀM (2005-2007)

Ontario: Lisa Helps, UT (2006-2008)

Atlantic: Lisa Chilton, UPEI (2005-2007)

British Columbia: Elise Chenier, SFU (2006-2008)

Prairies: Lynn Kennedy, U Lethbridge (2006-2008)

Student Representatives

Elise Detellier, UM (2005-2007)

Elizabeth Kirkland, McGill (2005-2007)

Independent Scholar Representative

Mary Anne Poutanen (2005-2007)

Moved (Jane Errington): To approve reps as nominated. Seconded (Franca Iacovetta): Passed.

h) Barbara Roberts Fund (Linda Kealey)

Need for proposals for next year's Barbara Robert's Award.

Esyllt Jones, Jane Errington, and Elizabeth Smyth volunteered to take this on.

6. Other Business

a) Hilda Neatby Prize – Suggestions re: collections of articles

Jury read more articles than they needed to. The committee was handed edited collections, and expected to read the whole book. To avoid future confusion in this regard the chair of the committee should contact the press in question. Should there be a limit on number of articles from edited collections? Consensus was no.

b) CCWH on CHA program

CCWH has been working to create more visibility by sponsoring sessions. There were nine panels overall this year on women and gender. Some discussion regarding whether or not to create positions to organize sessions? As of now, special sessions are organized by executive.

c) French minutes were unsatisfactory last year. Need to look into finding a different translator for next year.

7. Adjournment