Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 26, 2018
University of Regina / Université de Regina

Regrets: Eugenia Zuroski, Eighteenth-Century Fiction

1. Call to order and approval of the Agenda
Cam Macdonald/Rowland Lorimer/c

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 AGM
Antonia Pop/Rowland Lorimer/c

3. President’s Report
Suzanne Kettley

Suzanne noted this was her final report as President and is happy to turn over the office to a wonderful successor Emmanuel Hogg. She thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work in the past year, representing journals on advisory committees, lobbying government, presenting to Parliamentary review committees, seeking funding for projects and other useful endeavours, and pulling together useful information for our benefit. The board continues to meet once a month and also does a tremendous amount of work between meetings. Specifically she thanked Emmanuel Hogg the President elect, Rowland Lorimer, and the members at large, Antonia Pop, Larissa Wodtke, and Cam Macdonald. Tanja Niemann was also on the board but unfortunately had to step down mid-term. Suzanne thanked her for her years of service. Additionally, this year we are losing two of our members, Larissa and Cam. Larissa was key for putting together an extensive list of publishing resources that members can find on the CALJ web site; Suzanne invited people to check it out. Suzanne also highlighted that Cam had chaired the programme committee, led a committee on professional development, and was always there to share his experiences.
CALJ was involved with a number of activities over the past year. We took part in the Canadian Scholarly Working Group that was spearheaded by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) made up of several stakeholders in the scholarly publishing community for the purpose of establishing a shared vision, principles and goals that would act as a framework for advanced, robust, sustainable, collaborative models for the Canadian dissemination of the scholarly record. A report was issued in June 2017. Although there was agreement on many issues like the wide dissemination of research, CALJ was concerned with the suggested framework in the final reports, which focused on Open Access and a national platform but with no plan for sustainability. Because of that concern, CALJ also issued its own position paper which is posted on its web site. The Journal Impact and Innovation Fund (JIIF) proposal that was suggested at the last AGM was developed over the past year. It outlines the benefits and value that Canadian Journals can make to scholarly communications if journals had additional funds to engage in innovation and engage in professional development. JIIF is now known to SSHRC and the Library community as does the Parliamentary Review Committee on Copyright. It is hoped that they would understand the opportunities that could arise from the availability of funds that would strengthen the computability of Canadian journals in the face of the impact of Open Access and implementation of educational and Heritage funding.

Because of our active work Canadian Heritage funds were secured for two initiatives. Last fall funding allowed two members of CALJ to attend an international conference of the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers. Suzanne thanked Cam for his work in preparing the application to secure those funds. The second project was the Readership Analytics Project (RAP), which Rowly prepared and led. Omar Khafage was hired to survey members for a preferred vendors list that our members could use when looking for new suppliers. She thanked the members who had contributed to the list and invited others to do the same. Lise Brin from CARL worked with CALJ to clean up the listed Canadian journals on Sherpa-Romeo, a database that indicates what journals' Open Access policies are and what the rights of the authors are. That project was not yet complete.

CALJ became a founding member of the Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communications, an initiative by the Society of Scholarly Publishers to address the fact that while publishing is truly a global initiative, it has yet to achieve diversity. Representatives of 12 organizations met in June 2017 to start discussions and share information on diversity in the industry. The group agreed to continue its discussions and were looking at areas they could undertake action on. The first step was to develop a joint statement of principles, then to look at conducting market research, provide training, develop best practices and a tool kit, conduct appropriate outreach and documentation, and develop curricula and publications. The Coalition meets monthly and planned to release the statement of principles with the launching of its web site. A survey of the industry was under consideration and an RFP was issued but given the cost, the individual representatives were asked to go back to their respective organizations to determine if they could contribute to the costs.

Suzanne also talked about asking a number of our partners (CARL, ACUP, Érudit) whether they would join CALJ in reaching out to university administrators asking them to ensure
that their libraries had sufficient funds to support Canadian journals, as SSHRC had indicated that there were no planned increases in funding for journals. Suzanne stressed the importance of working together to raise the awareness that independent Canadian journals are not part of the big publishers that consume such a large chunk of the library budgets and that universities have a responsibility to provide funding.

Motion that CALJ contribute $1,000 to the Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communications.

Rowland Lorimer/Emmanuel Hogg/c

4. Treasurer’s Report & Sponsorship

Treasurer Rowland Lorimer and Executive Director Ken Clavette presented the report. They reviewed the financial statements distributed. A listing of every cheque written in the year was provided as part of the report to allow members to scrutinize every expense. CALJ did not run a Boot Camp so sponsorships were down for the year. CALJ received Heritage Canada grants in the amount of $15,000, which was new money. Membership fees were $24,000, including monies not received because memberships were late. Professional fees were up but most were related to the Readership Analytics Project (RAP) project. Overall, CALJ was down $3,000 but with a very healthy bank balance. In the past CALJ had received $7,500 in sponsorships, but by not holding a Boot Camp it lost a possible $4,000 for the year. This included $3,000 lost from Taylor and Francis. The incoming board will have to develop new relationships and strategies to get new sponsors. It was a very active year and expenses that CALJ did not have before, like translation of many more documents, increased. CALJ previously had a board member do much of this translation work but now sends it out to a professional. The fight back campaign with the SSHRC was an expense that was unforeseen. By taking over our accounting from Canadian Science Publishing CALJ incurred the cost of a bookkeeper. All these issues have caused the short fall for the year.
The RAP funding raised the financial income level to over $50,000, a mark where Industry Canada requires an accountant to produce a review of the association’s books. This was only discovered at the end of the fiscal year. It required a motion at the AGM in the form of a ‘special resolution’ to empower the Board of Directors to carry this out.
(Financial statement attached as part of these minutes.)

Special Resolution for a Financial Review
The membership at this 2018 Annual General Meeting of CALJ-ACRS pass this special resolution to empower the Board of Directors to engage a Public Accountant to review the finances for 2017-18.

Antonia Pop/Emmanuel Hogg/c

Motion to adopt the financial report as a whole.

Rowland Lorimer/Kathy Kiloh/c

5. Executive Director’s Report

The following was presented by Ken at the meeting:
“This year marks my fourth conference with CALJ and they have gotten better each year. What has also gotten better is your Board of Directors. CALJ has an activist board that works hard, develops new projects (especially Rowly since he retired), and stands ready to meet the challenges the Canadian Academic Journals face. I thank them for their work and commitment this past year. Your board needs your input as to what CALJ is to the member journals. There are 6 board members that meet each month but CALJ is much more and we can all benefit by your helping us know what programmes you need.

The annual conferences are a key training and sharing space and have ranged from 49 participants in Victoria in 2014 to 36 here in Regina. What I don’t know is if that is good or not, are we meeting your needs with the conference? The Boot Camps started with very good attendance but the last one only had 6 attendees with a dozen online for part of it. We need your support to make sure the training needs meet your needs.

We have become very dependent financially on sponsorship. In 2016, which was the high point for sponsorships, we raised $11,900 to indicate how important that was and you budget $14,000 for the Executive Directors contract, so sponsorship funds that heavily. This year we only raised $4,000 and our finances took a major hit. We need to address how we market ourselves and develop new packages be it funding the student scholarship or meals and breaks at conference. The sponsorship support we get now comes from those organizations with representatives serving on the board and I thank them for that support. Now to expand that support is our challenge.

Own membership fee collection system has been a mess. 11 years ago Athabasca U started helping us by maintaining the system along with hosting our web site. We then moved to the Federation and that was two years of a disaster and me taking over last year has not fared much better with me producing hand prepared invoices. We are looking at incorporating the invoicing into Quickbooks to see if that works better. We have a dedicated membership they just are not always as diligent as I would like in paying their fees. As presented in the Treasurer’s report there has been a shift to CALJ being more self-reliant but with that comes increased costs. I do want to thank Canadian Science Publishing and UofT Press for their continued “extra” support. The conference call line we use for the board meeting is provided by CSP. The UofT Press once again produced our conference programme leaflet. We need to continue to reach out to journals that are not members. In the past we have written to hundreds of journals at a time with no success. Emmanuel has begun targeting journals and has had some success with recruiting a number of new members. We also can solicit student Journals with a new membership category. Our current membership stands at about 120 journals.

In finishing I want to express to you how proud I was of the board for their fight back on the SSHRC changes to the ASJ. For those that don’t know me my background has largely been in the labour movement so the term ‘fight back’ comes easily to me. At my first Shop Stewards class I was taught that the boss always has a boss and often one has to go above the bosses to their boss to get results. In the case of ASJ programme CALJ went to the Minister much to SSHRC’s displeasure. There are failings in the report but without taking that action we believe the changes to the programme would have been much more damaging for the journals. We did not win everything we wanted but the journals showed that they would not be pushed around. I received a number of complements for the campaign that CALJ undertook but the recognition goes to the board of directors because they did the work.”

6. Developments at Access Copyright Report

Cameron Macdonald

Cam Macdonald, who is the Chair of the Board of Access Copyright, felt that the Sunday session on copyright would allow a much greater examination of recent activities including the ongoing court case on the “Education Exemption” and decided to forgo his report.
In place of a report Cam thanked our outgoing President Suzanne Kettley paying tribute to the leadership she had provided and presenting her with a gift on behalf of the membership.

7. Professional Development Committee

Cameron Macdonald

Cam indicated that the ALPSP conference was a worthwhile endeavour with our two representatives gaining new knowledge which they provided in their reports that were shared on the Listserv. We had planned a webinar on the ASJ grants in conjunction with SSHRC but the announcement had been delayed. Bootcamp was not held largely due to the work load of the conference programme organizers. It was the intention to combine it with the conference on the Friday but the committee ran out of time. Cam apologized for any confusion in travel arrangements that the delay caused and the disappointment that people may have had. The plan was to combine the next conference with Boot Camp Training, holding the latter on the Friday.

8. Election / Élection

Suzanne Kettley

Before the election Suzanne thanked the departing members Cam Macdonald and Tanja Niemann for their work on the board.

Eugenia Zuroski, Editor of Eighteenth-Century Fiction, was in Europe on a Fellowship and sent a written note to both the President and the Executive Director indicating her willingness to let her name stand for election to the board of directors.

The following nominations were presented:

President: Emmanuel Hogg
Nominated by Cam Macdonald/seconded by Antonia Pop/acclaimed

Secretary-Treasurer: Rowland Lorimer (renewed for one year.)
Nominated by Antonia Pop/seconded by Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr /acclaimed

Member at Large for a two year term: Eugenia Zuroski
Nominated by Rilla Friesen/seconded by Larissa Wodtke/acclaimed

Member at Large for a two year term: Lauren Bosc
Nominated by Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr /seconded by Antonia Pop/acclaimed

Member at Large for a two year term: André-Anne Boisvert
Nominated by Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr /seconded by Rilla Friesen/acclaimed

The chair[SK1] declared the members elected and welcomed them to the board.

9. Scholarly & Research Communication Innovation Awards

Rowland Lorimer

Rowly announced the first winners of the award and thanked the members that served on the awards committee: Philippa Benson, Managing Editor Science Advances Journal, Adrian Stanley Vice-President of Global Affairs at Digital Science and the incoming President for the Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP), and Eugenia Zuroski, Editor Eighteenth-Century Fiction.

The purpose of the SRC Scholarly and Research Communication awards is not only to provide recognition to outstanding work but also to highlight the contributions that journals make to scholarly discourse. In a time of prevailing attention to open access, it is important to ensure that the means remain in place for journals to continue their good work in serving and building research communities. It is also important to recognize initiatives that journals are taking to respond to opportunities that digital technology are making possible. The SRC Innovation Awards are also
intended to encourage Canadian journals to engage in innovation with an eye on enhancing impact. We look forward to next year’s submissions. The award is named after the journal that is sponsoring it, Scholarly and Research Communication.

The winner of the inaugural Scholarly and Research Communication Innovation Award was Canadian Science Publishing’s FACETS journal, Canada’s first multidisciplinary, open access science journal. Since its 2016 launch it had already published over 100 articles and was closing in on 100,000 page views. Its emphasis on both multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity with its Integrative Science section provides Canadian (and other) scientists with a forum to speak across disciplines. Added to this, its plain language summaries and continuing use of Twitter strengthen the community of researchers and citizens with an interest in science.

The winner of the Scholarly and Research Communication Innovation Award for Social Science and Humanities Journals is the Toronto Journal of Theology for its video introductory presentations of both journal issues and individual articles.

10. Other business:

Read Cube: Rowly presented on the benefits of a journal list on this free service and the increase in discoverability that could come from doing so.

Social Media: The idea of a group of journals combining to hire a Social Media person was presented by Rowly as something worthy of some thought and that could be explored in the coming year.

11. Motion to adjourn

Emmanuel Hogg/Antonia Pop/c

Recording Secretary
# Statement of Operations by fund

Canadian Association of Learned Journals

April 2017 through March 2018

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