

CLSA Annual General Meeting
12:00-1:30 pm / 12 h 00 – 13 h 30

University of Waterloo, Waterloo Ontario
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Present:

Richard Weisman, Josephine L. Savarese, Sarah Hamill, Daniel Sims, Philip Girard, Janet Epp Buckingham, Harim Sivalingham, Jessie Blackbourn, Sana Affara, Tim Bryan, Preet Viridi, Dayna Crosby, Mona Parě, Ann De Shalit , Emily van der Meulen, Justin Piche, annie bunting, Jane McMillan, Charles Paul Hoffman, Mai Taha, Nikolai Kovalev, Maura Matesic, Michael Mopas

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Lyndsay Campbell
Seconded: Annie Bunting

2. Approval of 2011 AGM Minutes

Moved: Maura Matesic
Seconded: Lyndsay Campbell

3. President's Report

Moved: Maura Matesic
Seconded: Lyndsay Campbell

The importance of having an active board and an active membership was noted by the President. The longevity of organizations is not carved out in stone, making organizations subject to disappearance. Richard stressed the need to ensure the preservation of the CLSA as a vital resource for those who are involved in socio-legal scholarship.

One of the goals for the board for the 2011-2012 year was to implement recommendations from the Futures Committee. In particular, the board worked to further ensure an open election process. It also sought to encourage broader participation from the members. At the mid-winter meeting held on January 28, 2012 at the University of Ottawa, the issue of board elections was discussed.

Based on the Futures Committee recommendations, the nominations committee worked to achieve openness and transparency as the guiding principles. The response of the membership was positive.

A nominations committee was created to facilitate the nomination process in advance of the AGM. The Committee then sent out a general call to the membership for nominations (including self-nominations) for these positions, with an April deadline.

Once the slate was finalized, the committee circulated the slate to the nominees and asked for bios/statements of around 200 words each. Those statements were compiled into a document and circulated, along with the list of nominees for the various positions, to the general membership, with a reminder of the date of the upcoming election.

The President offered his thanks to the nominating committee members – L. Jane McMillan, Ibrionke Odumosu, and Benjamin Berger.

- **The Election Process**

The information sheet prepared by the Nominations Committee outlining the candidate biographies was provided at the AGM.

One significant development was the establishment of 5 regional representative positions, which was a recommendation of the Futures Committee.

- **The Election**

The President announced that the elections opened at the end of the board meeting. Ballots were distributed and the process was explained. Voters were to clearly mark their ballots, deposit them in the voting box and were asked to sign out on the sheet provided.

The President expressed his wish that all the candidates running for the board could be elected. CLSA policies and the Constitution determined that three positions were available for Members At Large as well as one representative from the regions. The candidates were acknowledged as valued members of the Association who had contributed as socio-legal scholars. Thanks were expressed to those who agreed to run for the board. **A motion was made to acclaim the candidates where there was only one nomination.**

Moved: Maura Matesic
Seconded: Lyndsay Campbell

Results

L. Jane McMillan, President – By Acclamation

BC/ Yukon Regional Representative

Ruby Dhand – By Acclamation

Prairies/ NWT Regional Representative

Ken Leyton-Brown - By Acclamation

Ontario/ Nunavut

Maura Matesic - By Acclamation

Quebec

Ronald Niezen - By Acclamation

4. Journal Report

The journal editors provided a written report that highlighted that the journal is receiving high numbers of manuscript submissions. They are satisfied with the number and quality of the submissions. There is a deficit that was attributed to two one- time only events. After the move to Cambridge, the journal will be publishing two regular issues and one special issue yearly. The first issue with Cambridge will be released in 2013.

5. Financial Report

Michael Mopas reviewed the financial report. Several highlights are included below:

- The CLSA is in a reasonable position in regard to revenue.
- The membership is healthy and is contributing to a viable financial position.
- The CLSA is facing a deficit of almost \$7000, mainly due to: two payments made to CFHSS in 2011; atypical costs associated with website; and a deficit at the 2011 Annual Meeting.
- The membership was informed of the revocation of CLSA's charitable status, which became known through a search of the Canada Revenue Agency's public list of charities online (revocation date – April 30, 2011). The notice online states that the CLSA must pay a revocation tax. The board has decided not to seek the re-establishment of the charitable status given the costs.
- The website expenses have been identified as too high and the board is looking into less costly options.

Further details are included in the report attached.

6. Conference Report- Lyndsay Campbell, Nikolai Kovelev

The planning for Congress 2012 went smoothly. There were around 100 delegates. The President acknowledged and thanked Lyndsay Campbell for her effort on Congress 2012. It was a success based on the variety of presenters and panels.

Nikolai Kovalev's contributions as Local Arrangements Coordinator were also acknowledged.

A highlight was a combined session between the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, May 28, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:45. The organizers ran a short version of the course, "Making the Canadian Constitution". It was organized with Dr. James Muir, Assistant Professor, Department of History & Classics, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta.

There were also Congress sponsored panels with socio-legal perspectives, including the following:

- **Mary Eberts, Congress Big Thinking lecture, Professor as Citizen,**
Monday, May 28, 2012 - 9:30am - 11:10am

In her *Big Thinking* lecture at Congress 2012, Mary Eberts suggested that certain questions on balancing social justice advocacy and professional goals hit hardest for junior academics who are dependent on the good opinion of colleagues for tenure and promotion, and on finding favour with funders. Mary Eberts is currently the Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights at the University of Saskatchewan.

- **Equity Issues**

May 28, 13:30 to 15:00 - Equity Panel - *Dignity, Equality, Freedom: The Charter 30 Years On* with Carissima Mathen, Nathalie Des Rosiers, Doug Elliott, Ryder Gilliland

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA)

This panel of distinguished lawyers reflected upon the experiences of Aboriginal people, women, racialized minorities and LGBT people in order explore the *Charter's* impact on rights and freedoms, social inclusion and democratic participation.

Congratulations were extended to the CLSA Congress organizers on the successes of Congress 2012.

A dinner was held at *Marbles Restaurant*, 8 William St. E., Waterloo, Ontario.

7. Membership Drive

A written report was filed by Kimberley White. She reported that in the past 2 years memberships have experienced a healthy increase from 108 to 200. Dedicated effort is needed to continue to stabilize the memberships.

The membership breakdown just prior to Congress was as follows:

Emeritus: 2
Individual: 103
Student: 95
Total: 200

The President and the membership expressed their appreciation to Kimberley White.

8. Book Prize and Article Prizes- Jane McMillan

The work of selecting winners was completed in the winter and early spring by the selection committees. There were 15 submissions for the book prize. The committees for the book and article prize were impressed with the submissions.

The prizes were awarded at the 2012 Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

9. Committees- involvement of membership

The importance of having an active board and an active membership was noted. The longevity of organizations is not carved out in stone, making organizations subject to disappearance. The President stressed the need to ensure the preservation of the CLSA as a vital resource for those who are involved in socio-legal scholarship.

As an organization, we occupy an important intellectual space, especially given our focus beyond black letter law to interdisciplinary scholarship. Members who want to become more involved were encouraged to make themselves known because there is work to complete.

10. Future Annual meetings- 2013

CLSA – LSAANZ Joint Meeting, Vancouver 2013

The Canadian Law & Society Association is joining with the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand for its 2013 conference, to be held at the UBC Faculty of Law in Vancouver on 1 - 4 July 2013. The theme of the conference is "Law On The Edge", with a number of sub-themes that focus on law in times of crisis, tragedy and uncertainty; indigeneity, pluralism and difference; law on the geo-political edge; connections, departures, mobilities; and new legal spaces on the edge. The conference will include several keynote speakers and a plenary panel of distinguished law and society scholars. It is intended to spark conversations about the shared but somewhat different histories and legal cultures of Canada, New Zealand and Australia, and we are looking forward to building on the vibrant connections that already exist between law and society researchers in these three countries. We will keep CLSA members informed as the conference planning continues.

11. Other Business

- **Article and Book Prize Winners – Announced at the Dinner**

Dr. Lori Chambers, Dr. Michael Boudreau and Dr. Carmella Murdocca formed the book prize committee. The book prize was awarded to Laura DeVries – *Conflict in Caledonia*, UBC Press, 2011.

An honourable mention went to Lesley Erickson- *Westward Bound: Sex, Violence, The Law, and the Making of a Settler Society*, UBC Press, 2011.

Annie Bunting and Lise Gotell served as the article prize committee for the CLSA 2011 English Article Prize recipient. They selected "Doing Things with Time: Flexibility, Adaptability, and Elasticity in UK Equality Cases" in 26: 3 (2011) by Emily Grabham, Senior Lecturer, Kent Law School, University of Kent.

An honourable mention went to by Edward Cavanagh, "A Company with Sovereignty and Subjects of its Own? The Case of the Hudson's Bay Company, 167-1763" in 26:1(2011).

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the Committee members.

12. Adjournment

Moved: Annie Bunting
Seconded: Sarah Hamill

The meeting was adjourned.

Election Results

Members At Large

Annie bunting

Lyndsay Campbell

Lori Chambers

Atlantic Canada

Michael Boudreau

CLSA/ACDS Financial Report
 Prepared by Michael Mopas, CLSA Treasurer
 CLSA Annual Meeting 2012
 Waterloo, ON

1. Current Balances

The balances of the CLSA accounts are as follows:

Scotia Bank account, non-personal (as of April 17, 2012):	\$5,065.91
Scotia Bank account, corporate (as of May 24, 2012):	\$33,836.09

Total CLSA funds on hand: \$38,902.00

The total funds on hand reported at the 2012 CLSA Mid-Winter Meeting was **\$33,715.09**. The difference is **\$5,186.91**.

2. Overview of Revenue for 2011

The table below represents the money received by the CLSA from January 1 to December 31, 2011.

REVENUE	AMOUNT
Memberships	\$15,830.00
Conference registration fees	\$5,390.00
Law Foundation of Ontario Grant (final instalment)	\$5,085.13
SSHRC – Aid and Attendance Fund	\$4,455.00
CFHSS – Aid to Interdisciplinary Sessions	\$250.00
CJLS – Donation for graduate student travel	\$6,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$37,010.13

3. Overview of Expenses for 2011

The table below represents the money spent by the CLSA from January 1 to December 31, 2011.

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Operating Expenses	
Webhosting – Domain Name	\$6,186.75
E-commerce fees	\$664.44
Filing fee (CRA)	\$30.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,881.19
General Overhead	
Bank charges	\$289.40
Cash management fees (for online payments thru website)	\$475.61
World Consortium subscription	\$520.00
CFHSS membership fees	\$3,118.52
Mid-winter meeting – student travel	\$616.41
Student travel grants	\$10,453.95

Congress banquet fees	\$12,644.79
Total General Overhead	\$33,922.39

TOTAL EXPENSE	\$34,999.80
NET INCOME	\$2,010.26

4. Overview of Revenue for 2012 (January to April)

The table below represents the money received by the CLSA from January 1 to April 30, 2012.

REVENUE	AMOUNT
Memberships	\$7,329.53
Donations	\$10.00
Advertising	\$700.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,039.53

5. Overview of Expenses for 2012 (January to April)

The table below represents the money spent by the CLSA from January 1 to April 30, 2012.

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Webhosting / SQL server hosting	\$315.00
E-commerce fees	\$465.02
Bank charges	\$109.30
Mid-winter meeting – student travel	\$1,219.84
Mid-winter meeting – catering costs	\$500.00
CLSA board meeting dinner	\$191.68
Travel reimbursement (CFHSS General Meeting)	\$254.82
Bookkeeping for 2010 and 2011 (30 hours)	\$1,525.50
Tax specialist consultation (15 hours)	\$757.10
Translation services	\$439.01
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,777.27

6. Treasurer's Assessment of our Current Financial Situation

The total expenditure incurred by the Association in 2011 was **\$34,999.80**. However, this figure does not include the \$3,000 transfer payment to the Canadian Journal of Society (CJLS) that should have taken place in this reporting period. This would give us a total of **\$37,999.80** in expenditures. As a result, the Association should have faced a deficit of **\$-989.67** (\$37,010.13 minus \$37,999.80) in 2011.

This deficit can be partly attributed to: 1) two payments made to the CFHSS (for membership fees) in the same calendar year; 2) the atypical costs associated with upgrading the website; and 3) the deficit we incurred at the 2011 Annual General Meeting in Fredericton, NB.

Despite these anomalies, we are still spending slightly beyond our means. The Association will need to make additional cuts and/or seek other sources of funding in order to reach a balanced and more

sustainable budget. The Association will also need to secure additional funding for the Graduate Student Workshop and student travel if we want to get back to the level of support that we have been providing to our graduate student members.

Nevertheless, our current financial situation is looking much better than previously reported. Our membership numbers are quite healthy and we are now starting to generate some modest revenue by selling advertising space in our conference programmes. Moreover, as the Association has decided to keep its charitable status 'revoked', we are no longer required to have our books audited each year. This is a savings of approximately \$2,500-\$3,000/year in accountant's fees.

7. Bookkeeping

The Treasurer contracted Ashton & Associates to undertake our bookkeeping for 2010 and 2011. The balance sheets, income statements and trial balances are attached.

8. Graduate Student Workshop and Student Travel Funding

Last year, the Association received \$4,455 from SSHRC to support student travel. The CJLS generously provided an additional \$6,000 for a total of \$10,450 in student travel funding. The Treasurer applied for funding from the New Brunswick Law Foundation to support student travel to the Annual Meeting and the Graduate Student Workshop, but the application was unsuccessful.

Twenty-one graduate students applied for and received travel funding to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting in Fredericton, NB. As per our Student Travel Bursary Policy, the 'base' funding was set at \$371.00 per student. Students who claimed expenses that totalled less than the base amount only received the amount for which they claimed. Students travelling from immediately neighbouring provinces received the base amount plus 25% ($\$371 + 92.75 = \463.75). Students travelling from non-neighbouring provinces received the base amount plus 50% ($\$371 + \$185.50 = \$556.50$).

In March 2012, the Treasurer was informed by SSHRC that the CLSA would again receive \$4,455 to support student travel. This is currently our only source of student travel funding.

9. Treasurer's Recommendations

Listed below are a number of recommendations that the Association should consider adopting this year:

1. Find ways to increase funding for the Graduate Student Workshop and student travel

To reduce the total budget shortfall for 2011, we were forced to make drastic funding cuts to the Graduate Student Workshop and student travel. The Association will need to look at securing money from other external sources if we want to get back to the level of support that we have been providing our graduate student members. In order to do this, the Association should consider striking a committee (and/or creating a position) whose main responsibility will be to seek out and apply for funding and/or solicit donations that would help support these initiatives.

Although we can no longer issue tax receipts, the Association should still consider soliciting donations from existing members. More specifically, the Association should consider putting a link on the CLSA website that would allow members to make a donation in support of the Graduate Student Workshop and student travel when they sign-up or renew their memberships.

2. Continue to generate advertising revenue

In 2010 and 2012, the Association was able to generate some modest revenue (approximately \$700/year) from selling advertising space in our conference programmes. The Association should continue this practice every year. The Association should consider asking for volunteers who could solicit businesses and organizations to purchase advertising space in our programmes. The Association should also keep a record of all of the businesses and organizations that have purchased advertising space so they can be contacted again each year.

3. Consolidate the Scotiabank accounts

The Association currently has two bank accounts: A Scotiabank non-personal account, a Scotiabank corporate account and a Carleton University account. The Scotiabank corporate account was set-up to allow online payments of memberships via our website. This has made the non-personal account redundant. The Association should therefore consider closing the non-personal account and transferring all remaining funds to the corporate account. This would greatly simplify our record keeping and possibly result in some savings in banking fees.

4. Create formal financial arrangements with the CJLS

The Association has made a number of financial arrangements with the CJLS. To ensure that all financial obligations are met each year and that these arrangements are not forgotten when new Executive Board members are elected, the Association should consider drafting a Memorandum of Understanding and/or creating a formal (yet simple) system of payment with the CJLS. In particular, the Association should: a) subtract any money owed to the Association by the CJLS (e.g., for shared costs associated with maintaining website) from the annual transfer payment; and b) establish a specific date (to be the same each year) for when this transfer is to be made.

CLSA Mid-Winter Board Meeting Saturday January 26, 2013, 9:30 am-12 pm
2nd floor Seminar Room of the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies,
14 Queen's Park Crescent West, University of Toronto
University of Toronto

Attendance: L. Jane McMillan (Chair), Ben Berger, Lise Gotell, Richard Weisman, Dayna Crosby, Lise Gotell, Lindsay Campbell, Sarah Hamill, Mariana Valverde, Ibronke Odumosu, Eric Reiter, David Szablowski, Mike Mopas, Tim Bryan, Lisa Wright, Lori Chambers

1. August 21, 2012 minutes

Minutes approved as circulated.

Motion to approve: Ben

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2. Business arising from minutes

To be dealt with under agenda items

3. President's report (Jane McMillan) Motion on behalf of Dawn Moore – letter in support of Mr. Ed Schmidt (D of J Whistleblower on government legislation and Charter contravention)

Motion re. Schmidt moved to item 14.

The President's report was brief, as most business is on the agenda. The President expressed thanks to the Website Management Review Committee (Eric, Sarah). We have terminated the agreement with Rebel Trail, with a new website in development by Sercada.

4. Treasurer's report (Michael Mopas)

The Treasurer reported that the CLSA finances are in good shape, with a balance of \$39,464.11 in the CLSA corporate account. As of November 30, 2012, CLSA's revenue was \$18,023 and expenditures were \$11,542.62. The austerity measures guiding the planning of the CLSA 2012 conference at Waterloo, along with the \$10 increase in membership fees, have helped our finances.

We are in the process of transferring the funds currently in the Carleton account to the CLSA corporate account.

The Treasurer presented the 2013 budget, which includes projected revenue of \$17,500 (membership \$16,000, donations \$500 and advertising \$1000) and

expenses of \$12,450. We anticipate that the website migration costs will be \$10,000.

Membership will increase this year as a result of the joint CLSA-LSANZ conference “Law on the Edge.”

We are awaiting the results of the SSHRC Connections Grant. Because we do not know if the conference will receive SSHRC funding, the grant has been left out of the budget.

We will be splitting the conference revenue with LSANZ.

SSHRC cancelled the Aid & Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations, which CLSA has used to provide travel funding for graduate students (13 students received funding in 2012). We want to be able to provide funding for students to attend “Law on the Edge.” There is a budget line in the SSHRC Connections Grant for graduate student funding.

The CLSA no longer needs to transfer funds to the Canadian Journal of Law and Society. This budget line has been eliminated. In the future, there will be no regular transfers to CJLS; transfers will be made on an ad hoc basis when needed.

5. Membership report (Eric Reiter)

As of January 24, 2013, there were 82 paid up members. We have a total of 160 names on our membership list. A high proportion of new members are students. Retention of members has been an issue. We also need to be concerned about the increasing Anglicization of the Association.

We need to think about how to increase and sustain memberships. What benefits does the CLSA provide for its members?: conference; contacts; journal. What else should we be doing? It is important to work with regional reps on increasing and sustaining memberships.

There is also the question of fees. Should we be thinking about pegging annual membership fee to income?

Eric will directly email lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin the Association.

6. Conference / Annual meeting report (Ben Berger & Emma Cunliffe)

Ben reported on the planning for “Law on the Edge” – Emma was not able to attend the meeting.

Eric thanked the planning committee. Emma Cunliffe and the international conference organizing team produced a strong application for a SSHRC Connection Grant (stressing international collaboration and aboriginal engagement). Lori Chambers and Maura Matesic have acted as the program committee. There have been a high number of good quality abstracts submitted. Field trips are being planned. There will be three keynotes.

There are some challenges, mainly around budget management. The outcome of the SSSHR Connections Grant will determine the fee structure. In addition, the organizers have obtained sponsorships -- \$55,000 from Australian law schools and \$35,000 from Canadian law schools (including University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Osgoode, Dalhousie and Ottawa).

All conference presenters must be members. The fees will include \$18 for LSANZ for its journal. All revenues will be shared between CLSA and LSANZ.

Dayna Crosby reported that planning is underway for the graduate student workshop, with students from Osgoode and Waikato taking the lead.

A block of rooms have been set aside at Sheraton Wall Centre.

There was also a discussion about future conferences. If we would like to hold a joint meeting with LSA, we need to be aware that they plan several years in advance. We are committed to coordinating with CALT. Ben has had discussions with the CALT President re. coordination of annual meetings. When Congress meets at universities where there are no law schools, we intend to have joint annual conferences with CALT. Since Congress is at Brock in 2014, CLSA and CALT have discussed having a joint meeting in either Winnipeg or Toronto. In 2015, Congress meets at the University of Ottawa and CLSA and CALT plan to have overlapping meetings.

7. Canadian Journal of Law and Society report (Lisa Wright / Dawn Moore / Mariana Valverde)

The CJLS is doing well. There are increasing numbers of international submissions and the quality of submissions is going up. There is a higher rejection rate and higher standards for acceptance.

Moving to Cambridge has been a very good decision. Cambridge spends money on marketing and there are plans to do a CJLS banner for the LSA meetings. This will raise the profile of the journal.

There are plans to profile articles (and in particular, articles dealing with indigenous law) on the CLSA website.

CJLS is moving to an online submissions system. In addition to facilitating submissions and reviews, the system will post articles for first look/view. This means that articles will be available on the website before publication.

Dawn Moore will be stepping down as managing editor this summer. She has found a colleague to take over. Because of the journal's location at Carleton, the managing editor must be from Carleton.

The CJLS has a surplus and is in good financial shape.

There are three issues each year – one of these will be a special issue. The 2014 special issue is on “Law and Decolonization.”

8. Update on book and article prize committee (Ken Leyton-Brown) Seeking a volunteer for the book prize committee

Ken reported that they had found a volunteer, Rachel Ariss to serve on the book prize committee.

9. Update on graduate student essay prize (Richard Weisman)

Richard reported that the first competition is proceeding this year. David Szablowski and Lindsay Campbell will be on the prize committee. Submissions should be sent to Lindsay.

10. Update on bulletin (Sarah Hamill)

Sarah reported that the bulletin is going very well. She recommended that we consider switching to a blog once the new website is up.

11. Update on graduate students (Danya Crosby, Tim Bryan)

Dayna reported that the distribution of graduate student funding was a problem in 2012. Disbursements were delayed. We need to set up a better process.

It will be important for the graduate students to network with LSANZ graduate student associations in planning for “Law on the Edge.”

12. Presentation of new website (David Mattie of Sercada)

David Mattie of Sercada previewed the new website and members of the board provided feedback and asked questions. There was general praise for the design

of the website. It will enable designated CLSA Board Members to easily update website content.

13. On line voting discussion (Board)

Because of time, the discussion was postponed until the AGM.

14. CLSA stance on Trinity Western University's law school bid (discriminatory policy on sexual orientation) (Ben Berger) and Motion on behalf of Dawn Moore – letter in support of Mr. Ed Schmidt (Department of Justice whistleblower on government legislation and Charter contravention)

Kim Brooks requested that the CLSA take a position on Trinity Western University's application to establish a law school. Ben provided background on this issue. TWU has a discriminatory code of conduct that explicitly prohibits homosexuality (as well as premarital sex of any kind). TWU is seeking accreditation from the Federation of Law Societies. The Canadian Council of Law Deans has opposed this application.

Board members discussed whether CLSA should take a stance on this application. Some members expressed the view that it might not be appropriate for us to take a position. There was some discussion about whether we should sign on to CALT's letter to the Federation of Law Societies. Ben suggested that perhaps the best course of action might be to write a letter that emphasizes academic freedom and the need for legal education to be provided in a non-discriminatory manner.

It was decided that Ben should further explore the CLSA's possible course of action with Deb.

Although no vote was taken, it was decided that it would be unwise to write a letter of support regarding Ed Schmidt until the board determined the policy and procedure for responding to member requests. CLSA is an academic organization and writing a letter of support may be interpreted as taking a political position.

15. Other business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.