



College AGM Meeting Minutes

Ottawa, Canada
November 23, 2019

In attendance: A.Aiken, V.Andreotti, D.Anatsakis, J.Archibald, R.Barker, N.Basu, M.Beauchamp, M.Benoit-Otis, J.Biernaskie, B.Brown, N.Carleton, M.Cerruti, C.Chakraborty, Y.Chaudhry, B.Chen, R.Cleves, T.Cossa, S.Cooke, J.Coon, L. Chrostowski, C.Darimont, K.Davison, J.Dawson, F.Deer, P.Dietsch, J.Dijkstra, J.Drolet, L.Flynn, J.Forsyth, T.Friscic, S.Grant, E.Greene, A.Gruzd, D.Evans, S.Hartwig, M.Herder, A.Jim, L.Kattan, K.Kehoe, A.Kirton, U.Kothe, S.Lamoureux, P.Leroux, G.Lettre, J.Liu, N.Lehoux, L.Loewen, M.Korkusinski, M.Langlois, C.Marois, I.Mauro, A.Mazalek, C.Middleton, C.Milton, Z.Mumtaz, S.Murray, M.Packirisamy, I.Pedersen, F.Pelletier, R.Pillai Riddell, A.Poulain, J.Quinn, K.Rayner, A.Salomon, M.Schweitzer, C.Suzack, C.Straehle, P.Shaw, V.Talwar, F.Vetrone, G.Webber, G.Zhu,

1. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – (J. Archibald, K. Middleton) – Approved.

2. Report of the President (J. Quinn)

- Thanked C. Milton for her service as she now “retires” from role of Past President
- Welcomed K. Kehoe as Vice President
- Provided overview of the structure of the RSC and the role of the College
- Noted that we now have 387 College members; 2019 cohort characterized by 26 females and 20 men, with 39 being from English institutions and 7 from French institutions
- Relatively fewer elected from the “Academy I” space but that reflects a relatively smaller applicant pool (i.e., we need more applicants)
- Noted need for additional council member
- Noted need for additional assistance with selection committee

3. Working Groups and Standing Committees (J.Quinn)

Working groups and standing committees have been struck. Discussed various standing committees and working groups. Working group focused on “Decolonization” was added and entire suite of groups was passed (S.Grant, K.Kehoe)

4. Support for Indigenous scholars (J.Quinn)

A memo has been received from a group of Fellows and College Members who are Indigenous scholars about the need to recognize ways of knowing, and forms of excellence that have so far been excluded. The conclusion to a lengthy discussion was the need to continue the conversation with general support for any and all efforts to “decolonize” the RSC recognizing lots of uncertainty re what that means. There was a recognition that these efforts need to be guided by Indigenous elders and scholars.

5. Dues

Only ~40% of College members pay their dues. This limits our ability to argue for funds to support the work of the College. Please pay! Also recognize that we need to do a better job of determining how to address issues when members are unable to afford their dues.

6. Upcoming activities



Winter meeting – Feb 20/21 in Montreal;
Listening tour – May 12-14 in Fredericton.

7. Adjournment (S.Lamoreux, P.Leroux)