

SERG AGM May 31 2016

1. Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of 2015 Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM were discussed. Tony Bartley has asked for his name to be spelled correctly on the minutes and this was approved. Jerine Pegg also indicated that her name was spelled incorrectly at the very end.

Carol-Ann Burke offered the details of the amended agenda

Dawn Wiseman moved to approve the minutes Tony Bartley seconded – passed

David Blades moved to pass agenda with amendments and Carol Rees seconded - passed.

2. Business arising from 2015 AGM

a. Updating membership lists (see Secretary's report)

- **Updating membership list** – we are keeping an official list based upon paying dues to CSSE, CACS and SERG as well as keeping a second list of those who might have dropped off the list in previous years (cf. alternative and official list). This second list would mean we can send email to those who are not on official list. CACS needs an official list that will reflect the presentation space provided. Since we had a small official list CACS gave us less space and this posed some issues with space. Chris tried to encourage people to not be shy about signing up. Carol-Ann drew the attention of those in room to the SERG website. Encouraged all to be aware of the website.

b. *Methods and Strategies* forum (see Vice-President/Conference Program Chair report)

- **Methods and strategies forum** has been actioned with one session this year. Carol-Ann suggest we continue this and then think on how it might evolve.

c. Progress towards bilingual sessions (see Francophone Representative report)

3. Reports

a. President: Carol-Ann Burke

i. Presentation of awards and bursary

- Carol-Ann notes that our award winners were also acknowledged by CACS in the Celebration of Creative and Scholarly Works.
- The winner of the SERG graduate student paper award is **Latika Raisinghani (University of British Columbia)** for her paper *Tackling culture-imposed biases in science and mathematics classrooms: A case of Vancouver teachers*.
- SERG Dissertation/Thesis Award is **Alena Kottova (University of Victoria)** for her dissertation *Filmmaking: A new pedagogical method to explore students' views of nature of science*.
- Thanks were extended to award winners for representing SERG so well. **Latika Raisinghani** was appreciative to the larger group and thanked them for helping her along the way with this presentation.
- We have a budget for the bursary and we did the draw live. The award was drawn and it was public. Congratulations to **Ellen Watson (University of Alberta)** who won this award.

- Our bank balance is healthy - \$306. We are using all the money to fund graduate students. We have yet to add on this year's dues and the donations. We are thinking of going on to more than 1 graduate student award. We could include a student bursary award as well as two paper and a dissertation award for the coming year.
- ii. Proposal for constitutional change in treasury
- iii. Proposal to combine Graduate Student Representative and Communications Officer
- We were discussing in the last meeting that the challenge of the secretary being the treasurer is that they never get to directly see the finances as these are only released to the president.
 - We are suggesting the president becomes the treasurer. There is also a proposal to combine the graduate student position with the communication officer. Tried this year and seems to work quite well. Dawn has done an excellent job with the communication position.
 - **These two proposals: the president/treasurer and graduate student/communications officer reallocations will come to the larger community with the 60 day notice to discuss at the AGM next year.**
- i. CACS decided to allocate presentation sessions by membership this year. We have been a problem and they have convened a subgroup to come up with a policy to address this in advance of next year. CSSE has adjusted the proposal submission date to Oct 1st. This decision is something to be aware of. Dawn brought up the idea that this will impact graduate students. This was made by CSSE in their executive. **Carol Rees suggested that we write a letter and she will spearhead this.** Tony Bartley mentioned that we can go to the president of CACS. Suggestions that the intentions were the best and the deadlines impact quality and that the early deadline means it is too much to do in a small time. The issue might be that CSSE is getting too big.
- a. Carol-Ann ends with many stats. 76 members paid dues. Healthy attendance in the sessions. 28 average up from 21 or 22. Thanks and do not forget to come to the dinner. Thanks to Carol, to Chris, to Michel, to Todd, to Dawn, to Amy and to Natacha and to the larger group.
 - b. Carol Rees indicated a thanks to Carol-Ann as she did a wonderful job.
- b. Vice-President/Conference Program Chair: Christine Tippet
- 52 submissions, thanks to the reviewers, all reviewed by 3 reviewers, a final total of 44 presentations, and the methods and strategies format shall continue next year.
 - Two ideas associated with archiving the data from the conference (i) develop a proceedings publication with idea that this would be posted to SERG website and (ii) maybe we should be adding any submitted presentations and abstracts to the website. Website idea seems the least amount of work. You would need to come and present then submit post conference. There was a comment about if CSSE does not submit proceedings due to self-plagiarism issues. Carol Rees was thinking of a pdf of the PowerPoint. **There was some**

comment that this needs to go out as a message to the community and we might trial this this year.

- c. Secretary: Todd Milford
 - o All fine
 - d. Francophone Representative: Michel Leger.
 - Carol-Ann read out the report Michel brought in some ideas associated with trying to capture both languages. We need to make more efforts to set up an environment that supports French language sessions. Michel suggested that Francophone participation may be geography-dependent. Michel is worried about making sure the French language should be supported and suggested French-only sessions. Carol-Ann raised the concern that we have consciously moved away from French only sessions in the past. Question was asked about how many members are fully bilingual. There is concern that it is a good deal of work for the bilingual speakers to do translation work when presenting. Carol-Ann also mirrored this concern. **The French only session needs to be thought about more.**
 - d. Graduate Student Representatives: Natacha Louis and Eun-Ji Amy Kim
 - Both presented at several Francophone conferences about SERG. No submissions were received for the SERG logo.
 - e. Communications Officer: Dawn Wiseman
 - Nothing recorded.
5. Nominations and Elections of
- a. President: Christine Tippet
 - b. Vice President: Todd Milford
 - c. Secretary: Latika Raisinghani
 - d. Graduate Student Representative:
 - e. Past President: Carol-Ann Burke
6. New business
- a. Research proposal: Mike Bowen
 - **Mike Bowen suggests we do a brown bag lunch Profs and Students and we should do it next year.**
 - Mike has been asked to recruit for a research study associated with Grade 7 students around inquiry. gmbowen@yahoo.com email Mike. The PI is Norman Lederman.
 - b. Support for grad students: Mike Bowen
 - Nothing recorded here
 - c. SERG/Engineering Education collaboration at CSSE 2017: Carol-Ann Burke
 - Carol-Ann has been working with the Canadian Association for Engineering Education (CAEE) collaboration; they are wondering about some aspects of SERG and education from an engineering perspective. **They have raised the possibility of an opportunity for collaborating around presentations at the two different conferences (theirs is the week after Congress next year and is also in Toronto). If you are interested in contributing to this please contact the Carol-Ann (carolann.burke@utoronto.ca) about this.**

d. Additional Business

- **CANADA2067:** Jerine Pegg introduced Marietta Bloch of Let's Talk Science, who talked about a project that Bonnie Schmidt is leading concerning a national dialogue around STEM education Canada 2067. Thought papers and thought proposals around social media culminating in 2017 with a symposium. Bonnie Schmidt would welcome emails at bschmidt@letstalkscience.ca
- Tony Bartley suggests that SERG needs to be better at saying who we are and what we stand for. **The language and literacy people have a position statement and Tony thinks we might want to craft one, too.** We are doing well at getting ourselves known at CSSE. Carol-Ann has suggested that we flag these points in the newsletter in September/October. Michael Bowen, Tony Bartley and David Blades are willing to begin this discussion process.

7. Motion to Adjourn

- Adjourn motion moved by (person missed) and seconded by Dawn Wiseman.