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2011 Fall Newsletter

Message from the President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well and enjoying life! The spring and early summer were a flurry of activity in CPES with the conference in Fredericton at which we took the decision to support another application by our journal, *Paideusis*, for SSHRC small-publication funding. Four years ago our first application in the previous round was unsuccessful. The reasons given were that we lacked information on impact measures and needed more international representation and we were encouraged to develop a more ambitious and operational strategic plan. All of this we have done in the intervening four years. We have just received a letter in response to this June's application saying that we are ineligible due to the fact that we had an operating surplus equal to or greater than one year's operating expenses.

It was another good try and who would have guessed that fiscal solvency would be a reason for rejection. With the digital landscape for e-journals changing so rapidly, we felt we needed to prepare ourselves with funding to provide *Paideusis* with the professional management to reach a wider readership and stay ahead of trends in e-publishing. This was not in the cards for us this year and we will have to take stock of the best and most economical way to move forward. Fortunately, the editorship is in good hands with our new Co-Editors-in-Chief, Daniel Vokey and Claudia Eppert who begin their work with a themed issue. (See their call for papers here in the newsletter and also on the *Paideusis* website.) We have also had a change in book editors. Thanks to David Waddington for taking on this job!

Whatever the magic formula is to secure reliable funding for a non-profit, scholarly-produced, peer-reviewed journal run by members of a small scholarly society we have

yet to unlock that secret. The question for this year's AGM remains: Should we pare our e-journal down to the bare necessities within the open access journal system, keep going as we have been in hopes another funding opportunity proves successful, or other solutions/strategies? I raise the questions here so that members can give this some thought and we can gather the best advice for discussion at Waterloo in May. Globally we are in the grip of a formative struggle over implications for our work in light of changes to copyright legislation, all of which is affecting academic publishing generally. I encourage each of you working at a university to familiarize yourself with the position your own library has taken on this and what the implications are for your teaching and scholarship.

Meanwhile, we carry on the work of *doing* philosophy of education and making it clear to others what our work is all about. At The Congress in Fredericton, 2011, the Canadian Association of Foundations of Education offered a panel on what it means to have a career in the foundations of education. It was very well attended by graduate students and the questions raised emphasized the need for us to promote our work through explanation and definition whenever possible. The CAFE president, Michael O'Sullivan, has organized the current presidents of CAFE SIGs (history of ed, sociology of ed, philosophy of ed) to present a panel at this year's AERA in Vancouver on what foundations mean to teacher education. In addition, David Mandzuk, former CAFE president, is working with a team of authors on a book on the topic of educational foundations: what they are, how they work, why they are vital to teacher education. So, efforts are being made and I would ask members to let me know of other such efforts.

I encourage everyone to submit to this year's conference (submission deadline: Nov 15) and to renew your membership. The number of sessions we are allocated within CSSE each year is determined in part by the membership numbers according to the previous year's renewals. So, please renew your membership if you can, even if you do not plan to attend.

As you may recall, CPES 2011 was the first time we used a double-blind peer-review process for vetting submissions and, thanks to last year's program chair, David Waddington, and to those who generously volunteered to do reviews it worked very well. So well, in fact, that CAFE as a whole has taken up the practice beginning this year. All the best for the rest of 2011 and I look forward to seeing many of you in the spring in Waterloo!

Michelle

Message from the 2011-12 Program Chair

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to invite proposals for the 2012 annual meeting of the Canadian Philosophy of Education Society (CPES), to be held as part of CSSE and the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 26-30 at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo. The pre-conference will be held on May 26th and the main conference will be held from May 27-30th.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, November 15th.

The 2012 conference theme is *Crossroads: Scholarship for an Uncertain World*, certainly a relevant and timely topic. However, proposals unrelated to the conference theme are also welcome. Common formats for CPES sessions have been single- and multi-authored papers and topical symposia, but if you would like to propose an alternative format, such as a book launch or a working session for instructors of philosophy of education courses, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In asking urgent and original questions, philosophy of education in Canada continues to be vibrant, rigorous, and innovative. There is much that philosophy of education can offer both philosophy and education through substantial examinations of current and recurring issues. CPES welcomes contributions from a variety of philosophical approaches. While there will be room for conceptual analysis, ethical inquiry, epistemological concerns, and contributions addressing critically oriented work, we recognize the increasing interdisciplinarity of academic work. Philosophical methods and sources are used in, and in conjunction with, cultural studies, women's studies, political theory, postcolonial critique, and more. We look forward to interdisciplinary submissions that include philosophical methods or sources and that address educational questions and issues.

CPES also welcomes graduate students to submit their work to the conference. CPES is an ideal place for students to make professional connections and to receive friendly, constructive criticism on their work, and CPES members are reminded to encourage any students who may be working on thesis projects to submit to CPES or to the CSSE graduate students' round table sessions.

All proposals must be submitted through the central CSSE on-line submission system at <http://www.csse-scee.ca/conference/> Please see the right side bar for links to the official call for proposals and submission instructions. Since CPES is a special interest group of the Canadian Association for Foundations of Education (CAFE), please clearly mark your submission "CPES," and make sure you tick "CPES" in the on-line membership and submission process. (Otherwise, the submission will be sent to CAFE.) If you also email

me (trevor.norris@utoronto.ca) when you have submitted your CPES proposal, I can make sure no proposal is missed. Please note that all authors of accepted presentations must be CSSE members in good standing for the year of the conference. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.csse-scee.ca/conference/>

In accordance with a decision taken at the 2011 annual meeting, all CPES proposals will now undergo blind peer review. Please note that proposals that deviate substantially from the length and format described in the CSSE Call for Proposals will be considered only if program space remains after all other proposals have been accommodated. It is important to observe these guidelines in order to ensure your proposal is eligible for consideration.

Since our membership base determines the number of program sessions we are allotted, please be sure to renew your CPES membership!

We look forward to meeting many new CPES members, and to welcoming you all to Fredericton next spring!

Sincerely,
Trevor Norris, *Program Chair, CPES 2012*
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Canadian Philosophy of Education Society
Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes

Tuesday May 31st, 2011
University of New Brunswick

Attendance: Daniel Vokey; Claudia Eppert; David Waddington; Ann Chinnery; J. Scott Johnston; Sandra Bruneau; Walter Okshevsky; John Portelli; François Mifsud; Paul O’Leary; Pia O’Leary; Doug Stewart; William Hare; Maria Ma; Elizabeth de Freitas; Michelle Forrest (President); Claudia Ruitenberg (Secretary-Treasurer)

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda (Okshevsky/Chinnery/carried).
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2010 AGM (Chinnery/Waddington/carried).

4. Business arising from the minutes:

4.1 Paideusis Executive Board and Editor

This will be taken up under 5.4 and 7.2.

4.2 CPES Thesis or Dissertation Award

We voted in 2009 to create this award (a Master’s and Doctoral dissertation in alternate years). Last year this was put on hold until the search for a *Paideusis* editor was complete, on the rationale that our small society can only sustain so many calls for service. For the same reason, Michelle Forrest proposes putting this on hold again until we have all volunteers in place for *Paideusis*.

5. Reports:

5.1 President (Forrest)

CPES earned SIG status within CSSE in 1981/82. However, founding members initiated our Society in 1974 and our first program visibility at CSSE as part of CAFE was in 1975, which makes this year’s program our 37th.

We received sad news recently: the passing of one of our founding members and past presidents, LeRoi Daniels, on 1 April 2011. Roi’s term as president was 1994-1996. In reviewing the CPES historical profile from 1999, which includes the reflections of 8 past presidents, I noticed that Roi was very modest about his own contribution to our Society. As he looked back from 1999 to his years as president he remarked: “not much has changed . . . education funds are being slashed, and new empty-headed education slogans are running amok. But, at least we have the

chance to return to philosophy! All the best for the future.”

Roi's remarks are as true today, 12 years on, and we're still fighting the good fight, inspired by Roi's work on critical thinking in schools and his persistent advocacy for academic freedom in the university. As Cicero says: "The memory of a life well-lived never dies." Thanks, Roi. Don Cochrane's themed issue of *Paideusis* is about to be launched with his tribute article to Roi. We look forward to it.

From the CAFE executive meeting (30 May 2011) I can report that a question from CSSE executive to constituent societies/associations and their SIGS was discussed: In light of rising costs for conference-within-a-conference model, would CSSE be better off "going it alone"? Discussion at CAFE executive raised the following points against going it alone:

- massive task for CSSE to single-handedly organize conference for 1000 or so; costs could be even higher for members if CSSE were to go it alone (e.g. fees for high-profile speakers);
- importance of over-lapping with other scholarly societies in Congress with whom many CSSE members also meet and present; uniqueness worldwide of this huge interdisciplinary congress moving yearly across the country and reticence to give up in light of CSSE being (one of the) largest constituent groups of Congress;
- importance for educators to remain in touch with other fields and disciplines and their constituents; important effect on local economies of hosting Congress.

CSSE asks for suggestions for next year's speakers' series at Congress and also for CSSE plenary keynote. Suggestions given by M. O'Sullivan at CAFE exec: Susan Aglukark, Romeo Dallaire, and Landon Pearson. Forward your comments directly to CSSE or through CPES - michelle.forrest@msvu.ca – as you like.

CAFE is discussing the issue of taking up a peer-reviewed approach to conference submissions and David Waddington's experience with our first effort at peer review has been helpful in their decision-making.

CAFE has been invited by AERA to present at their meetings in April 2012 in Vancouver. Conference theme will be: "Knowledge is not enough" and CAFE has been given a 90-min. slot to design a session. A committee of CAFE president and SIG presidents has been struck and will put out a call for input/ideas a.s.a.p. On behalf of CPES I offered to contact the exec of Philosophical Studies in Education (SIG of AERA) to inform/consult.

The second annual CPES Early Career Invited Lecture was delivered by Ann Chinnery to a packed house this year. Our thanks to D. Waddington and T. Christou for insuring it wasn't competing with a 'big draw' this year. Ann's paper on caring about the past, bringing Nel Noddings' work to the topic of historical consciousness, was fascinating to say the least, and provoked a tremendous discussion.

Discussion: Daniel Vokey suggests considering printing the forthcoming special issue of *Paideusis* as hard copy, as it will be a volume not unlike Leonard Waks' edited collection. Regarding the question posed by CSSE, Walter Okshevsky supports CAFE's arguments to remain part of the Congress. There is general agreement with this position. Regarding themes for AERA 2012 in Vancouver,

Daniel Vokey suggests the theme of indigenizing the academy, David Waddington suggests the phenomenon of US school discourses being imported into Canada and the resistance this has provoked, and John Portelli suggests the question of the University being “up for sale” (cf. Nussbaum’s *Not for Profit*).

5.2 Secretary-Treasurer (Ruitenber)

A hard copy of the report is circulated. Daniel Vokey notes the \$115 CALJ membership fee in the *Paideusis* figures and wonders what we get for this. Claudia promises to find out. Claudia Eppert wonders how many articles or journal issues the copy-editing expenses of \$711.56 listed relate to. Claudia: this is not entirely clear as funds for *Paideusis* were previously held at SFU and invoices for copy-editing were paid directly from there. Heesoon will have the overview of expenses per issue.

5.3 2010–11 Program Coordinator (Waddington)

State of the program: CPES received 20 paper submissions and 4 panel sessions from a total of 38 authors. 18 of 20 paper proposals were accepted, while all of the panel proposals were accepted. The number of submissions was down significantly from 2010, when the program committee received 41 submissions from 56 authors. CPES was allocated 12 slots by CAFE, all of which were filled. I would tend to attribute the lower level of submissions to the conference location rather than to lack of interest in CPES.

CPES also implemented a peer-review system this year. Although the system was not as easy to implement as it might have been, reviewers found their tasks to be fairly straightforward. I would recommend building upon this system in the future.

Challenges for the future: The greatest difficulty that we faced this year was the decision, on the part of the CSSE Program Committee, to spread our conference over four days, as opposed to the usual two. Spreading CPES over this long a period raises the potential for significant attendance difficulties. CPES needs to lobby CAFE strongly to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future.

A significant challenge that I faced as program chair was submissions that did not conform to our guidelines. We received several submissions that did not omit the names of the authors, and other authors submitted proposals that were either too short or too long. Other submitters had some troubles using the submission system, which caused some minor difficulties because their submissions were more difficult to keep track of and could not be reviewed using the same system as other submissions. Next year, I think more efforts will need to be made to educate submitters about the evaluation process and the submission guidelines.

Another interesting question for the future is whether to re-establish the role of discussants. Due to an oversight on my part, CPES proceeded largely without discussants this year. I don’t feel that this had an unduly adverse effect on the quality of the sessions, but nevertheless, the program chair for next year may want to include room for discussants within the sessions.

Acknowledgements: I would like to thank Ann Chinnery, Daniel Vokey, Bruce Maxwell, Michelle Forrest, Andrea English, and Kevin McDonough for their service as members of the Program Committee for CPES 2011. I also owe a debt of

gratitude to Daniel Vokey, Michelle Forrest, and Claudia Ruitenberg for their advice and assistance in preparing the program. Finally, Ted Christou was helpful and responsive in his role as CAFE Program Chair.

Discussion: Walter Okshevsky would like to see discussants reintroduced. One advantage is that this allows more people to be listed on the program, which can affect their funding, but it also shows the dialogic nature of philosophy. There should certainly be a discussant for the Invited Lecturer. Walter mentions that when he was program chair, he did not ask whether people wanted to be discussant, but rather suggested a session for them to respond to. Daniel Vokey remarks that in sessions with three papers, there is no time for separate discussants for each paper. The chair/discussant role should be combined, and one per session appointed, as we have done in previous years. David Waddington agrees, with the exception of the Invited Lecture, which should have a dedicated respondent. John Portelli wonders if there is room for book sessions on the program. Claudia Ruitenberg suggests it is up to authors to submit a proposal for a book session, as Trevor Norris and Howard Woodhouse did last year. John recounts that, in the past, the program chair would reserve a time slot for a book session and approach authors who published in the past year. These books would typically also be reviewed in *Paideusis*. Michelle thanks David for his work.

5.4 Editor of *Paideusis* (Forrest)

As the financial report shows, *Paideusis* is solvent. We also still have access to Kevin Stranack (tech support) at SFU and to copy editors. Michelle has been working to send submissions that had lingered in the system out for review. There was one issue in the fall and the special issue guest-edited by Don Cochrane should come out this spring, so we will still be at two issues per year. Claudia Eppert and Daniel Vokey have agreed to serve as co-editors (see 7.2). Daniel remarks that, rather than putting everything on one person, we should try to spread the tasks to make the editorship more sustainable in the current conditions of workload intensification. John Portelli notes that, instead of publishing two issues a year, some online journals publish articles as they are ready. This can spread the workload but does not preclude the possibility of a special issue. Daniel adds this possibility is allowed by SSHRC under their Aid to Scholarly Journals program. Michelle recounts that *Paideusis*' 2008 application to the program was unsuccessful but there was little feedback so it is unclear why. The new deadline is June 30th 2011 and applications are accepted only once every three years. Michelle has been looking for someone with a strong SSHRC CV to front the application process. Johanne Provençal and Kevin Stranack (for fee) are available to help with the application. Since we haven't used the full potential of OJS we should be able to make an argument to SSHRC about further development. John Portelli is willing to help and available until June 17; he can find out what the internal UofT deadline is for the application. David Waddington wonders if we are really prepared to do this and if it is necessary to apply. Michelle reports that, according to Johanne, successful journals have managing editors, and they cost \$\$\$. Things are changing quickly in the field of scholarly journals so if we wait until the next application round we may be in a weaker position to apply. John Portelli adds that being SSHRC-supported will also

enhance the journal's reputation so, if it is not much work, we should go for it. Bill Hare requests that *Paideusis* apply to be indexed in the Philosopher's Index. All agree. David Waddington asks if we can do away with the registration page. There seem to be ways of collecting user statistics without such a page. All agree.

6. New business:

6.1 Conference program length

This year CSSE assigned slots over a four-day rather than a three-day period. Through David Waddington's creativity and Emery Hyslop-Margison's hospitality we were able to keep the CPES program to three days. There is concern about session attendance if the program is spread over four days. Michelle Forrest will work with CAFE to petition CSSE to keep a three-day program. All agree.

7. Election of Officers:

7.1 Secretary-Treasurer: Ann Chinnery is nominated by Daniel Vokey, seconded by Walter Okshevsky. There being no further nominations, Ann is acclaimed to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for 2011-2013. Michelle thanks Claudia for her service as Secretary-Treasurer.

7.2 Paideusis Editor: Daniel Vokey and Claudia Eppert are willing to take on the co-editorship of *Paideusis*, and have met with the CPES Executive. They are ratified.

7.3 Paideusis Book Review Editor: John Portelli has stepped down as Book Review Editor. David Waddington is willing to take on the Book Review Editorship. He is ratified.

7.4 CPES Program Coordinator 2011-12: Trevor Norris is nominated by Michelle Forrest, seconded by J. Scott Johnston. (Trevor is not present at the AGM but has agreed to let his name stand). There being no further nominations, Trevor is acclaimed to the position of Program Coordinator for 2011-12.

7.5 Reviewers for CPES Program 2011-12: Ann Chinnery, Walter Okshevsky, Doug Stewart, J. Scott Johnston, Bill Hare, and Paul O'Leary volunteer to review submissions.

8. Announcements:

8.1 Update on OISE situation

John Portelli reports that the History and Philosophy of Education program is still not accepting any new doctoral admissions, but there is a new Dean at OISE (Dr. Julia O'Sullivan) and things are looking brighter for the program than they did last year. Arguments are being made to create a separate department for the program.

8.2 Philosophers and Friends of Philosophers Dinner

After our well-attended CPES dinner in Montreal last year, we decided to go back to the combined dinner with CAFE again this year, assuming the number of attendees would be lower in Fredericton. The dinner was last night at the Lunar Rogue Pub. We thank Mike O'Sullivan for organizing it.

8.3 Calls for papers

Please consider submitting a proposal to the Philosophical Studies in Education SIG for the 2012 AERA conference, which will take place April 13-17, 2012 in Vancouver, BC. Deadline for submissions is July 22, 2011. Michelle reports that Bhuvinder Vaid received an AERA travel award this past year, so we should make our graduate students aware of this possibility.

Also consider submitting to the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia, for their conference 1-4 December, 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand. Deadline for submission of abstracts July 1, 2012; for full papers September 1, 2012.

8.4 Other

Sandra Bruneau thanks Michelle Forrest for her contribution on behalf of Philosophy of Education to the CAFE panel "A Career in the Foundations of Education."

9. Meeting adjourned.