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Message from the President:

Greetings from beautiful St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, where the trees are ablaze with colour and not a trace of snow is yet to be found. (No, I'm not writing this in August.) I hope the

elements are also being kind to you, making your journey through life and the academic term that much more pleasant. We have a great newsletter for you, so do settle into your favourite couch, pour yourself a dram, and enjoy.

Before moving to a few news items I have for you, I first want to express my sincere gratitude to the electorate for your vote of confidence in re-electing me as your president for another term. If you were unable to attend the conference and our AGM at York University, but would have voted for me had you been there, I'm grateful to you as well. I am very pleased and honoured to continue serving our Society in this capacity. I will try to remember the things I got right over the past two years (and what wrong) while working for you over my term of office. Just a few news items before turning it over to the others.

Don Cochrane and Claudia Ruitenberghave been discussing together the future of our CPES website and have agreed that website matters would be more easily and efficiently handled through the resources available at UBC. I want to thank Don profusely for the marvelous work he and Kim Peacock (technical editor) have done over the years to create, maintain and continuously update our fine website. It should also be noted that Don's efforts were rewarded only by the appreciation and gratitude of the Society. Thank you, Don. The Society remains in your debt not only for your stewardship of the website but for the many other important contributions you have made over the past decades towards realizing the ideals of our Society.

I want to officially welcome Claudia Ruitenbergh to her new position as an officer of CPES. Already in early September, if not before, Claudia had been thinking about programme and website matters. I know Claudia will do a fabulous job in both these areas. And I wish her the best of luck in coping with the membership's wide spectrum of culinary preferences when deciding on a restaurant for our Dinner for Philosophers and Friends! I also thank Claudia and her associates at UBC for taking on the stewardship of our website and for the many excellent ideas she has already provided for its further enhancement. Claudia will be working with Kim on a number of interesting innovations, so do stay tuned for virtual developments as they unfold.

You will find, once again, a bonus feature in this newsletter. Through the technical wizardry of Don Kerr, we are able to provide you, again free of charge, the photographic artistry of Pia O'Leary. Pia has snapped some great shots at our last AGM at York, accurately and artistically capturing much of the ambience of the event and something of the world-views of the personalities in attendance. You will all remember her previous work at the honorary dinner for Bill Hare in London and I know you will enjoy and appreciate her latest work for us as well. Thank you Pia.

I very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next annual conference. I was so very pleased to be able to meet and catch up with many of the regular irregulars at York. I was also very happy to meet many graduate students whom I had never met before and who presented for the first time at CPES. It is very heartening to see the next generation of philosophers of education in action and I very much hope to see even more graduate students attending and presenting at our conference over the coming years. The theme for next year is a crucially important one for the contemporary world and I believe philosophers are particularly well-placed to analyze and discuss the many issues and problems it raises for pluralist democratic societies.

In concluding, I must mention the wonderful time we had together at the Dinner for Philosophers and Friends held at the Queen Mother's Café in downtown Toronto where we could all let our hair down and enjoy the wonderful company, the fine cuisine and the satisfactory array of available beverages. The management of the restaurant wishes me to thank those of us who stayed past closing time to help put the chairs up on the tables for the night before leaving for the next venue of festivity. Looking forward to another edition of our dinner in Saskatoon.

Well, I've taken up enough of your time already. Enjoy the newsletter. Almost all of the work of technical/digital production has fallen on the shoulders of Don Kerr who deserves much gratitude for the time and expertise he has invested in bringing it to the light of day. Hope you can make it out to our next conference, dinner, and related activities. All best wishes.

Cheers, Walter

Walter C. Okshevsky
President, Canadian Philosophy of Education Society

Message from the 2007 Program Chair:

It is my pleasure to invite proposals for the 2007 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 26-29, 2007 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The 2007 conference theme, *Bridging Communities: Making Public Knowledge—Making Knowledge Public*, should give the philosophically minded much food for thought, but 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.

CPES welcomes contributions from a variety of philosophical approaches. While there will be room for conceptual analysis, ethical inquiry, questions of an epistemological nature, and contributions addressing critical thinking and applied logic, 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.

All proposals must be submitted through the central CSSE on-line submission system at <http://www.csse.ca/Conference/Conference.htm> 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 when you have submitted your CPES proposal, I can make sure no proposal is missed. Deadline for submissions

is November 17th. Please note that all authors of accepted presentations must be CSSE members in good standing for the year of the conference.

A final word for those of you who are interested in participating in the CPES conference but are not sure what to expect in Saskatoon: Don't be fooled by Saskatoon's relative anonymity! Having lived in Saskatoon, I can promise you not only a thought-provoking program and stimulating dialogues, but also beautiful trails along the South Saskatchewan River (where, by late May, the pelicans will have arrived) and the opportunity to continue conversations more informally in many bars and restaurants.

I look forward to meeting many new CPES members!

Claudia Ruitenbergh, Program Chair
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Message from the Editor of *Paideusis*:

Warm greetings to the widening circle of *Paideusis* Readers.

I am pleased to announce that the anticipated publication for the next issue of *Paideusis*, Vol. 15 (2), is the first week of November. In this new issue, the reader will find a new section added: "Philosophical Fragments." (Please go into the Pai-web <http://journals.sfu.ca/paideusis> and check out for comparison the main peer reviewed articles section.) Our editorial mandate statement for the Fragments section states:

The Philosophical Fragments is a peer-reviewed section that gives focus to contemporary, cross-disciplinary (and, at times, experimental) approaches to philosophical inquiry, musings, and provocations that are representative of the diversity of questions, discussions, genres, forms, theories and methods that contribute insightfully and playfully to discourse and practice of philosophical significance. In this section, we attempt to make a space for approaches to philosophical inquiry and musings that traverse the boundaries of what is usually found in peer-review articles in Philosophy of Education; yet the section maintains peer-review standards in order to invite contributors and reviewers both to consider new and changing possibilities for philosophical discourse and practice.

Each submission is reviewed through a double-blind review process, and is reviewed by two reviewers. Based on the reviewers' evaluation and recommendation, the Editor makes the final decision.

As well, plans are in store for adding more sections in the future that will house students' completed dissertations and theses, and also act as information exchange on course outlines, case studies, and teaching reflections.

Paideusis will now receive submissions on a continuous basis throughout the year in order to make it easier for the potential authors (one less deadline to remember!).

Best regards,
Heesoon Bai

The Canadian Philosophy of Education Society seeks nominations of candidates for its **Distinguished Service Award**. For a candidate to be eligible for the award, she or he must have made important contributions in teaching, research, and professional service to philosophy of education in Canada over an extended period of time. Nominations must be made by a member of the Canadian Philosophy of Education Society and must be sent to the Award Committee by 1st April of the year in which the award is to be made. The nomination should include a letter of recommendation, no fewer than three letters of support, and a current CV of the person nominated. The award will not necessarily be given each year. The presentation of the award is at the discretion of the Awards Committee, which is chaired, by the recent Past-President and two members appointed by the Executive.

Please send nominations, or requests for further information, to Doug Stewart, at: douglas.stewart@uregina.ca

CAFE Award for Edited Collections and Authored Monographs: The Canadian Association of Foundations of Education (CAFE) seeks nominations and submissions of books and monographs for the 2006 Publications Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize edited collections and monographs that make a major contribution to knowledge in the disciplines and areas that come under the rubric of the foundations of education. The foundations disciplines are the history, philosophy, and sociology of education, but also include other humanities and social science disciplines that contribute to educational theory. Authors, colleagues, editors, and readers are encouraged to submit edited collections and monographs for consideration. This award will be announced at CAFE's Annual Meeting during the CSSE Conference in May 2006.

ELIGIBILITY: 1) Edited collections or authored monographs must have been published between January 1, 2004 and January 31, 2006. 2) Authors should be Canadian citizens either working in Canadian institutions or working abroad.

PROCEDURE: Four (4) copies of each book must be submitted by February 15th, 2006 to:
Dr. Nathalie Piquemal
Chairperson, CAFE Awards Committee
Faculty of Education
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2

Members will be interested to know that Bill Hare's address upon receiving the CPES Distinguished Service Award (at UWO, May 2005) has just been published in *Think* 13, 2006: 7–15, as “Why Open-mindedness Matters.” For those not familiar with the journal, the link is <http://www.royalinstitutephilosophy.org/think/index.html>

Bill and John Portelli have also just put out a new book:

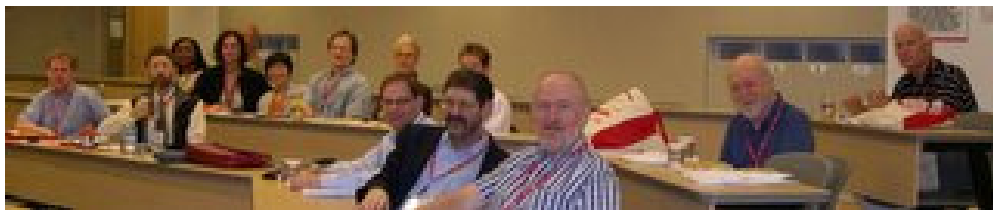
William Hare and John P. Portelli (eds.), *Key Questions for Educators*. Halifax N.S., Canada: Edphil Books, 2005.

Price \$23.95.

To order e-mail: edphil@gmail.com

An original collection of short essays by international philosophers of education (U.S., Canada, U.K., Singapore, and Australia) offering stimulating accounts of central questions in contemporary educational discourse. From progressive education to postmodernism, inquiry to imagination, accountability to anti-racist education, discussion to democratic education, and media literacy to multiculturalism, a wide range of important and intriguing notions is explored and examined in the context of recent discussions. The result is a network of educational ideas that will be valuable to theorists and practitioners alike.





Photos courtesy of Pia O'Leary

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

York University

Toronto, Ontario

Sunday, 28th May 2006

Attendance: W. Okshevsky (Chair), D. Simpson, D. Vokey, M. Schleifer, J. S. Johnston, Pia O'Leary, Paul O'Leary, D. Stewart, A. Chinnery, C. Ruitenberg, T. Falkenberg, H. Bai, J. Provençal, S. Barrett, A. Pearson, M. O'Sullivan, A. Cohen, D. Kerr (Recording)

1. Call to order (8:48 am)
2. Approval of agenda (Moved M. Schleifer/approved.)
3. Approval of minutes (D. Simpson/approved.)
4. Business arising from the minutes:
 - 4.1 There were no nominations for the CPES Distinguished Service Award this year.
 - 4.2 Comments on *Paideusis* were delayed until after the Editor's report.
5. Reports:
 - 5.1 The President's report was submitted. It was mentioned that ideas for CPES' website are welcome. Schleifer noted that the website could be linked to the membership distribution email. Vokey added that there should be a note to let him know of changes to email addresses. (Motion to approve S. Barrett/approved.)
 - 5.2 The Society's Financial Statement was submitted. It was noted that the Society is accumulating money, and that consideration should be given to projects that would advance the interests of the Society. Suggestions included a dissertation award, support for research, and a membership drive. Kerr will raise this electronically in advance of the next AGM. (Vokey/approved.)
 - 5.3 The Programme Co-ordinator's Report was submitted. M. O'Sullivan was recognized for all his work on CPES' behalf, as the CAFE program chair. (Chinnery/approved.)
 - 5.4 Bai delivered the editor's report orally. There are currently a high number of submissions and reviewers are needed. Discussion over whether the journal should increase its frequency; was decided to wait on this for now. Bai has applied for a grant to support the journal. SFU has provided free server support for two years, this will cost \$2,000 per year after that. Mentioned that we could put on the *Paideusis* website a thanks to our library donors and to the Faculties that have supported the journal.

6. Election of officers:

- 6.1 President: W. Okshevsky is at the end of his two-year term. Vokey nominated Okshevsky for a second term; seconded by Schleifer. Acclaimed to much enthusiasm.
 - 6.2 CPES Programme Co-ordinator 2006–07: C. Ruitenberg volunteered to chair the programme for next year's meetings in Saskatoon. Her offer of help was greatly appreciated. Acclaimed.
7. Motion to adjourn: M. Schleifer/approved.