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CSPS/ACÉP Special Bulletin (June 2020)

Dear colleagues,

I hope that this Special Bulletin finds you well as we all continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19. It was unfortunate that we were unable to meet this year to share our scholarship, ideas and comradery. We eagerly look forward to next year.

This Special Bulletin is meant to keep you, our members, up to date with ongoing Society business that is usually reported at the AGM.

First, you will find a summary of the [CSPS/ACÉP Executive meeting](#) below, with thanks to Robert Kennedy (Secretary). The Executive met via Zoom (with all the joys of technical challenges!) on June 2, 2020. The summary includes reports from Executive members.

Second, you will find the current [financial statements](#) that were presented to the Executive by our Treasurer, Steven Muir. Thanks to Steven for his hours of work behind the scenes to make sure our Society has its finances in good order.

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, you can easily do this using PayPal on our website: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/membership.htm>. Please remember that unless you receive the journal *SR* (*Studies in Religion*) through another society, the “membership + *SR*” is the correct category to choose.

Third, I wish to summarize some of the highlights from the CCSR (Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion) AGM, which occurred via Zoom on June 3, 2020. As President of CSPPS/ACÉP, I am a Board member of the CCSR, which is the umbrella organization for seven societies related to studying religion in Canada, including CSPPS/ACÉP (<http://ccsr.ca/members/>). Among other things, CCSR hosts our website, offers research scholarships to doctoral students (<http://ccsr.ca/research-travel-scholarship/>), and organizes *Studies in Religion* (<http://ccsr.ca/studies-in-religion/>) and several book series (<http://ccsr.ca/publications/>) that we are encouraged to consider as publication options for our scholarship.

Here are some important highlights from the meeting:

- *Studies in Religion* will soon be provided to members in a digital rather than paper format, which will reduce the annual fee of the journal.
- I initiated and am chairing a committee who is looking into recommendations for CCSR (and thus the societies that belong to it) regarding policy on sexual harassment, discrimination and other issues related to equity, diversity and inclusion (including the Federation’s code of conduct). We will bring recommendations to the CCSR Board meeting in January 2021. I want to thank Lincoln Blumell for raising the issue of sexual harassment at the last CSPPS/ACÉP AGM. It is great that our small Society is initiating such conversations! See also our statement regarding anti-racism posted several weeks ago in Twitter and on our website: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/announcements.htm>.
- Congratulations to our own Paul-Hubert Poirier, one of our Society’s founding members, was elected as an Honorary Member of the CCSR. This status recognizes his many years of work and service to CCSR. Felicitations, Paul-Hubert!

Finally, on behalf of Don Springer and John Solheid, they have the following announcement about the upcoming inaugural conference they had hoped to have in the Fall:

The organizers for the CSPS sponsored "New Horizons in Early Christian Studies" Conference have announced that the event has been rescheduled to March of 2021. Key speakers including Peter Martens, Lewis Ayres, and Robin Darling Young have re-confirmed their participation. Those who have registered or who have submitted a paper proposal will be contacted shortly; the call for papers deadline will be extended past the summer. Contact Don Springer and John Solheid for more information. dspringer@sfseminary.edu; john.solheid@mail.utoronto.ca.

As always, you are welcome to contact any of the members of the Executive with questions, concerns or comments. On behalf of the Executive, I wish you a healthy, safe and fulfilling summer.

À bientôt,

Mona

President CSPS/ACÉP

Bulletin spécial de l'ACÉP/CSPS (Juin 2020)

Chers et chères collègues,

J'espère que ce bulletin spécial vous trouvera en santé, alors que nous continuons tous à composer avec les effets de la COVID-19. Il est regrettable que nous n'ayons pu nous rencontrer cette année pour partager notre bourse, nos idées et pour fraterniser. Nous attendons avec impatience l'année prochaine.

Ce bulletin spécial a pour but de vous tenir au courant, vous, nos membres, des affaires courantes de l'Association qui sont habituellement discutées à l'AGM.

Vous trouverez tout d'abord ci-dessous un résumé de [la réunion du Comité exécutif de la CSPS/ACÉP](#), avec mes remerciements à Robert Kennedy (Secrétaire). L'exécutif s'est réuni via Zoom (avec toutes les joies des défis techniques!) le 2 juin 2020. Le résumé comprend les rapports des membres de l'exécutif.

Ensuite, vous trouverez les [états financiers](#) actuels qui ont été présentés à l'exécutif par notre trésorier, Steven Muir. Merci à Steven pour ses heures de travail en coulisses afin de s'assurer du bon ordre des finances de notre Association.

Si vous n'avez pas encore payé votre cotisation pour cette année, vous pouvez facilement le faire en utilisant PayPal sur notre site Web : <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/membership.htm>. N'oubliez pas qu'à moins que vous ne receviez la revue SR (*Sciences religieuses*) par l'intermédiaire d'une autre société, l'option « Adhésion + SR » est la bonne à choisir.

Troisièmement, je souhaite résumer certains des points forts de l'AGM de la CCSR (Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses), qui s'est tenue via Zoom le 3 juin 2020. En tant que présidente de la CSPS/ACÉP, je suis membre du conseil d'administration de la CCSR, qui est l'organisation qui chapeaute sept sociétés liées à l'étude de la religion au Canada, dont la CSPS/ACÉP (<http://ccsr.ca/les-societes-membres/?lang=fr>). Entre autres, le CCSR héberge notre site Web, offre des bourses de déplacement aux étudiants de doctorat (<http://ccsr.ca/bourses-de-voyage/?lang=fr>), et gère la revue *Sciences religieuses* (<http://ccsr.ca/la-revue-sr/?lang=fr>) ainsi que plusieurs collections de livres

(<http://ccsr.ca/les-livres/?lang=fr>) que nous sommes encouragés à considérer comme des options de publication pour nos travaux.

Voici quelques points importants de la réunion :

- La revue *Sciences religieuses* sera bientôt proposée aux membres sous format numérique plutôt que sur papier, ce qui réduira la cotisation annuelle de la revue.
- J'ai initié et je préside un comité qui a comme mandat de faire des recommandations à la CCSR (et donc les sociétés qui en font partie) concernant l'élaboration d'une politique sur le harcèlement sexuel, la discrimination et d'autres questions liées à l'équité, la diversité et l'inclusion (y compris le code de conduite de la Fédération). Nous présenterons des recommandations au conseil d'administration de la CCSR en janvier 2021. Je tiens à remercier Lincoln Blumell d'avoir soulevé la question du harcèlement sexuel lors de la dernière AGM de la CSPS/ACÉP. C'est formidable que notre petite association entame de telles conversations! Voir aussi notre déclaration contre le racisme publiée il y a quelques semaines sur Twitter et sur notre site Web : <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/annoncements.htm>.
- Félicitations à Paul-Hubert Poirier, un des membres fondateurs de notre Association, qui a été élu membre honoraire de la CCSR. Ce statut reconnaît ses nombreuses années de travail et de service au sein de la CCSR. Félicitations, Paul-Hubert!

Enfin, au nom de Don Springer et de John Solheid, voici une annonce concernant la conférence inaugurale qu'ils espéraient tenir à l'automne :

The organizers for the CSPS sponsored “New Horizons in Early Christian Studies” Conference have announced that the event has been rescheduled to March of 2021. Key speakers including Peter Martens, Lewis Ayres, and Robin Darling Young have re-confirmed their participation. Those who have registered or who have submitted a paper proposal will be contacted shortly; the call for papers deadline will be extended past the summer. Contact Don Springer and John Solheid for more information. dspringer@sfseminary.edu; john.solheid@mail.utoronto.ca.

Comme toujours, vous pouvez contacter n'importe lequel des membres de l'exécutif pour toute question, préoccupation ou commentaire. Au nom de l'exécutif, je vous souhaite un été sain, sûr et épanouissant.

À bientôt,

Mona

Présidente CSPS/ACÉP

Summary of Minutes

ACÉP / CSPS Executive* Meeting

Monday, 1 June 2020, 11:21 a.m.-12:08 p.m. ET

*Ex officio: Mona Tokarek LaFosse, President; Miriam DeCock, Vice-President; Steven Muir, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; Robert Kennedy, Secretary

Invited: Lincoln Blumell, Chair of the Program Committee; Heather Barkman, Webmaster; Eric Crégheur, Communications Officer and Bulletin Editor (pro tem)

Review of the Past Year

1. General Matters

- a. Mona expressed the Society's gratitude to Lincoln, Miriam, and Steven for their hard work on the program for our successful meeting in Vancouver and to Lincoln especially for his work on our cancelled meeting at Western University.
- b. This year's student essay prize winner (Rachel Matheson) has expressed interest in attending next year's meeting in Edmonton. Mona noted that we hope we will thus have two student prize presentations in Edmonton. We received five student essays, all of good quality, for this year's competition.
- c. Lincoln noted that international interest in our society continues, with expressions of intention to attend next year's meeting from scholars in Poland and Germany.

2. Finances (Steven Muir)

- a. Finances remain stable.
- b. The invoice from the Federation for last year's meeting just arrived two weeks ago. It appears that our society owes merely \$190 in costs for the meeting.
- c. PayPal has worked well, though there were initial difficulties with the linking of PayPal to our bank account. Members can still pay by cheque, if they prefer.
- d. Motion to accept financial statement for 2019 (Steven/Robert): Carried.
- e. Mona expressed her gratitude to Steven for the extra time he devoted to sorting out the PayPal system.

3. Membership (Steven Muir)

- a. There are currently approximately fifty members whose dues are paid, including five new members.
- b. PayPal has made the payment of dues from international members much more convenient for them.

4. Webmaster Report (Heather Barkman)

- a. The website is up to date and has been functioning well.
- b. Our society has approximately 130 followers on Twitter. That the Tweet cancelling this year's meeting was viewed 799 times indicates that the use of Twitter was helpful.
- c. Our website includes links to job postings on the SBL and NAPS websites (under "Announcements"). There has been no recent news from NAPS about their plans for a meeting in 2021.

5. Communications and Bulletin

- a. Thank you to the Executive members' contributions to the Bulletin: Mona for the President's message, and Eric for the French translations, Steven for the treasurer's message, Lincoln for the comments about the programme and next year's meeting, and Heather for putting it online.
- b. There was news from only 15 members, which again is low, though it ranged from everything from publications to awards, new positions, defended dissertations, invited talks, and calls for papers.

Looking Ahead

1. Mona will attend the upcoming (online) annual general meeting of the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion. She will bring forward a proposal for a committee to look at creating a policy on sexual harassment and discrimination for CCSR societies, with the Congress statement in hand. Steven, who is our representative to the CCSR, will not be available for this meeting.
2. Mona reminded us of the conference on early Christianity ("New Horizons in Early Christian Studies: Challenges and Opportunities") being organized by Don Springer and John Solheid, scheduled for October 23-24, 2020, at the University of Toronto. CSPS is one of the conference's sponsors.
3. Mona reiterated the need to vote on several items that require changes to our constitution, including the expansion of the Executive, at the next AGM. Specifically, there are three constitutional changes under consideration:
 - i. To expand the Executive to include the roles of Programme Coordinator, Communications Officer, and Webmaster (taking the Executive from four official members to seven);
 - ii. To shift the responsibilities of the Nominations Committee to the Executive; and
 - iii. To elect a Programme Coordinator for a three-year term instead of continuing a "Programme Committee" model with the Chair only holding the position for one year.
4. A new representative from our society to *Studies in Religion / Sciences religieuses* is needed. Contact Mona or Steven if you are interested.
5. Preparations for Edmonton 2021 (Lincoln): Dates of Meeting, Student Essay Contest, Book Review(s)
 - a. The Federation has not yet sent information about the Congress in Edmonton. On the basis of precedent, the assumption is that our meeting will be Sunday-Tuesday, inclusive.
 - b. There is a possibility that next year's meeting may have to be online. We should mention this in the Call for Papers.
 - c. We do plan to have a student essay contest next year. As noted above, we hope and expect to have two student essay presentations, one from this year's winner and one from next year's.
 - d. We will have reviews of Eric's and Tony Burke's books, and possibly a third review. We should encourage our members to alert us to any forthcoming or recently published books.

Financial Statements – Canadian Society of Patristic Studies
États Financiers – Association Canadienne des Études Patristiques
1 January – 31 December, 2019

	2019	2018
Revenue/Revenus		
Membership dues/Cotisations des membres ¹	650	1200
SR subscriptions/Souscriptions à SR	370	340
Donations	295	200
Bank account interest/Intérêts	0	0
Money collected for Society dinner at Congress ²	721	725
Revenue support for Joint Lecture		1683
Reimbursement from CCSR for their luncheon ³		344
USD & Paypal adjustments (membership)	56	90
Congress Society Registration fees ⁴		575
TOTAL Revenue	\$2092	\$5157
Expenditures/Dépenses		
Congress Expenses/Dépenses du congrès ⁴		860
CFHSS membership/Cotisation	500	0
Speaker expenses (Joint Lecture)		866
Speaker registration		281
Essay Prizes/Prix d'essai	200	200
Bank fees/Frais bancaires	45	69
Treasurer's expenses/Dépenses de trésorerie	0	0
SR subscriptions/Paiement à SR	405	340
Congress dinner expenses ²	878	1052
CCSR luncheon ³		344
Honorarium		0
Craigie lecture contribution	250	0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$2278	\$4012
Surplus/Deficit	-186	+1145
Balance sheet/bilan		
Bank balance/solde bancaire, 1 January	\$7418	\$6273
Surplus/Deficit	-183	+1145
Bank balance/solde bancaire, 31 December	<u>\$7232</u>	<u>\$7418</u>

Submitted May 2020 by S. Muir, treasurer

¹ Several 2019 membership fees were received through Paypal. It was not possible to transfer them into the CSPA bank account until 2020. They will appear in the 2020 statements.

² The difference between Dinner revenue and expenses is because the Society underwrites a portion of Student dinner expenses.

³ Billed in 2020, pending. Late due to #4, bill for 2019 Congress.

⁴ Final bill for 2019 Congress was not received until 2020. Will be shown in 2020 statements. Net cost is around \$138.