Minutes for AGM ARTS on Sat. May 30/15 at 4:30pm at CSSE in Ottawa, ON AGM

In attendance: Amelie Lemieux, Mitchell McLarron, Rita Irwin, Sean Wiebe, Bernie Andrews, Kathleen Gallagher, Belarie Zatzman, Marni Binder, Katherine Ricketts, Peter Gouzouasis, Kathy Browning, Lynn Fels, Mindy R. Carter, Rebecca Starkman, Anne Wessels, Pamela Richardson, Dirk Redricks

Minutes by: Mindy R. Carter

Business Items:

1. Approval of 2014 minutes: Sean asked for approval of minutes from 2014 (Motion put forth by Sean, Approved by Kathy, Seconded by Mindy)

2. Business Arising

   a) Executive History: We discussed the need to have some more of the ARTS Sig executive history. It was suggested that we ask Sylvia K., Bernie Andrews, Katherine R. and Nadine Kalin if they have information to help us fill in the gaps of the Executive history to 2004.

   *comments: find out what other associations people in the arts belong to so we can make sure info. is shared widely
   *however it is difficult to have info. at multiple sites
   *positive feedback for pulling together all arts presentations into one document (this was done by Brett Fischer, one of Mindy's PhD students at McGill)
   *would be nice to recover some history and include it on the website and to expand on it (i.e.-share people's work/profiles) *Sean will be in touch with Pauline about this and report back

   b) Communications:

   *suggestion from Marni: build in roles for graduate students in order to help generate future membership and help them learn about the association/future roles (perhaps they could help create and send out a newsletter)
   *perhaps we could send items to CACS to add to their newsletter
   *Bernie would like a tab that has "current research" on it (so we know what people are doing) (to make it easier to do searches for our colleagues work)
   *including a specific section about grad students and their interests to c connect with one another would be useful
   *travelling exhibitions could also be added
   *Sean suggested using the list-serve to ask for the names of people's research and that of their grad. students with links to most current work/websites etc.

*we asked about how to make sure that you get info. through the listserve when you don't keep continuous membership (Marni spoke against us taking over the responsibilities of adding/taking people off of the listserve because this is a time consuming task)

c) Updating the constitution:

*Perhaps we need to do this as other associations are currently doing this work (Sean asked for volunteers to do this---Bernie suggested that John may have done this….he made many changes to the voting structure and putting in place descriptions for executive roles)
*Bernie agreed that it would be a good idea to review the constitution and he agreed to look at it
Note: CASWE has recently updated their constitution and Mindy provided Sean with their most up to date constitution

d) Domain Renewal:

*It is $45 for another 3 years to update the website. Pauline put this on her own account the 1st time but we are asking if we can use ARTS funds to pay for the renewal at this time.

Motion- We move that the ARTS Sig. take on the cost of the domain renewal. Motion put forth by Kathy and seconded by Marni
(all in favor) Motion Approved

e) Arts "Creative" award update:

*Kathy spoke to where this award is at and mentioned that Diane is also working on making this happen in future (Marni, Joe and Bernie were also a part of this working group)

*Sean checked in on the awards (MA, PHD, publication award) and how the "ARTS Creative award" fits in (since the priority has been to have a publication award)
* We heard that since the publication award is now in place we will start to move forward with developing the "creative" award (i.e. there is a form for th presentation award and it is being granted for 2015)
* The focus for the "creative" award will be to honor something such as an exhibit, performance etc. as an award apart from ones "research" in an academic journal type form
*Aim: to have the first creative award in 2017

f) Perspectives on arts education research in Canada (ABER book series, Springer, -Bernie)

*Wants to propose the creation of a book/series of books with perspectives from across Canada (POSSIBLE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT: OCT. 2015; CHAPTERS DUE: SPRING 2016)
*BERNIE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE something written to bring to publishers

MOTION: (Motion put forward by Kathy and Mitch seconded it)

Motion: To create a book series that highlights the perspectives of the arts in education across Canada and allow Bernie to have access to the ARTS listserve to start the call for this publication.

*Discussion: It would be peer-reviewed
-Question for clarification: Bernie would prefer the topic to be arts education
-Rita asked the relationship for introducing this discussion to this group and suggested that rather than sending it to our listserve maybe there are others who would like to be involved (and widen the reach of those who may be involved)
-Sean asked what kind of work might be included in this kind of a publication
-We discussed that Bernie needs permission to use the listserve and thus the reason for this conversation
-Rita also mentioned Leora Bresler and ABER both have book series related to arts and education.

VOTE: Passed.

3. <u>Reports</u>
   a) Awards Chair
   *See report presented by Sean as awards chair and president
   MOTION: To accept the report as read (First: Lynn) (Seconded: Sean) Passed

   b) Program Chair
      *report submitted as a part of minutes at the end of the document
      *report was read by Mindy but not voted on for acceptance

   c) President and/or Vice President
      *included in two previous reports

4. <u>Publication Award Presentation:</u>

*George Belliveau is the winner of this award this year
*Reviewer comments were given
*Award accepted by Peter G.

5. <u>Graduate Award Presentation</u>

   *Masters Award-Allison (not in attendance)

*Our awards will also be listed as a part of the CACS night of Creative Works at Café Nostalgia this year

*PhD award-(OISE) Anne Wessels accepted her award and gave a presentation about her research

6. New Business

   None at this time

7. Election of Members at large

   *Nane Jordan and Marni Binder nominated as Members at large
   *Mindy nominated Peter G. and the nomination was accepted (he also agreed to help with the Program Chair work)

   *nominations are closed and the three people are acclaimed

   NOTE: Since Peter G.'s acceptance he has asked to withdraw from the Member at Large role. Mindy approached Amelie (who attended this meeting and who is a grad. Student at McGill to take on this position in order to build the graduate student voice into our SIG as mentioned at this meeting. Amelie accepted and agreed to help with next year's program).

   Thank-you for attending! Enjoy the conference and remember that the ARTS dinner is at the Albion Room at 6:00pm (near the Novatel) tomorrow night.