Notes from **ARTS AGM** – Saturday May 26, 2007 (AGM chaired and notes taken by Diane Conrad)

Item #2

Present: Marni Binder, Sheila Scott, Kathy Browning, Marcia Braundy, Monica Predergast, Peter A. Vietgen, Diane Conrad

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Item #4

1. ARTS program chair report

We had 28 proposals submitted to ARTS this year. The proposals were sent out for review by 3 reviewers each. All proposals were accepted.

ARTS was allotted 9 sessions in total. One was for the ARTS AGM and awards presentation. The other sessions included:

1 Symposium: Performing Our Way Through the Art and Complexity of Teaching and Collaboration

7 Multi-paper Sessions: (of three or four papers each) Art as Pedagogical and Spiritual Inquiry, Diverse Contributions of Drama and Theatre Education, Music Education and Community in and Beyond the Classroom, Exploring Dimensions of Teaching and Learning in the Arts, Imagining (Bright) Futures for Arts Education, Revealing the Social Faces of Art as Research, and Emerging Spaces for Arts & Technology 4 Round Tables

The space provided for the ARTS sessions was very appropriate and all sessions were well attended with 10-30 attendees at each.

- 2. It was suggested that for next year we might consider clustering ARTS sessions over two days rather than having them spread out throughout the conference.
- 3. It was suggested that for next year we organize a session for graduate students to present their "works in progress" perhaps short 5 min. presentations, perhaps have grad students and their supervisors present together, perhaps have someone well known like Rita Irwin chair the session to draw interest

Item #5

A. Unfortunately the recipient of this year's ARTS Graduate Research Award Pauline Sameshima could not be present for the AGM, but the award was presented at the CACS Celebration of Creative and Scholarly work. There was no certificate or cheque available at the conference to award to Pauline. Will these be coordinated and sent to her by the ARTS president?

B. Thanks Anita for attending to this. One of the reviewers for the award who was present for the AGM agreed that the criteria needed to be reviewed.

Item #6

There is interest in planning a pre-conference for next year. Several suggestions were offered:

- 1. Start with a ½ day pre-conference session.
- 2. Something on integrated arts that would result in presentation later in the conference.
- 3. As the conference is being held at UBC next year and there's a good arts contingent there, we should be able to elicit volunteers from UBC.
- 4. Perhaps a hands-on workshop type session, but also provide an opportunity to share our research with one another. There is an interest to know better what everyone else is doing.
- 5. Network to establish some opportunities for collaborative research.

Item #7

- 1. It was announced that a new Vice-President would be sought next year.
- 2. There were some inquiries about other ARTS executive positions. What are the other executive positions? When will other positions be open for re-election?
- 3. Do we have a treasurer? Due to difficulties with difficulties in facilitating communication between other CACS executive and the treasurer, CACS is considering having its budget managed by CSSE, in which case it might be appropriate for CSSE to manage the ARTS budget too. I trust we'll be hearing more about this from CACS in the coming year.

Item #8

- 1. It was requested that the ARTS website be updated and maintained and that we establish a listserve to facilitate ongoing communication.
- 2. It was suggested that links to other websites and listserves of interest be posted on the ARTS website including the Performantive Social Sciences listserve, Carolyn Ellis's Autoethnography listserve, and a link to the ABER website.
- 3. It was suggested that ARTS pursue the possibility of becoming an association of CSSE rather than a SIG of CACS. As an association ARTS could serve a wider community of arts educators and researchers beyond CACS members alone. There were many arts-based sessions this year throughout the program from amongst many different associations. As an executive member of CACS, Diane Conrad raised this question with the CACS executive. The current CACS president Ingrid Johnston will make inquiries.

Item #9 – Meeting adjourned after 1 hour.