

## President's Report, 2016

Thank you to Amélie Lemieux and Mitch McLarnon for their organization of a fabulous pre conference. Thank you to Mindy Carter for all that she has brought to the VP and program chair role. Mindy is wonderful to work with and she is certain to continue to grow our organization in important ways over the next few years. Thank you to Nané Jordan for being co-chair of the program. Hers was a vital role this year, as it is clear from experience that coordinating the peer review and construction of our ARTS program is a huge task. Thank you to Marni Binder for chairing the publication award. As always, Marni is the consummate organizer and team player. She adjudicated the awards with John Guiney Yallop and George Belliveau. Thank you to the three of them for the important task of selecting a winner for the publications award. Thank you to Diane Conrad, Pamela Richardson, and Heather McLeod for adjudicating the graduate awards. Thank you to Pauline Sameshima for her ongoing work on our website. If the website has ever been out of date it's because I've not given files and documents to Pauline in time. I'd also like to thank John Guiney Yallop for his work as past president. John has been an important source of wisdom over the last few years.

A few observations from 2015-2016:

1. As we continue to expand our organizational structure, there is a need to continue to add positions. For the incoming executive team, there is some need to have a treasurer, two VP positions, a social media/website position, a communications position, and a pre-conference chair position.
2. Regarding the above, my feeling is that we do have a wonderful sense of volunteerism that makes our SIG strong.
3. New journal: *Art/Research International*. Editors: Diane Conrad and Patricia Leavy. The first issue coming out soon.
4. Bernie Andrews call for chapters will be sent out via the listserv soon.

Looking forward

1. It would be nice to increase our membership.
2. It would be nice to strengthen our ties with CACS.
3. It would be a good idea to survey our membership to get a better sense of needs and ideas moving forward.
4. We have a strong bank balance and we might look forward to ways of utilizing this money to serve the membership.

It has been a pleasure to serve in the role of president the last two years.

Sincerely,

Sean Wiebe