



2016 President's Report | *Rapport du président 2016*

It has been my very great privilege to serve the members as the President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHE) 2014-2016. As I reflect on my term of office, I realise what an incredible experience it has been to work with such an amazing and dedicated team of professionals on the Board of Directors. Our work has been guided for the society's mission. As a Board we undertake a yearly review of our goals and accomplishments, and I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in the support of higher education research and scholarship in Canada.

A few highlights:

1. By-Law No. 1.

- ✓ Undertook an extensive review of our By-laws resulting in By-Law No. 1 meeting the requirements of the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

2. Interdisciplinary and Inter-institutional Outreach, Relationship Building and CSSHE Higher Education Community Presence

- ✓ Reaffirmed our relationship with CSSE
- ✓ Formalized a reciprocal relationship with CASAE
- ✓ Continued the reciprocal arrangement with the Canadian Sociological Association
- ✓ Maintained friendly and supportive relationships with CHERD and COHERE
- ✓ Fostered the relationship with the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.
- ✓ Increased our presence through attendance at higher education research and scholarship events including the OISE/UT/MTCU/HEQCO Symposia, HEQCO learning Outcomes webinars, and OISE's Annual Worldviews Lecture 2016.
- ✓ Attended the Georgian College/OISE College-University Partnership Symposium in May 2016
- ✓ Participated in Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences activities through attendance at the opening of Congress meetings, Annual General Meeting of Members, member surveys and elections.

3. Recognition of Excellence in Research and Scholarship

- ✓ George L. Geis Dissertation Award
- ✓ The Sheffield Award –CJHE
- ✓ The Research and Scholarship Award
- ✓ The Distinguished Member Award
- ✓ The Masters Award (no award 2016)

4. 21C Technology

- ✓ Informative Website with links and resources
- ✓ Use of the Open Conference System (OCS) for submission of proposals, peer review and paper repository
- ✓ Guide 'App' for accessing the Conference program on demand at fingertip level
- ✓ Twitter



5. Conference 2016

- ✓ Better than ever Graduate Student Preconference!
- ✓ Symposia, Paper sessions, Affinity Group Meetings, Ignite Sessions, community engagement and more....

6. Increased opportunities for member participation

- ✓ Member volunteers participate in the peer review process through the Affinity Group Tracks
- ✓ Service on Award Committees
- ✓ Involvement during the annual conference and graduate student preconference

7. Fostering Scholarship and Community through Affinity Groups

- ✓ Governance and Leadership
- ✓ Blended and Online Teaching and Learning
- ✓ International
- ✓ Community Engagement
- ✓ Student Services
- ✓ Teaching and Learning (potential)
- ✓ Colleges, Polytechnics and Institutes (potential)

8. Board Development and Visioning for 2020

- ✓ Continuing process – amazing things to come!

I have had the privilege of working with an amazing team. I would like to acknowledge the volunteerism, professionalism, service, dedication and commitment of the CSSHE Board of Directors for 2015-2016:

Rob Shea, Vice President	Lori Wallace, Treasurer	Margo Baptista, Secretary
Michelle Nilson, Program Chair	Kathleen Moore, Program Co-Chair	Michelle Pidgeon, Editor, CJHE
Alex Beaupre-Lavalee, Director	Rhonda Friesen, Director,	Chad Nuttal, Director
Cheryl Jeffs, Director	And thanks to Tim Howard, Director of Administration, CSSHE Secretariat	

Thanks and recognition are also extended to our many volunteers and participants including the Affinity Group Liaisons, Peer reviewers, Presenters, Session Chairs, Panel Participants, our Keynote speaker, and Tweeters!

Finally, a special thank you to our retiring directors and a special welcome to our incoming directors.

Anne Charles, CSSHE President, 2014-2016