



2017 President's Report | *Rapport du président 2017*

It has been my privilege to end the academic year serving once again as the President for the society. Dr. Rob Shea, President 2016-2017 stepped down for personal reasons in March 2017. On behalf of the society, I would like to thank Rob for his service.

I am sure you can appreciate that we had a few hiccups in the transition – Rob is hard to replace - but the incredible team of directors of CSSHE pulled together, and we have ended the year very successfully. I would like the members to know that the work behind the scenes takes an incredible amount of time. Your directors are a team of busy, dedicated professionals, committed to higher education in Canada. They share their knowledge and expertise, spend many hours participating in the work of the society, sub-committees, awards adjudication committees, and in the peer review process for the conference. I am always so amazed that so very busy people are willing to put up their hands to take on additional tasks. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank you for your service.

My thanks also to Tim Howard, Director of Administration, CSSHE Secretariat; Dr. Michelle Pidgeon, Editor, CJHE; and, the unnamed members who served on the awards' adjudicating committees - I would like you to know that the time spent and careful deliberation you gave to reviewing the nominations and supporting materials made a difference. To all the researchers, scholars, and practitioners presenting and participating in the conference, and our 2017 Keynote speaker - Dr Nathan Hall, Thank you. I would particularly like to acknowledge Dr. Tamara Leary, the 2017 Program Chair for our conference here at Ryerson. Without Tamara's energy, hard work, and attention to detail, this conference would not have come together. She grasped the reins of the conference planning with two hands – Thank you Tamara!

As always, the work of the society has been guided by our mission. As a Board we undertake a yearly review of our goals and accomplishments, and make plans for the coming years. Again, I am pleased to report that we have made good progress in the support of higher education research and scholarship in Canada. A few highlights:

- ✓ Conference 2017 with increased number of presentations
- ✓ A full day Graduate Student Preconference partnering with the Canadian Committee of Graduate Students in Education (CCGSE/CCÉDÉ)
- ✓ Continued formalized relationships with the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE), and the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
- ✓ Increased dialogue with other professional associations, through networking via directors and members
- ✓ Participated in the 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
- ✓ Continued use of technology: the CSSHE website includes links to resources; Twitter; Open Conference System (OCS) for submission of proposals, peer review and papers



- ✓ Increased opportunities for members to participate in their areas of expertise through peer review, via conference tracks, and service on committees
- ✓ Facilitated networking, knowledge sharing and collaboration through the Affinity Groups
 - ✓ Governance and Leadership
 - ✓ Blended and Online Teaching and Learning
 - ✓ International
 - ✓ Community Engagement
 - ✓ Student Services
 - ✓ Colleges, Polytechnics and Institutes (new for 2016-2017)
- ✓ Recognition of Excellence in Research and Scholarship through our awards. This year we have conferred:
 - ✓ The George L. Geis Dissertation Award
 - ✓ The Sheffield Award –CJHE
 - ✓ The Masters Award

The Board of Directors continues to develop the strategic plan and visioning for the society towards 2020 and beyond. We invite members to share their thoughts and ideas; please volunteer and get involved.

Anne Charles
CSSHE President,

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