

CES-NCC Annual General Meeting (Virtual)

October 20th, 2020 - 12:00 to 2:00pm

12:00 – 12:05 – Attendees were admitted from the waiting room. The assembly reached quorum (52 attendees)

12:05 – 12:10 – Territorial acknowledgement and housekeeping notes on flow of the virtual AGM, availability of documentation and bilingualism by CES-NCC Board Member Marie-Philippe Lemoine (President of Assembly)

12:10 -12:20 – Welcoming remarks by CES-NCC President Emily Brennan.

- Presentation of the agenda
- Roll call of Board of Directors: Board members introduced themselves, indicated their pronouns, their role on the board, their current professional/student positions and a fun fact about themselves. Emily noted that CES-NCC has one vacant student position on the board and invited interested members to reach out.

12.20 – 12.30 – President's Report (delivered by Emily Brennan)

- 2019-2020 activities were presented by portfolio, using an abbreviated and updated version of the annual report on activities circulated to members prior to the AGM.
- Membership and Partnership Portfolio (leads: Wayne Macdonald and John Burrett)
 - Membership/partnership strategy developed based on membership scan
 - 64 members identified as “Key connectors” were engaged on membership
 - Breakfast session on *Who We Are, What We Expect and How We Connect*.
 - Signed Partnership agreement with PPX – Steven Montague is now PPX ex-officio member of the CES-NCC Board.
- Networking
 - Activities held: 3 breakfast sessions, workshop on preparing C2020 proposals, Holiday networking
 - Preparations began for a Hackathon, but this was postponed due to the pandemic
- Professional development
 - Two live ESS Sessions each with 20 participants, and one online pilot co-organized in French with SQEP.
 - Third ESS was postponed and is now being held online.
 - No ALE 2020 was planned given C2020 was to take place in Ottawa. There will be no ALE2021 due to the virtual C2021.
- CES National Conference
 - CES-NCC remains the host chapter
 - CES-NCC members (including board members) are involved in organising the conference

- Emily thanked all volunteers who support the chapter and presented certificates of thanks to Julie Witmer (former VP networking and ALE Chair) and Wayne MacDonald (former Membership lead and ALE chair), whose terms ended this year.

MOTIONS: Two motions were adopted to approve the 2018-2019 (outstanding from last AGM due to lack of quorum) and 2019-2020 Report on Chapter Activities. The motions were adopted with a few abstentions recorded through Zoom, and no votes against.

12.30 – 12.40 Treasurer’s Report (delivered by CES-NCC Treasurer Stephen Kester)

- Statement of Operations (2018-2019)
 - The Chapter has registered deficits over the last 5 years, spending down a surplus from the last CES Conference held in Ottawa - which CES-NCC cannot retain as a non-profit.
 - CES-NCC had less income in 2019-20 due to ALE not occurring, but also had fewer expenses. Net assets continued to decline in 2019-2020, again to lower that surplus.
 - The 2019-20 Financial Statements were just approved by the board, will be translated and posted to the CES-NCC website soon.
 - 2019-2020 was the last fiscal year with our current auditor. A new auditor will be selected.

MOTIONS: Two motions were adopted to approve the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements and treasurer’s report (outstanding from last AGM due to lack of quorum) and 2019-2020 Treasurer’s Report. The motions were adopted with 13% of abstentions recorded through Zoom, and no votes against.

12.40 – 12.50 Karl Boudreault Award

- Emily Brennan officially presented the 2020 Karl Boudreault Award to Yves Gingras, Head of Evaluation at ESDC and long-time contributor to the evaluation community in the National Capital Region.
- Glenn Purves, Assistant Secretary of the Expenditure Management Sector and sponsor of the evaluation community in the federal government, introduced and congratulated Yves.
- Yves made remarks, thanking Emily, Glenn, and the CES-NCC for the award. Yves emphasised his vision for evaluation based on assessing what works and for whom, with an emphasis on usefulness. Yves noted that evaluation plays, now more than ever, an important role in accountability and helping decision makers understand what is effective and why.

12.50 – 1pm Upcoming Activities and Closing of the AGM

- A survey of membership has been launched to help the chapter identify the current needs of members
- The new webinar series will begin on November 12 with Yves Gingras’s webinar on The Impact of Active Labour Market Interventions on the Unemployed in Canada. Members interested in delivering webinars were invited to submit a proposal through an online form.

- Networking: Virtual Holiday Networking Event to be announced. Networking activities will occur before and during the C2021 Conference, and a series of workshops will be launched to help members looking to complete their CE designation application.
- Partnership: a joint PPX-CES event is scheduled for November 25 (communications to come) and engagement is ongoing with federal department and universities.
- Communications: members were reminded about the Monthly newsletter and chapter e-bulletin, social media, and information on the website.

The AGM was followed by a talk delivered by Ashraful Hasan and Steve Montague on *Evaluation in the Era of COVID-19*, which led to very interesting exchanges with attendees.