

CES-NCC Annual General Meeting (Virtual)

October 28th, 2021 - 12:00 to 2:00pm

12:00 – 12:05 – Attendees were admitted from the waiting room. The assembly reached did not reach quorum. 48 attendees were required for quorum; 45 attendees joined, though not all were present for the entire meeting.

12.00 – 12.05 – Territorial acknowledgement and housekeeping notes on flow of the virtual AGM, availability of documentation and bilingualism by CES-NCC Board Member (Emily Brennan)

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 position.

12.05 – 12.15 – President's Report (delivered by Emily Brennan)

- 2020-2021 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
- Networking
- Professional development
- CES National Conference
 - Members made some suggestions or remarks related to the CES National Conference:
 - To reinvest C2021 funds to subsidize the development of an E-Institute course tailored to the needs and wants of CES-NCC membership, and to negotiate a 50-50 split of revenues from course sales with CES National.
 - To organize a reflection sessions based on the extremely rich C2021 sessions.
- Emily thanked all volunteers who support the chapter.

12.15 – 12.20 Karl Boudreault Award

- Emily Brennan officially presented the 2020 Karl Boudreault Award to Dr. Jane Whynot, Partner at Goss Gilroy Inc. and long-time contributor to the evaluation community in the National Capital Region.
- Steve Montague and Robert Shepherd introduced Jane Whynot.
- Jane thanked members for nominating her for the award.

12.20 – 12.30 Review of proposed motions.

- While quorum was not reached, Emily presented the motions and opened the floor for discussion. The motions below were put forward by the President.
 1. Accept President's 2020-21 report

2. Modify Article VI, section 1 to the following: *Regular Elections of Directors shall be held in May of each fiscal year. The Board of Directors may delay Regular Elections once, for 20 days, in the event that an insufficient number of nominations are submitted to fill vacancies. Terms of office cover the period between July 1st and June 30th. Directors are elected for a three (3) year term and one-third of the Directors shall stand for election every year.*
 3. Add the following clause to the end of Article VI: *In the event that the Board of Directors has vacant voting positions and that there are no alternates from previous elections willing to fill remaining vacancies, the Board of Directors may hold by-elections. The term of Directors elected through by-elections shall extend until the next Regular Elections. An electronic notice shall be sent to all members to inform them of the upcoming by-elections and the nomination process, at least 30 days before the by-election. Nominations and elections will follow the procedure set out as per Articles 4 to 11.*
 4. Modify Article XII, section 2 to the following: *A quorum of the Board of Directors is four members.*
- Several suggestions were made:
 - For motion 2: To reconsider wording to determine whether prior nominations for Board positions should take precedence over an extended election period or not.
 - For motion 3: To specify quorum as a percentage of filled board member positions as opposed to an absolute number. A minimum threshold could be specified.

12.35 – 12.45 Treasurer's Report (delivered by CES-NCC Treasurer Stephen Kester)

- Statement of Operations (2020-2021)
- Members had some questions/remarks:
 - The costs of website administration appear high.
 - A suggestion was made to consider the National IT project. An offer will be made by National to implement chapter websites in the new infrastructure.
- The motion to approve the 2020-21 Treasurer's report was not held due to quorum not being reached.

12.45 – 2pm The AGM was followed by a talk delivered by Dr. Robert Shepherd (Carleton University) and Dr. Evert Lindquist (University of Victoria) on federal evaluation in a post-COVID era.