



ISA-CANADA REGION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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FULL REPORT

Business Meeting (followed with a reception), ISA Convention

Wednesday February 22 at 6:30 pm, Holiday 2 at the Hilton Baltimore.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to welcome all of our members to the ISA in Baltimore. I would like to thank the members of the ISA Canada executive committee, especially Chris Leite our Secretary/Treasurer, who is continuing on the Executive Committee. Our current VP, Russell Williams will not be continuing on the executive committee (or moving into the position of president) as per normal practice. I thank him for his service. I am pleased to welcome Veronica Kitchen (Waterloo) as President Elect, Chris Hendershot (York) as Vice-president Elect, and Nicole Wegner (Saskatchewan) as Program Co-chair.

ISA CANADA'S REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Our regional conference of 2016 at the University of Calgary was a big success. We had the pleasure of welcoming Mark Boyer to Calgary to give a keynote address. Russell Williams from the Department of Political Science at Memorial University and Rob Aiken from the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta put together an outstanding program of 20 panels. I wholeheartedly thank them for their hard work.

In December of 2016, I met with the board of the CPSA to discuss the activities of ISA Canada and the ISA-Canada – CPSA relationship. We are working together to improve the smooth functioning of our regional conference, which is part of the CPSA Annual Meeting.

Our upcoming regional conference in Toronto at Ryerson University has an excellent program scheduled. There were approximately 80 submissions and 25 panel and roundtable sessions are scheduled. In addition, alongside the regular program there is a planned workshop on Feminist

IR Scholarship in Canada. I am grateful to our program co-chairs, Chris Hendershot from York University and Maya Eichler, Canada Research Chair in Social Innovation and Community Engagement, and Assistant Professor in Political Studies and Women's Studies at Mount Saint Vincent University. They have put together an outstanding program and I thank them for their dedicated hard work.

As part of our regional conference, our professional development co-chairs, Heather Smith and Marshall Beier have put together a fantastic series of sessions related to teaching, research, and writing. I am pleased to report that these sessions will be cross-listed with Teaching and Professional Practice section of the Canadian Political Science Association annual conference which we anticipate will only increase

our visibility and contribution to supporting professional development among internationally-minded scholars.

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

I am pleased to report that there were 21 abstract submissions for the 2017 ISA-Canada Graduate Student Paper Prize. This number is substantially higher than in some previous years. The jury will be reviewing the full paper submissions in late January and the winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

Sandra Whitworth, ISA-Canada's Distinguished Scholar for 2016/17 has organized an excellent Panel for Emerging Scholars on the theme of Art, Music, Poetry, and Politics. As part of the ISA annual meeting in Baltimore, the panel takes place on Wednesday February 22 at 4 pm.

SPONSORSHIP

I would like to thank the following sponsors for their financial contributions to ISA-Canada: Balsillie School of International Affairs; the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University; The Department of Political Science at Saint Mary's University; International Journal, Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis; The Department of Political Science, King's University College; and the Department of Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. In total, we raised \$1750.00 CAD.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Account Balance:

ISA-Canada's current balance (as of 31 October 2016) is \$ \$7,022.97. This balance is healthy, although we absolutely require sponsorship to maintain this healthy balance through to yearend.

Revenue Sources:

The annual ISA-C regional membership dues (range \$per year), as we receive \$5 for every ISA member with a Canadian address. These dues arrive month by month, and are deposited in the ISA-C account under the auspices of ISA. We also receive a portion of ISA conference registration fees.

Sponsorship arrangements for ISA and ISA-Canada Regional conferences amounts vary from conference to conference. We have not received very much sponsorship support yet, meaning we will need to step-up sponsorship solicitation efforts.

Expenses:

- PCMA Insurance (\$), which all ISA regions must pay on an annual basis.
- 2016 Student paper prize (\$)
- Receptions held at ISA and ISA-Canada Regional conferences (Atlanta and University of Alberta)

Upcoming expenses in 2017:

- Receptions to be held at ISA Annual Convention and ISA-Canada Regional conferences (Baltimore and Ryerson University)
- 2017 Student paper prize (\$)