

**CSTM/SCTM 2023 Annual General Meeting  
MINUTES**

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023 (12:30–2:00 pm EST, Quebec City/Zoom)

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**Chaired by:** Julia Byl, President

**Minutes taken by:** Monique Giroux, Acting Secretary

**Attendees:** Julia Byl, Monique Giroux, Behrang Nikaeen, Sam Cronk, Oluwaseun Soneye, David Warren, Karen Cyrus, Kaley Mason, Hamidreza Salehyar, Beverley Diamond, Niyati Dhokai, Rebecca Draisey-Collishaw, Jacob Danson Faraday, Nasim Ahmadian, Jonathan Dueck, Anna Hoefnagels, Marcia Ostashewski, Meghan, Sandria, Ellen Waterman (24), Gale Franklin, Edwin Mansook, Veronique Audet, Peter Toner

**Regrets:** Gordon Smith, Jeff Van Den Scott, John Leeders

- I. Call to order (Time: EST, 12:37)
- II. Welcome / Bienvenu (Julia Byl)
- III. Approval of Agenda / L'Ordre du jour

Motion to approve the agenda (Meghan/ Marcia)

Julia notes that we have quorum (with online attendees counted) and that people must be a member for their presence to count towards quorum.

- IV. Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM / Approbation du compte-rendu 2020

Julia notes that the minutes are from the 2021 AGM because there was no AGM in 2022. The schedule got changed due in part to COVID and other scheduling issues, with a Fall meeting in 2021, followed by this spring meeting. The next meeting should be Spring 2024.

Motion to approve 2021 AGM Minutes (Meghan / Marcia)

- V. Expressions of Thanks / Remerciements

Julia thanks the conference organizers Sandria Bouliane, Sara Martelo, and Angelina Lynn Davy, at the University of Laval. She also acknowledges that challenges the strike posed for organization of the conference and recognize the benefits we all gain through the collective action of groups like the Laval Faculty. Julia thanks everyone involved.

Julia extends her thanks to outgoing board members Sherry Johnson, Ellen Waterman, Jacob Danson-Faraday, Allison Sokil, Daniel Stadnicki, and Monique Giroux. All have served two terms.

Outgoing executive members are Jeff Van Den Scott, Heidi Chan, and Jeanette Gallant. Julia extends her thanks for their hard work. Heidi has worked as membership secretary for many years, and has worked tirelessly to keep up records, and to complete an inventory a couple years ago. She did so much work behind of the scenes. Marcia adds that the position doesn't need to be that much work, especially because Heidi did so much work setting up everything needed for the next membership secretary.

Jeff Van Den Scott was treasurer for many years. Julia notes that he has done such a good job, completing tasks behind the scenes and keeping the Society running smoothly.

Jeanette Gallant was secretary for about a year and took time out of her busy practice to do this work, as a practicing musician.

Julia notes that there will be a formal election in about 6 weeks for these positions. The COVID glitch has meant that the positions are extended about 6 months because of the Fall to Spring switch.

## VI. Reports / Rapports

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (as submitted and circulated via email to the listserv on May 18 and 19)

### **a) President / Président – Julia Byl**

Tomorrow, there will be a virtual house concert, in house in the St. Lawrence. The house concert series first took place at the 2021 Conference. This year the performers are two acts from the Quebec traditional music scene, namely Jacques Michel and Liette Ramon and Louis-Simon Lemieux. Will be able to stream it online. We are planning another virtual house concert to coincide with the SEM meeting.

Plans for SEM: on Saturday night there will be an evening slot for a social gathering. We have spoken about this as a way to engage with colleagues in many different places. Could help build collaborations and allow the Francophone connection to be built more strongly. The House Concert will happen a few weeks before. It will be recorded, and it will play during the larger social event. House concerts: great to put in SSHRC grants because it is a concert with national or international reach. There may be way to do matching funds as well.

Future conference planning: there is unofficial consensus to move between in person and virtual. It is difficult for everyone to get everywhere each year. The virtual conference allows us to connect with people from around the world. This alternating schedule would address issues of access, in person engagement, and sustainability.

Marcia also mentions the need for connection with ICTM. ICTM meets every two years as a national conference. There's nothing saying that we couldn't do something related to ICTM. There's also study group meetings, on the off years. CTSM could have a meeting in conjunction with one of those. The first time Marcia did that, there were double the number of people

attending (CSTM's conference). There were international attendees. Julia also notes that ICTM allows us to move outside of that 'juggernaut' of Anglophone research.

Monique suggests that there might be a future conference around the founding of the CSTM: Does something line up around the 70th anniversary of the first meeting of CSTM (2027)? We could do something out west and also address our legacy (which includes connections to Métis- and Cree-focused research, and archiving/collecting). Marcia points out ICTM could also be part of it.

**b) Treasurer / Trésorier – Jeffrey van den Scott**

**c) Membership Secretary – Heidi Chan**

This report will be distributed at a later date.

**d) *MUSICultures* – Gordon Smith**

## VII. Elections / Élections

Positions to be filled (names listed are people interested, ask if there are other nominees):

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- President Elect
- Student Representative
- Membership Secretary
- Communications

We are going to adjourn the election. Julia suggests that we meet in 4 – 6 weeks to allow us to solicit names from the general membership. We often tend to find people who would be willing to do the work. However, we want to ensure transparency in the process and make positions open anyone who wish to do this work. People can make nominations now (no nominations), or via email in the coming days.

Julia asks if there are questions: no questions.

Julia lists the incoming Board Members: Sam Cronk, Karen Cyrus, Oluwaseun Soneye, Michael Frishkopf. There are also a number of directors who are being renewed for a second 2-year term. These are Hamidreza Salehyar, Niyati Dhokai, Sandria Bouliane, and Meghan Forsyth

## VIII. Open Issues

### 1. Bylaws

In our discussion about issues around the election, we realized that we may need to make some amendments to our bylaws. Specifically, we need to add a communications liaison and membership liaison. These would likely not be executive positions: they would be brought into executive meetings as resource people when needed. Changes to the bylaws need to go out 28

days in advance. There is also some language (specifically ableists language) that needs to change. Marcia notes that it might be useful to have these initiatives, and also align them with the calls to action. There was a lot of feedback during the Call to Action work, from people who found the initiative meaningful, but who didn't necessarily speak out publicly. We can continue this important work through amendments to bylaws.

Other issues: Julia mentions affiliation between Sound Communities and Folkways. Two grants have been received for this work, with another grant in the works. There are two events happening related to this initiative, including one today, later in the CSTM meeting. There will be another at SEM. And ICTM will involve a networking, connecting event. We want to encourage people to get involved as researchers, performers, etc. This project is a returning a bit to the Folkways approach, and to collecting sound, wherever it is, with rigorous notes. Meghan has an IDG grant around Chiticamp, out of which we anticipate an album.

There is a round of introductions, which includes some new members.

## IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn pending balance of the meeting to be announced by the board (moved by David, no seconder needed)

Meeting adjourned (Time: 1:25pm EST)