

**York Centre for Asian Research**  
2017 Annual General Meeting  
27 April 2017 | 519 Kaneff Tower | York University

In attendance: Patrick Alcedo, Preet Aulakh, Shahab Bayani, Elena Caprioni, Kenneth Cardenas, Soma Chatterjee, Rudhramoorthy Cheran, Raju Das, Nivedita Das Kundu, Conely de Leon, Alex Felipe, Alicia Filipowich, Joshua Fogel, B. Michael Frolic, Zhipeng Gao, Pietro Giordano, Laam Hae, Susan Henders, Jolin Joseph, Joan Judge, Hong Kal, Philip Kelly, Nazilla Khanlou, Abidin Kusno, Jessica Li, Kay Li, B. Lynne Milgram, Jean Michel Montsion, Judith Nagata, Julie Nguyen +1, Shobna Nijhawan, Hyun Ok Park, Arianto Sangadji, Laura Schoenberger, Ritika Shrimali, Michael Stainton, Ethel Tungohan, Alicia Turner, Wendy Wong, Xueqing Xu, Qiang Zha

P. Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Round of introductions

P. Kelly told those in attendance that the Annual General Meeting has four goals: receive reports on activities that have taken place throughout the year; review and approve budgets and draft statements of operations; review and approve any constitutional changes and nominations for new members of the Executive Committee; and review plans of the Centre and its Associates for the coming year.

**Approval of Agenda for 27 April 2017**

Motion to accept the Agenda for 27 April 2017 moved by S. Henders and seconded by J. Fogel. No further discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions.

**Approval of Minutes from 27 April 2016**

Motion to accept the Minutes of the 27 April 2016 meeting was moved by JM Montsion and second by A. Turner. No further discussion or objections. 12 in favour, none opposed, the remaining abstain.

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**Report on Key Accomplishments for 2016.2017**

P. Kelly reviewed the Centre and its Associates' key accomplishments and activities for the past year. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee and staff for their work over the past year. S. Nijhawan, L. Hae, L. Schoenberger, H. Kal, R. Cheran and Sangadji spoke about their lecture series and workshops. B. Frolic spoke about the Asian Business and Management Program's year in review.

**Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies**

Coordinator L. Hae discussed the content of the core course and the option for a larger course in future years, given the growing success of the course. Discussion on options and restrictions as well as options for including an event-participation requirement.

**Knowledge Mobilization**

P. Kelly updated the membership on the Centre's knowledge mobilization efforts, including web site, social media and publications.

**Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS)**

P. Kelly told the membership about the upcoming October 2017 conference that YCAR is supporting at York. A Post-CASA (Canadian Asian Studies Association) summit will be held concurrently to discuss the future institutionalization in Asian Studies in Canada.

### **Canadian Asian Studies Association**

The association has been dissolved and there are various discussions in Canadian universities about its revival or forming a similar organization. J. Fogel talked to the Association of Asian Studies, based in the United States, about possible affiliation with their organization. This discussion will continue in the coming year and he will report back as needed. YCAR agreed to accept the remaining CASA funds, which will be used towards CCSEAS activities as well as for the CCK Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Chinese Studies, 2017-2018.

### **Finances**

P. Kelly introduced the 2016.2017 statements of operations and the proposed 2017.2018 budgets. Motion to approve the budgets for 2017.2018 and accept the draft statements of operation as tabled for 2016.2017 (with noted correction) moved by S. Henders and seconded by JM Montsion. No further discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions.

### **Nomination of new members to the YCAR Executive Committee**

P. Kelly explained the rationale for the selection of nominees for the committee. He introduced the nominees. R. Patrick Alcedo (Dance) and Ranu Basu (Geography) have agreed to have their names put forward for nomination.

Motion to approve the nominations to the YCAR Executive Committee for a term of three years was moved by P. Giordan and seconded by Joan Judge. No further discussion or objections. One abstention, none opposed.

P. Kelly told the AGM that S. Nijhawan agreed to serve as the Executive Committee's new Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics representative. Laam Hae (Political Science) will continue as YCAR Associate Director and GDAS Coordinator. She will also teach the core course.

### **2017.2018 Activities**

As the meeting was running over time, P. Kelly briefly reviewed the Centre and the Associates' plans for the coming year. More details available here: <http://ycar.apps01.yorku.ca/agm2017slides/>

### **The Next Five Years**

This was an opportunity for the membership to broach topics that they would like the incoming director to address. Suggested priorities and discussion on the hiring of Asian scholars, especially in circumstances where an Asian scholar has retired; continued YCAR support for CLA and student researchers; continue working with the external community; leveraging opportunities with the Chiang Ching Kuo foundation; better reach out to the policy community, candling setting priorities in this area; increased links with different levels of government.

### **Other Business**

No other business

Motion to close the meeting moved by A. Turner and seconded by S. Henders. No discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed. No abstentions.