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EDITOR'S NOTE

I am very pleased to be assuming the role of Bulletin Editor, and especially pleased to have had the support and guidance of Richard Weisman in helping to co-edit my first volume. I look forward to working with you all and hope to unveil a more complete redesign of the Bulletin for the fall 2008 edition. Much thanks to Richard for all his hard work these past years and for keeping our association members on top of all the news and events. This edition of the Bulletin includes the President's Report from Debra Parkes, a report from the new Editor of the Journal, Mariana Valverde, the Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon, and a report from joint LSA/CLSA Program Committee Co-Chair, Annie Bunting. Thanks to everyone who responded to the call for announcements and publications, listed at the end of the bulletin, and to Dominique Nanoff for her assistance with translation and copy-editing. Also, please note that our Mid-winter Meeting will be held in Ottawa on January 18 and 19, 2008. Thanks to Dawn Moore for helping to pull it together.

Happy holidays everyone!
Kimberley White

AVANT-PROPOS DU RÉDACTEUR

Je suis très contente d'assumer la responsabilité de rédactrice du Bulletin de l'ACDS, et plus encore d'avoir pu bénéficier du soutien et des conseils de Richard Weisman

pour la préparation de mon premier numéro. Je me réjouis à l'idée de travailler avec vous toutes et tous, et espère pouvoir vous faire découvrir d'ici l'automne 2008 le nouveau format déjà ébauché de notre publication. Un grand merci à Richard pour le travail qu'il a accompli ces dernières années pour présenter le Bulletin aux membres de l'Association et les tenir au fait de tous les événements et nouvelles d'intérêt.

Vous trouverez dans le présent numéro la lettre de la Présidente Debra Parkes, le procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle de Saskatoon, un rapport de Mariana Valverde, nouvelle rédactrice de la Revue Canadienne Droit et Société ainsi que le rapport de Annie Bunting, co-présidente du Comité organisateur du programme. Merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont répondu à notre demande d'annonces de publications et autres annonces qui figurent en fin de Bulletin. Merci également à Dominique Nanoff pour son travail de traduction et de relecture.

Enfin, je vous rappelle que notre conférence de la mi-hiver aura lieu à Ottawa les 18 et 19 janvier 2008. Mes remerciements à Dawn Moore qui a coordonné l'événement.

Joyeuses fêtes à toutes et à tous!

Kimberley White

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Taking on the role of President after Mariana Valverde's term meant I was stepping into some big shoes. Fortunately, we have an amazingly strong board, some great institutional relationships (including those fostered by Mariana and others with the Law & Society Association and the new world consortium of socio-legal associations), and a strong financial base for which we owe much to Bruce Ryder and Ruth Murbach.

It was wonderful to begin my term at the Saskatoon annual meetings in June of this year. I cannot say enough about the great work done by Dwight Newman (Local Arrangements Chair) and Kirsten Kramar (Program Chair) to make those meetings such a success. We were treated to three days of stimulating sessions, including two very timely plenaries commemorating the work of the Law Commission and Court Challenges program. We had a fabulous sold-out banquet at Wanuskewin, a sacred gathering place of the indigenous Northern Plains peoples, featuring a keynote address by leading indigenous legal scholar, Sakej Youngblood Henderson. Finally, the lovely patios of Saskatoon restaurants provided excellent places to meet and catch up with colleagues from across the

country.

Looking ahead to 2008, plans are well underway for our annual meetings which will be held jointly with the Law & Society Association in Montréal. If you have not already done so, mark May 29-June 1, 2008 on your calendar and submit your paper proposal by the deadline of December 12, 2007. See http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am08/call.htm for more details. The theme chosen for the meetings, "Les Territoires du Droit: Placing Law" evocatively points to the many ways that law is rooted in places, from the local to the global.

The Montréal meetings are a truly collaborative affair, with the program committee chaired by our own Annie Bunting and the LSA's Marie Provine. Half of the program committee members are from the CLSA and we are grateful for the contributions of Carl Baar, Mary Condon, Marie-Andrée Jacob, Rebecca Johnson, Michel Coutu, Judy Fudge, and Ron Levi. We are also fortunate to have Rod MacDonald heading up the local arrangements committee, which includes Kim Brooks, Hugo Cyr, David Howse, Richard Lahun, Pierre Noreau, Eric Reiter, and Annie Rochette.

Speaking of law and society activities in Montréal, Ruth Murbach is coming to the end of her term as editor of the Canadian Journal of Law & Society, having served in that role since 1999. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ruth, the editorial board, and the support provided by the Département des sciences juridiques of the Université du Québec à Montréal for everything they have done to further socio-legal scholarship in Canada. In early 2008, the Journal will be moving to its new home in the Department of Law at Carleton University. With Mariana Valverde having agreed to take on the editor role, and Dawn Moore having secured institutional support from the Dean of Public Affairs at Carleton, it looks like the transition will be a smooth one. Well done!

I look forward to gathering with many of you in Ottawa for our Mid-Winter meetings to be held January 25-26, 2008 at Carleton University. Dawn Moore and her colleagues are developing a program that promises to be engaging and well worth the trip to snowy Ottawa (I say that from snowing Winnipeg, of course!).

In more mundane news, we have been working on some administrative matters, including bylaw revisions and applications for federal incorporation and charitable status. The latter will enable us to implement an online membership system. Together with our new, user-friendly website, <http://www.acds->

clsa.org/ (online, but still under construction), these initiatives should allow us to expand our membership base, initiate new projects, and share information more easily.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time with the CLSA, present papers at our meetings, peer-review articles for the Journal, and otherwise promote socio-legal inquiry in Canada. It is a pleasure to work with all of you.

Debra Parkes

LA LETTRE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

L'idée de prendre la relève de Mariana Valverde à la présidence de l'Association était quelque peu intimidante. Par bonheur, nous disposons d'un conseil d'administration solidement constitué, d'excellentes relations institutionnelles (notamment celles que Mariana et d'autres collègues ont nouées avec la Law & Society Association et le nouveau Consortium international des associations de droit et société), et de solides assises financières grâce surtout aux soins de Bruce Ryder et de Ruth Murbach.

C'était un grand plaisir que de commencer mon mandat avec notre rassemblement annuel, en juin dernier à Saskatoon. Je ne saurais louer suffisamment le travail remarquable accompli par Dwight Newman (chargé de la coordination locale) et Kirsten Kramar (présidant le Comité organisateur du programme) pour faire de cette rencontre le magnifique succès qu'elle a été. Ces trois jours ont été emplis de séances stimulantes, parmi lesquelles deux séances plénières venues à point nommé pour commémorer le travail de la Commission du droit et le Programme de contestation judiciaire. Mentionnons aussi le fabuleux banquet – qui a fait salle comble – servi à Wanuskewin, lieu de rencontre sacré des peuples autochtones des Northern Plains, et durant lequel nous avons pu entendre une allocution de Sakej Youngblood Henderson, éminent juriste autochtone. N'oublions pas de mentionner les très agréables terrasses de restaurants à Saskatoon, décor idéal pour renouer avec nos collègues venus de tout le Canada.

En ce qui concerne l'année 2008, l'organisation de notre prochain congrès à Montréal, conjointement à celui de la Law and Society Association (LSA), est bien entamée. Si ce n'est déjà fait, marquez à votre agenda les dates du 29 mai au 1^{er} juin, et veuillez nous envoyer vos propositions de communication, qui doivent être remises avant le 12 décembre 2007. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez consulter la page http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am08/call.htm. Cette année, le thème retenu pour la rencontre est le suivant : « Les Territoires du

Droit : Placing the Law », titre particulièrement évocateur des divers moyens par lesquels le droit est ancré dans des lieux définis, localement comme à l'échelle internationale.

L'organisation du rassemblement de Montréal est un véritable travail de collaboration entre l'ACDS et la LSA, comme en témoigne la composition du comité organisateur co-présidé par notre collègue Annie Bunting et Marie Province, de la LSA.

Le comité du programme se compose aussi pour moitié de membres de l'ACDS; remercions Carl Baar, Mary Condon, Marie-Andrée Jacob, Rebecca Johnson, Michel Coutu, Judy Fudge et Ron Levi de leur contribution. Nous avons aussi le bonheur de pouvoir compter Rod MacDonald à la tête du comité de coordination locale, comité qui se compose également de Kim Brooks, Hugo Cyr, David Howse, Richard Lahun, Pierre Noreau, Eric Reiter et Annie Rochette.

Pour ce qui est des activités socio-juridiques à Montréal, elles sont marquées par la fin du mandat de Ruth Murbach, rédactrice de la Revue Canadienne Droit et Société depuis 1999. J'aimerais saisir cette occasion pour remercier Ruth, ainsi que le comité de rédaction et le Département des sciences juridiques de l'Université du Québec à Montréal de tous leurs efforts pour faire progresser les études socio-juridiques au Canada. Début 2008, le siège de la Revue aménagera dans ses nouveaux locaux à Ottawa, dans le département de droit de la Carlton University. Mariana Verde a accepté de prendre la relève de Ruth Murbach au poste de rédactrice et Dawn Moore s'est assuré le soutien du doyen des affaires publiques à Carlton : la transition devrait donc se faire en douceur. Beau travail!

Je me réjouis de me retrouver avec bon nombre d'entre vous à Ottawa lors de notre conférence de la mi-hiver, qui aura lieu les 25 et 26 janvier 2008 à Carlton. Dawn Moore et ses collègues nous préparent un programme à n'en pas douter stimulant et valant bien un voyage dans une Ottawa enneigée (vu de Winnipeg déjà bien enseveli, il va sans dire!)

Quant aux nouvelles plus rébarbatives, nous nous sommes occupés de certaines questions administratives telles que les révisions aux statuts de l'Association et les demandes auprès du gouvernement fédéral de constitution en personne morale et d'enregistrement à titre d'organisme sans but lucratif. Ce dernier statut nous permettra de mettre en place un système d'adhésion en ligne. Cette initiative, associée à la création de notre nouveau site Web <http://www.acds-clsa.org/> (activé mais encore en chantier) nous permettra d'attirer un plus grand nombre de membres, d'entreprendre de

nouveaux projets et de favoriser les échanges d'information.

Merci à vous qui donnez de votre temps à l'ACDS, présentez des communications lors de nos rencontres, proposez des articles pour la Revue ou promouvez d'une manière ou d'une autre la recherche socio-juridique au Canada. C'est un plaisir que de travailler avec vous toutes et tous.

Debra Parkes

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JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear CLSA friends,

As most of you know, Ruth Murbach is stepping down as journal editor after many years of hard work. We certainly owe her and her department at UQAM eternal gratitude for what they've done.

As most of you will also know, I am taking on the responsibility of being the next editor -- but things are going to be structured differently, since there will now be an editorial 'team' rather than a single editor. The key change along these lines is that there will be a French-language co-editor and a 'managing editor', as well as yours truly as the general editor.

You might wonder why we need a special French-language editor when we have in the past not divided up editing work by language. But the answer is very simple. I do not think that I could adequately handle Francophone manuscripts -- I can read scholarly French well, but I am not knowledgeable about Francophone legal and socio-legal scholarship. Michel Coutu, from the School of Industrial Relations at the Université de Montréal, has agreed to serve as French-language co-editor. I am really pleased about this, since I think that a change in editorship -- and a physical move to Ottawa-- gives us opportunities to publicize the journal in new venues and to reach out to new readers and new potential contributors. I can certainly do some of that in the UK and the US, where I have excellent contacts in numerous universities and journals (and to a lesser extent in Australia); but I would not be able to do a good job in the francophone world. I thus look forward to working with

Michel and with future editorial board members from Francophone departments, and I look forward to knowing more about Francophone socio-legal scholarship.

I firmly believe in a bilingual journal that reflects at least the two official Canadian legal cultures, and ideally, in the future, all of Canada's legal cultures -- and I think a team approach is the best way to meet this objective. I hasten to add what I hope is obvious, which is that the English editor need not be the general editor -- if a few years from now the 'general editor' is francophone then perhaps an english-language co-editor might be appropriate.

I should say that I do not envision the French-English split being absolute. That is, I may well have opinions about French language content, and may make suggestions, and I hope Michel also expresses views about English language content. But in my experience of scholarly work in Canada, a certain linguistic specialization is simply a fact, if only because very few scholarly departments are truly bilingual.

Now to the third (and probably most important) member of the editorial team. The 'managing editor' position will be filled, for the next year and a half, by Dawn Moore, who has already been working in that capacity for some weeks. With her usual flair for getting things done, she has secured administrative support and some ongoing, base-budget funding from the Law Department at Carleton and from the Faculty that they belong to. We plan to involve some Carleton and perhaps U of Ottawa people on the editorial board, people who will regularly visit the journal office and who might learn the administrative ropes (budget, office management, etc.)

This weekend I will be going to Ottawa to meet with Dawn, and on Monday December 10 I will meet with various Carleton people who either have helped already (e.g. Dawn's Dean) or who might be leaned upon to help.

At the mid-winter in Ottawa we will have a much fuller report, and will also present the board with some options for discussion and vote, some to do with policies and some regarding filling editorial board slots and assigning tasks.

I am delighted to be working with Dawn and her colleagues. I imagine I will visit Ottawa a few times per term, and I look forward to that, since I think there is a great deal of lively socio-legal work being done there.

The editorial board is also being restructured, after many executive and CLSA board discussions, in Saskatoon and by email. We

want members of the editorial board to be members of the association, and we want the editorial board to meet in person twice a year, once during the midwinter and once during the AGM. This will mean that the journal has a higher visibility within the association and also that there is more accountability to association members on the part of the journal and its board. From the old board, Nicholas Kassirer has kindly agreed to stay on, and it is great to have that continuity. New members will be elected soon.

Finally, the January 2008 issue has already been prepared by Ruth and her UQAM team, and it looks like a great one -- among other things it includes the special feature on the Law Commission of Canada (based on the talks given at the panel in Saskatoon, with Rod MacDonald, Nathalie des Rosiers and Bruce Ryder, and with an introduction by Yves Le Bouthillier). We plan to use this issue to publicize the journal's move and the journal's new plans, and we hope every member of the association takes it upon themselves to help with this. (Flyers will be handed out at the Ottawa mid-winter for you to take back to your respective departments).

So, once again, let us all thank Ruth Murbach for her many years of hard work, and let's thank Carleton for their crucial support at this exciting time.

Mariana Valverde

MOT DE LA RÉDACTION DE LA REVUE CANADIENNE DROIT ET SOCIÉTÉ

Chers membres de l'ACDS,

Comme la plupart d'entre vous le savent, Ruth Murbach quitte son poste de rédactrice de la *Revue Canadienne Droit et Société* à laquelle elle a consacré durant de nombreuses années beaucoup de temps et d'efforts. Nous tenons à lui exprimer, à elle et au Département des sciences juridiques de l'UQAM où elle travaille, notre immense gratitude pour le dévouement dont ils ont fait preuve.

Peut-être savez-vous également que je vais à présent remplacer Ruth. Je précise toutefois que les tâches vont être organisées différemment et que nous aurons désormais une équipe éditoriale. En effet, et c'est là une nouveauté importante, la Revue sera maintenant dirigée par les soins d'un co-rédacteur francophone, d'un rédacteur en chef et de moi-même pour vous servir, qui assumerai la responsabilité de directrice de la rédaction.

Aux personnes qui s'interrogent sur la nécessité d'une co-rédaction francophone alors

que jusque-là le travail d'édition n'était pas divisé par langue, la raison en est simple. Je ne pense pas pouvoir me charger des manuscrits en français. S'il est vrai que je suis en mesure de lire des publications savantes dans cette langue, je ne possède toutefois pas les connaissances francophones juridiques et socio-juridiques requises pour assumer cette responsabilité.

Michel Coutu, de l'École de relations industrielles de l'Université de Montréal, a accepté le poste de co-rédacteur et j'en suis ravie. Ce changement de direction de la Revue -- et son déplacement à Ottawa -- vont nous donner de nouvelles occasions de la faire connaître, en même temps qu'il nous permettra d'atteindre un nouveau lectorat et de nouveaux contributeurs. J'espère bien y contribuer en mettant à profit les excellents liens que j'ai pu nouer avec de nombreuses universités et revues au Royaume-Uni et aux États-Unis, et, dans une certaine mesure, en Australie. Je ne serai toutefois pas en mesure de jouer un tel rôle dans la francophonie. Je me réjouis donc à la perspective de travailler à cet effet avec Michel et les autres membres du comité de rédaction rattachés à des départements francophones. Je suis également impatiente d'en découvrir davantage de la recherche socio-juridique francophone.

Je crois fermement en l'avenir d'une revue bilingue qui sache refléter les deux cultures juridiques propres aux langues officielles canadiennes et, pourquoi pas, toutes les cultures juridiques du Canada. Et je pense que le travail d'équipe constitue un excellent moyen d'y parvenir. Je m'empresse d'ajouter qu'il va de soi -- du moins je l'espère -- que le poste de direction de la rédaction n'a aucun besoin d'être tenu par un Anglophone. S'il advient qu'il soit plus tard tenu par un Francophone, le poste de co-rédacteur pourrait alors être confié à un Anglophone.

Je dois aussi préciser que je ne conçois pas une division absolue des tâches par langue. Il est tout à fait possible que j'émette une opinion sur le contenu d'un article rédigé en français et à l'occasion faire des suggestions, et j'espère voir Michel se prononcer lui aussi sur le contenu des textes anglais. Mais d'après ce que je peux constater des travaux d'érudition produits au Canada, c'est un fait qu'il existe une certaine spécialisation linguistique, ne serait-ce tout simplement que parce les départements universitaires véritablement bilingues sont très rares.

Venons-en au troisième poste de l'équipe éditoriale, et probablement le plus important, celui de rédacteur-en-chef. Au cours des prochains dix-huit mois, Dawn Moore se chargera de cette responsabilité, à laquelle elle s'est déjà attelée depuis quelques semaines.

Avec son efficacité habituelle, Dawn a réussi à obtenir une assistance administrative et un financement permanent de base du département de droit de Carlton et de la faculté à laquelle il se rattache. Nous prévoyons faire appel à la participation de membres du corps enseignant de la Carleton University et de l'Université d'Ottawa au sein du comité de rédaction, notamment de personnes qui visitent régulièrement le bureau de la *Revue* et sont susceptibles d'en apprendre les rouages administratifs (budget, gestion administrative et autres procédures).

Cette fin de semaine, je me rendrai à Ottawa pour y rencontrer Dawn, et lundi 10 décembre, des personnes de Carlton qui nous ont déjà aidés (notamment le doyen de la faculté dont dépend Dawn) ou qui sont susceptibles de le faire.

À notre conférence de la mi-hiver à Ottawa, nous vous ferons un rapport plus complet de la situation et soumettrons au conseil d'administration de l'ACDS des propositions à débattre et sur lesquelles voter, les unes relatives aux politiques et les autres, à l'occupation des postes vacants au sein du comité de rédaction et à la répartition des tâches.

Je suis ravie de travailler avec Dawn et ses collègues, et me réjouis à la perspective de me rendre régulièrement à Ottawa où, me semble-t-il, le travail socio-juridique ne manque pas de dynamisme.

Une restructuration a aussi été entreprise au niveau du comité de rédaction, après les maintes échanges qui ont eu lieu à Saskatoon et par courriel entre les membres de l'exécutif et les administrateurs de l'ACDS. Nous voulons que le comité de rédaction soit constitué de personnes appartenant à l'Association et qu'il se réunisse deux fois par an, à la conférence de la mi-hiver et lors de l'Assemblée générale. Cela donnera une plus grande visibilité à la *Revue* auprès des membres de l'Association et accroîtra la responsabilité du comité de rédaction et de la *Revue* vis-à-vis d'eux. Nicholas Kassirer, qui siégeait à l'ancien comité, a accepté d'y rester, ce qui favorisera une certaine continuité. L'élection des nouveaux membres aura lieu très prochainement.

Pour terminer, l'édition de janvier 2008 de la *Revue*, déjà prête grâce aux soins de Ruth et de son équipe de l'UQAM, a fière allure et comporte, entre autres articles, une chronique spéciale sur la Commission du droit du Canada (basée sur les exposés présentés à Saskatoon par le panel sur la question, avec la collaboration de Rod MacDonald, Nathalie des Rosiers et Bruce Ryder, et dont l'introduction a été préparée par Yves Le Bouthillier). Nous

prévoyons profiter de la parution de ce numéro pour informer le public du déménagement de la *Revue* et des nouveaux plans en cours, auxquels nous espérons que chacun des membres de l'Association se fera un plaisir de contribuer (Des dépliants seront distribués à la conférence de la mi-hiver, pour diffusion au sein de vos départements respectifs).

Une fois encore, applaudissons Ruth Murbarch pour ses nombreuses années de travail et remercions la Carlton University de nous prêter assistance durant cette transition riche de promesses.

Marina Valverde.

CALL FOR PAPERS / INVITATION TO PROPOSE AND GUEST EDIT A SPECIAL ISSUE

The Journal accepts to review and publish a variety of papers under the condition that they belong to the vast field of Law and Society. Articles submitted undergo an external evaluation procedure, as described in the Journal and on CLSA's website (acds-clsa.org). We maintain the Journal's tradition to publish on a regular basis special thematic issues, guest edited by mandated specialists whose proposals have been accepted by the Editorial Board. The editor invites you to submit proposals for special issues (for details, please contact: m.valverde@utoronot.ca).

APPEL À NOUS SOUMETTRE DES ARTICLES / INVITATION À PROPOSER ET COORDONNER UN NUMÉRO THÉMATIQUE

La *Revue* accepte de considérer pour publication une variété d'articles pourvu qu'ils relèvent du champs vaste de Droit et Société. Les textes reçus sont soumis à l'évaluation externe, comme décrite dans la *Revue* et sur le site de l'ACDS (acds-clsa.org). Elle poursuit par ailleurs la tradition de publier régulièrement des numéros à thème dont la coordination est confiée à des spécialistes, après proposition d'un synopsis au Comité de rédaction qui en décide. La rédaction vous invite finalement à nous soumettre des propositions pour numéros thématiques (contactez s.v.p : m.valverde@utoronto.ca).

**CANADIAN LAW & SOCIETY
ASSOCIATION**

MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

University of Saskatchewan
June 1, 2007

In attendance:

Dwight Newman, Mariana Valverde, Debra Parkes, Bruce Ryder, Dawn Moore, Paul Millar, Rosemary Warskett, Lise Gotell, Rosanna Langer, Analijn Conklin, Richard Jochelson, Ibronke Odumosu, Pooja Parmar, Ajnesh Prasad, Jeremy Webber, Dominique Clémont, Lori Chambers, Jennie Abell, Diana Young, Philip Girard, Justin Piché, Mike Larson, Rakhi Ruparelia, Rashmee Singh, Richard Weisman, Kimberley White, Jane McMillan, Norman Zlotkin, Gillian Calder

1. Approval of 2006 AGM Minutes

Dawn Moore moved and Gillian Calder seconded the adoption of the 2006 AGM minutes. Carried.

2. President's Report

Mariana did a brief overview of the highlights for the coming year. Her full report is in the most recent copy of the CLSA Bulletin. The next year will be exciting for CLSA. Mariana will step down as President as of today, but will stay involved. A serious modernization of the website, membership, and bylaws will be undertaken. Kristen Kramer isn't here today, but she is coordinating the CLSA's registration as a non-profit society. Debra Parkes has agreed to look after hosting the website.

The 2008 meetings will be in Montreal and will be held jointly with the LSA, similar to what took place in Vancouver in 2001. We are very pleased that the LSA wants to meet in Montreal, and has been very generous with organization. Many people all around the world will come to this event. Spread the news!

As was mentioned in the Bulletin, Mariana was at a meeting in Onati in March, to begin the process of beginning a world consortium of socio-legal studies. It will not be restricted to national organizations, but will also be open to other socio-legal organizations. Mariana will represent CLSA at a meeting in July 2007 in Berlin to discuss.

3. Board Renewal

The floor was asked if there were nominations for vacant Executive positions. Dawn Moore moved that the following slate of executive members be approved by the membership: Debra Parkes, President; Richard Wiseman

Vice-President; Kristen Kramer Vice-President; Bruce Ryder, Treasurer. Rosemary Warskett seconded. Carried.

Rashmee Singh will begin her second year as student board rep. Rashmee will meet with the other graduate students to elect a second student member to fill the position vacated by Emma Cunliffe.

Dawn Moore moved the following new Board members: Dwight Newman and Mélanie Méthot. Mélanie teaches at the University of Alberta and Dwight is at the University of Saskatchewan. Seconded by Lise Gotell. Carried.

Anyone interested is welcome to come to the 2008 mid-winter Board meeting. Watch for announcements. Mariana and Debra will also organize a CLSA beer night during the LSA meetings in Berlin (July 2007). Stay tuned for details.

4. By-laws

Debra Parkes spoke to the by-laws which were circulated in draft form. Last year a subcommittee was struck; Kristen Kramer and Laura Watts looked at the by-laws and have presented a draft proposal for revisions. It has also circulated by e-mail to the membership list. The draft by-laws contemplate strengthening association and journal relationship, as well as some changes to the organization's structure. It was noted that these are draft proposals, and that more time and input from the membership and board is required to refine the proposals to ensure that they provide enough structure and flexibility for a volunteer-run organization of our size. This is a work-in-progress; any and all are invited to give comments.

Rosanna Langer suggested that the bylaws enshrine staggered terms for the Executive. Some language there would be helpful, with an eye on preserving institutional memory.

Debra will coordinate receiving feedback and ideas for the revised by-laws. She will circulate to the membership a further revised version with annotations.

There will be change in the Journal editorship after 2008, when Ruth steps down after many years of service to the organization. The Board is looking for future possibilities in terms of where the Journal might be located.

5. Website and New Membership

Debra Parkes thanked the University of Montreal and Pierre Noreau for having hosted the CLSA website for many years. Someone who works on web design has been found to

help the CLSA rejuvenate the website in a user-friendly way.

6. Montreal 2008 Report

Annie Bunting (Law and Society at York) is the Canadian co-chair of the joint LSA/CLSA program committee. Half of the program committee members are named by CLSA and the other half by the LSA. Any bright ideas for Montreal should go to Annie. Rod Macdonald is going to be the local arrangements coordinator for the whole conference. It was acknowledged that these are huge tasks and that our thanks go to Rod and Annie, as well as to the other CLSA members of the program committee: Carl Barr, Judy Fudge, Marie-Andree Jacob, Rebecca Johnson, Ron Levy, and Pierre Noreau.

It was noted that if you want to give a paper in Montreal, you have to meet the (strict) LSA deadlines. Submitting proposals as a panel is a good idea.

7. Journal Report

Joan Brockman delivered the written report prepared by Journal Editor, Ruth Murbach who sent her regrets. Details of the Journal's membership, recent issues, etc. are contained in the report. It was noted that membership goes up when, for example, Professors use the journal as part of their course work. For upcoming issues with guest editors, please contact Ruth or the next editor if you are interested in proposing such a guest editorship. It was noted that the Board has to think quick and fast about a new editor for transition reasons. Ruth commented on the draft by-laws, and the Board was urged to review them. More input is welcome.

8. Financial Report

Bruce Ryder will present the Financial Report for board approval tomorrow. However, Bruce presented a couple of things to the membership, including a proposal to raise membership fees for individual members in a fairly significant way from \$60 - \$90. Student fees and institutional fees would stay the same. In addition, the student membership category would be expanded to include underemployed folk and for retired persons. Rationale: the \$60 goes wholly to journal production and membership fee in the Federation. None of the money goes to the organization and it is suggested that some money should go to support ongoing CLSA activities. The Federation shared its list of fees from other organizations, and Bruce did his own survey, as well. The average membership fee for comparable organizations is around \$90. Some people have suggested that this will scare away members and have questioned whether the

increase is necessary given that we have managed to have money in the bank.

Bruce noted that the CLSA bank account hovers around \$20,000 and that there will be new expenses this year, such as incorporation as a non-profit, web development and hosting, etc. What we have done with the money we receive is to support graduate student participation. We receive a SSHRC grant every year, but it only allows us to give small grants to graduate students that do not come close to covering their costs to attend. We also need some cushion for association expenses. Journal expenses will likely be going up. For all these reasons, it was suggested that the individual membership fee be increased.

Rosemary Warskett raised the question of institutional membership fees. Could they go up, as well? Bruce expressed concern about scaring away the few institutional subscribers we have (148). The revenue stream from institutional members is small.

The policy of the Board has been to distribute the SSHRC monies to students presenting. If you are a member, a full-time student, and you are presenting, you are entitled to a share of the SSHRC funds.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Meeting ended.

MID-WINTER MEETINGS

The Mid-winter meetings will be held at Carleton University in Ottawa on January 18 and 19, 2008. Dawn Moore has been helping to make the arrangements. Please contact her for details: moore@ccs.carleton.ca

The tentative schedule for the mid-winter meeting is as follows:

Friday January 18, 2008:

Workshops

9:30 - 10:30: Getting a SSHRC Grant
Facilitator: Mariana Valverde

10:45 - 11:45: Ethics, Socio-legal Research and Community-Based Research.

1:00 - 2:30: Supervisions (undergrad and grad students), Law and Society Teaching and Programs.

2:45 - 4:00 Round Table on Research

Evening

7:30 pm: A soiree to welcome the *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* to its new home in the Department of Law at Carleton University and say thanks to the good folks at UQAM who housed it for so long.

The Lieutenant's Pump, 361 Elgin St.

Saturday January 19th, 2008:

Board Meeting 9:00am - 3:00pm

**JOINT ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
LAW AND SOCIETY
ASSOCIATION
AND THE
CANADIAN LAW AND
SOCIETY ASSOCIATION**

**Montreal, Quebec, Canada
May 29 - June 1, 2008**

**Call for Participation
Due Date: December 12, 2007**

The 2008 Annual Meetings of Law and Society Association (LSA) and the Canadian Law and Society Association (CLSA/ACDS) will be held jointly Thursday, May 29 through Sunday, June 1, at the Hilton Bonaventure and Marriott Chateau Champlain hotels in the historic and vibrant city of Montreal.

Theme: Les Territoires du Droit: Placing Law

The theme for this meeting signals that law is rooted in places — from families and villages to the global economy — and that law has the power to place and displace people in space, time, and relationships. We invite papers and encourage multi-disciplinary scholarship that reflect on the many dimensions of law, place, and power.

**REPORT FROM THE 2008 JOINT
CLSA/LSA PROGRAM
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR**

The next meeting of the CLSA will be held jointly with our LSA colleagues on May 29-June 1, 2008 in Montreal. The Call for Participation can be found at <http://www.lawandsociety.org/>. The theme of the conference is Les Territoires du Droit: Placing Law. The theme for this meeting signals that law is rooted in places — from families and villages to the global economy — and that law has the power to place and displace people in space, time, and relationships. We invite papers and encourage

multi-disciplinary scholarship that reflects on the many dimensions of law, place, and power. We also encourage submissions of already formed panels.

The program committee is co-chaired by Marie Provine from Arizona State University and Annie Bunting from York University and includes Canadians from 6 different universities (Carl Baar, Mary Condon, Michel Coutu, Judy Fudge, Marie-Andree Jacob, Rebecca Johnson and Ron Levi). Rod Macdonald is heading up an energetic team of local organizers. The deadline for submissions is December 12, 2007. See you in Montreal!

Annie Bunting

**RAPPORT DE LA CO-PRÉSIDENTE DU
COMITÉ ORGANISATEUR**

La prochaine réunion de l'ACDS se tiendra conjointement avec celle de nos collègues de la LSA du 29 mai au 1^{er} juin 2008 à Montréal. Thème choisi pour cette rencontre : « Les Territoires du Droit : Placing Law ». Comme l'indique ce thème, le droit est ancré dans des territoires – du berceau familial ou du village aux entités constituées dans le cadre d'une économie mondiale – et a le pouvoir de situer les gens et de les déplacer dans l'espace, dans le temps et au niveau relationnel. Vous trouverez l'invitation à participer à ce rassemblement à www.lawandsociety.org/.

Nous vous invitons à soumettre vos propositions de communication. Précisons que nous encourageons vivement les recherches multidisciplinaires qui examinent les nombreux aspects du droit, du territoire et du pouvoir, et que nous appuyons les propositions de panels déjà constitués.

Le Comité organisateur du programme, co-présidé par Marie Provine, de l'Université d'état de l'Arizona, et moi-même, Annie Bunting, de l'Université York, comptent des Canadiens se rattachant à six universités différentes (Carl Baar, Mary Condon, Michel Coutu, Judy Fudge, Marie-Andree Jacob, Rebecca Johnson et Ron Levi). L'équipe coordinatrice locale, fort énergique, est dirigée par Rod Macdonald.

Pour conclure, un rappel : la date limite pour l'envoi des propositions de communications et de panels est le 12 décembre 2007.

Au plaisir de vous voir à Montréal!

Annie Bunting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LSA Graduate Student Workshop

The Law and Society Association is pleased to announce the twenty-first Graduate Student Workshop, *Justice*, to be held May 27 – 28, 2008 immediately preceding the 2008 Joint Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association in Montreal, Canada. We invite applications from graduate students in any field and advanced law students whose scholarly interests include sociolegal studies.

The program will consist of panel presentations, seminar sessions, and informal discussions over shared meals to provide a forum for networking with faculty who write in the field, and to promote dialogue among graduate students and faculty participants about students' individual research projects.

About 40 students will be selected to participate in the Workshop, with the Law and Society Association offering a reimbursement to help offset travel costs (receipts required) of up to \$200 for students within North America, or \$400 (amounts in U.S. dollars) for students outside North America.

Applications must be received by:
February 8, 2008.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of not more than three pages describing their dissertation or other research interests, their current status in graduate school, and how they might benefit from attending the Workshop.

Applications must be submitted electronically in MS Word or rtf file to:

GSW2008@lawandsociety.org

Subject line: APPLY GW.

The applicant's curriculum vitae and letter should be combined in a single file named for the applicant as follows: "Lastname_Firstname_GW"

If you have questions about the submission format please get in touch with Lissa Ganter, ganter@lawandsociety.org tel. 413.545.4617.

2. MA in Legal Studies at Carleton University

The Department of Law at Carleton University encourages applications to their MA Legal Studies program. For more information please see the department website at

www.carleton.ca/law or contact Ron Saunders, Graduate Supervisor at rsaunders@connect.carleton.ca

3. New MA Program in Socio-Legal Studies at York University.

York University has proposed a new graduate program in *Socio-Legal Studies* that is

currently under consideration by OCGS. We will admit our first 12 MA students in September 2008 and PhD students in 2010. With strong faculty from our undergraduate programs in Law & Society and Criminology, as well as from Osgoode Hall, Communications & Culture, Linguistics, Sociology, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and History, the program is very interdisciplinary. We also want to attract an interdisciplinary and diverse group of students. Please spread the word.

The program's curriculum is structured around three flexible areas of study:

- Socio-Legal Theory
- Crime, Law and Governance
- Comparative and Historical Perspectives in Law

The program areas reflect the expertise of faculty in such areas as transnational policing, human rights, legal pluralism, financial crime, social history of law and regulation, immigration and borders, and mental health law. Central to the program is a recognition that law and society are mutually constitutive, that is, law is not an external force to which society is subject, but rather represents a dynamic set of codes, practices, categories and deliberations that both shape and are shaped by broader social, political, and economic logics, contexts and relations.

The application deadline is February 15th, 2008. Please encourage interested students to apply. The requirements and forms can be found at:

http://www.yorku.ca/web/futurestudents/graduate/programs/Socio_Legal_Studies/

CONFERENCES / CALLS FOR PAPERS

4. Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice: A Human Rights Conference

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
June 12th-15th, 2008

The Institute for the Humanities at Simon Fraser University is now inviting paper and panel submissions to this four-day conference to be held at the SFU Harbour Centre Vancouver campus on June 12th-15th, 2008.

This event will address a range of issues associated with the regulation and experience of madness, and the conflicting roles of the 'psy' professions in contemporary society. Participants will comprise local, Canadian and international academics, users/survivors, activists, advocates, practitioners, journalists, and community members.

Our objective is to provide a forum in which critical topics, issues and themes related to madness, citizenship, social justice and human rights can be explored across a range of intersecting positions and perspectives.

Along with keynote sessions, lectures, panels, cultural events and workshops, we will be commemorating the landmark film *Titicut Follies*, with its celebrated director Frederick Wiseman in attendance.

Please email proposals for papers, panels or other submissions to Robert Menzies at: MadConference08@shaw.ca or menzies@sfu.ca.

Proposals should include:

- 1) a title;
- 2) an abstract of about 150 words;
- 3) your name(s) and contact information;
- 4) equipment needs, if any.

We strongly encourage submissions from graduate students.

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis. No proposals received after February 15th, 2008 can be considered.

To have your email address added to the conference listserv, and to receive regular digest updates, please contact Robert Menzies.

Additional conference information, including registration fees and procedures, accommodation and travel options, and programming details, are available on the conference website:

<http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/>.

5. Call for Papers: The Colonial Commons: land/law/living/labour.

University of British Columbia
29-30 May 2008

While the study of commons in Britain and continental Europe is well advanced, and with some notable Indian and North American exceptions, few historians have investigated shared property rights in colonial regimes.

'The Colonial Commons: living/law/land' conference seeks to redress this by examining a range of issues that arise when the terms 'commons' and 'colonialism' intersect. By 'commons' we mean both formally-dedicated 'Commons' and the wide variety of informal commons on waterways, Crown Land, rangelands, reserves, reservations, bush, wastes and many other colonial spaces.

The conference invites papers that present original research on the history of formal and informal common land and resources in

colonial societies, including colonies of non-European powers.

Topics might include:

- the political, social, cultural, economic and ecological factors that governed the creation and use of the commons
- the transplantation of European property concepts and practices to colonial contexts
- the treatment of common and other communal land holding tenures by colonial powers
- the relation of formal and informal commons to processes of commodification
- the connections between the commons and other broad socio-political processes, including indigenous dispossession, colonial class formation, gender relations, environmental management and deterioration, and social and economic change
- conceptualising colonial commons in the light of the ethics and politics of dispossession of indigenous people from their own common land title and practice

The conference is organized by researchers affiliated with Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE) and the Faculty of Arts, University of Wollongong [Australia].

Publication of the proceedings is anticipated, and it is expected that participants will submit their texts for review.

250-word outlines should be sent to Dr Ben Maddison, School of History and Politics, University of Wollongong, NSW Australia 2522

OR benm@uow.edu.au by 31 December 2007.

6. ACSANZ Conference on Canada in the Aisa-Pacific.

July 1st-3rd, 2008

Emmanuel College, University of Queensland
Brisbane, Australia.

The Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) is a multi-disciplinary organization, which recognizes and encourages interest in Canadian Studies and aims to promote greater understanding of Canada.

The Association's 2008 Biennial Conference will have the over-arching theme of "Canada in the Asia-Pacific" and will feature academic scholarship in a range of disciplines, relevant to Canadian Studies in an Asia Pacific context.

It is expected that the conference will facilitate dialogue on Canadian perspectives on regional issues and profile Canadian strengths in the

region. The conference organisers plan to invite specific Canadian scholars with expertise in regional issues to present the conference's keynote addresses and participate in dialogues with their Australian and regional counterparts. Concurrent sessions will also explore a range of more diverse subject areas and facilitate dialogue and collaboration between Canadianists in the Asia-Pacific region.

Papers are invited which contribute to our knowledge of Canada or Canadian Studies, from any discipline in the social sciences and humanities. Papers with a focus on Canada or Canadian Studies in an Asia-Pacific context are especially encouraged.

Relevant disciplines include: architecture, arts, business studies, communications, education, environment, economics, geography, health policy, history, law, indigenous studies, international relations, linguistics, literature, media studies, planning, policy, politics, public administration, religion, science policy, sociology, etc. ENQUIRIES:

<http://www.acsanz.org.au/conference2008/index.htm>

2008 Conference Convenor and Vice-President ACSANZ, Dr Stewart Gill, Principal, Emmanuel College, University of Queensland. Email: conference@acsanz.org.au

7. Call for Papers: The Editors of the *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice*, a Canadian journal that publishes biannually, welcome unsolicited articles and book reviews from British socio-legal scholars which examine and evaluate theories of justice, problems discouraging access to human rights, access to legal institutions, the relation of access to justice and the legitimacy of a modern legal order, and the content of written and unwritten social and legal rules in their historical, cultural or social context. The editors especially encourage submissions which cross the boundaries of disciplines that are concerned with justice. The editors welcome articles throughout the year and follow a double blind editorial process as set out in our web site at www.uwindsor.ca/wyaj. The

journal also follows an exclusivity practice. Journal articles are indexed in over 15 Indices, including the *CSA Sociological Abstracts*, *Wilson Web*, *Index to Legal Periodicals*, *Current Law Journal Content*, and *Ulrich's Periodical Directory*. The *WYAJ* is available electronically and marketed in hard cover throughout the world. It was recently ranked as one of the leading human rights journals in North America. For further information, see our web site.

8. The American Society for Legal History:

Mark your calendars now. On 13-16 November 2008, the American Society for Legal History will hold its Annual Meeting in Ottawa, the first time it has ever come to Canada's national capital for a scholarly event. For details, visit the ASLH website: <http://www.hnet.msu.edu/~law/ASLH/aslh.htm> We would like to see unprecedented numbers of Canadians at the conference and delivering papers on the panels!

PUBLICATIONS (2007)

Recently published books, edited collections, and reports by members of the CLSA:

A new edited collection, *Reaction and Resistance: Feminism, Law, and Social Change*, edited by **Dorothy Chunn, Susan B. Boyd** and **Hester Lessard**, has recently been published with UBC Press.

Dawn Moore is pleased to announce that her book, *Criminal Artefacts: Governing Drugs and Users*, is now released with UBC Press.

An edited collection by **Kelly Hannah-Moffat** and **Pat O'Malley**, titled *Gendered Risks*, was published in 2007 with Routledge Cavendish Publishing.

Kimberley White has a new book, *Negotiating Responsibility: Law, Murder and States of Mind*, published with UBC Press.

Luke McNamara has a new book with Routledge Cavendish Publishing titled *Human Rights Controversies*.

Forthcoming Publications:

Constance Backhouse has a book forthcoming that will be published by Irwin Law in the winter of 2008, titled *Carnal Crimes: A History of Sexual Assault Law in Canada, 1900-1975*.

UBC Press is also publishing three new books in the Law and Society Series:

First Nations Cultural Heritage and Law: Case Studies, Voices, and Perspectives, edited by Catherine Bell and Val Napoleon

Lament for a First Nation: The Williams Treaties of Southern Ontario, by Peggy J. Blair

Landing Native Fisheries: Indian Reserves and Fishing Rights in British Columbia, 1849-1925, by Douglas C. Harris

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

At the 2007 Annual Meeting in Tempe, Arizona on 27 October, **Constance Backhouse** was designated "President Elect" of the American Society for Legal History. She will become the first Canadian (indeed the first non-US) president of the Society in its long history.

Constance Backhouse, Jim Phillips, and **W. Wesley Pue** jointly ran a "Symposium on the History of the Canadian Legal Profession" at old Osgoode Hall on 12 October 2007. The Symposium was held in honour of the 175th year of operation of the Law Society of Upper Canada at the stately Osgoode Hall premises. A volume of essays based upon the papers presented at the Symposium will be co-edited and published by Backhouse and Pue.

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Adhésion 2008

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