

2018 CAG SC-CÉ President's Report

This is my first year as Student Executive President, taking over for Erin Relyea, who was unable to complete her full term as President. Our previous Past President, Stephanie Chamberlain, agreed to continue in her role as Past President. I would like to recognize the support provided by the other Student Executives and Past President over this past year: Chantelle Lachance (Vice President), Theodore Cosco (Technology Coordinator), Ariane Seguin (Communications Coordinator), Christine Sheppard (Student Representative Coordinator), and Stephanie Chamberlain (Past President). Please find below a highlight of our activities over the past year.

Student Representatives: Currently we have 23 student representatives in ON, NS, NB, BC, MB, AB, NL, and QC. Our representatives include students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Over the past year student representatives have organized journal clubs, community events at local libraries, and intergenerational events at retirement homes.

Student Local Interdisciplinary Network (LINK) Seed Grant in Aging: This year we provided one grant in the amount of \$321 through the LINK-Seed Student Award to Sarah Wu (University of Waterloo) for a graduate student research conference (Symposium on Aging Research). Originally, we had approved two grant applications, but one grant was not used due to unforeseen circumstances, so the unused funds were provided to Sarah Wu who had requested additional financial support. We have successfully worked with CAG to secure additional funds for the LINK Seed Grant, and for the upcoming year we plan to hold two LINK Seed Grant callouts.

2018 Pre-Conference and Conference Events: For the 2018 CAG Conference we plan to hold the following Pre-Conference and Conference Events: 1) Networking Workshop, 2) Trip to Science World, 3) AGM, 4) Student Social, and 5) Symposium: Being a Leader in Gerontology. The Networking Workshop is being hosted in partnership with the SFU Gerontology Graduate Caucus, and we have secured a facilitator from SFU Career Services to lead this event. We will also be holding a raffle (with giftcards as a prize) as a fundraising event to raise additional funds for the LINK Seed Grant at the conference.

Bylaws: We have completed a review of our bylaws and drafted a revised version to ensure the bylaws are more reflective of the actual needs and practices of the SC-CÉ. We have sought feedback from the CAG Board on these revisions and then will present them to our membership for a vote.

Elections: At the beginning of the year we held an election for the President position; as only one nomination was received the position was acclaimed. Currently we are in the process of holding elections for the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer positions.

Website: We have begun some work on revamping our website, and plan to focus more on this work in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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CAG SC-CÉ President