



## Executive Meeting, July 12, 2021 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Michael Boehringer, Gary Bruce, Ana Ferrer, Ann Marie Rasmussen, James Skidmore

### Director's Update

#### Staffing + Office stuff

- Misty on leave Jan-Dec 2021, though still managing the WCGS social media
- Lori filling in on a part-time basis (7.5 hours/week)
- WCGS now fully transitioned to MS Teams
- After four years of asking, finally getting direct updates on WCGS endowment

#### Scholarships

- 10 Stork scholarships awarded, all for students participating in virtual Canadian Summer School in Germany (\$500 each covered CSSG program fee)
- Expect money not used in previous two years to be spent next year, predict back to normal summer 2023
- Piller awards – \$4,000 each – two (History PhD student, IcGS MA student)

#### Diversity and Inclusion Grants

- five awarded; ca. \$12,000 in total
  - Maria Mayr: Workshop: Anti-Racist Pedagogies in the Language Classroom
  - Angelica Fenner: East Germans: (Re)Claiming Black Identities Through Cultural Activism
  - Elizabeth Nijdam: Indigenizing the Canadian German Studies Curriculum
  - Michael Boehringer: Dis/ability in German Culture
  - John Plews: Content Development for CSSG
- Director presented on them at President's Anti-Racism Taskforce forum
- Should we offer this again in 22/23? Yes. Suggestions:
  - Add sentence suggesting proposals concerning research also welcome. (Challenge is to find ways to cover travel costs that don't leave Centre admin buried in receipts.)
  - Leave program as broad as possible.

#### Book Prize

- 2019:
  - 26 books nominated
  - 7 on shortlist

- 2020:
  - 27 books nominated
- Book prize + CAUTG
  - Should that arrangement continue?
    - Keep trying—was a series of unfortunate events that has interfered thus far
    - Could do a panel aimed at young scholars on how to publish your first book
- Concern re: the number of books the selection committee has to read. Is it possible to create a long list first? Director noted the suggestion for discussion with the jury.

**Events**

Webinars

- 7 webinars
- over 600 registrations

Other events

- focused on advertising virtual events hosted by other groups (e.g., DEFA Film Library, Goethe-Institut, etc.)

Finances

**EXPENSES 2020-2021: WCGS**

Admin Salaries	\$25,295.37
Director Expenses	\$1,277.36
Office Expenses	\$727.93
PGS	\$6,352.21
Book Prize	\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,652.87</b>

**BALANCES - WCGS OPERATING**

<b>Account</b>	<b>01-May-21</b>
Principal	\$2,804,280.11
Operating income carry forward	\$163,010.21
Trust	\$10,802.21
eCommerce/Operating Account	\$2,927.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,981,019.71</b>

**BALANCES - WCGS  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>Account</b>	<b>01-May-21</b>
Stork Endowment Principal	\$599,118.59
Stork Carry Forward	\$27,860.44
Piller Trust	\$40,187.50
Weigel Trust	\$14,000.00

**AVAILABLE FUNDS 2021-2022**

<b>WCGS GENERAL</b>	
Operating Carry Forward	\$167,554.92
Endowment Income (estimate)	\$82,943.59
Trust	\$10,552.21
eCommerce/Operating Account	\$2,927.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$263,977.90</b>

<b>WCGS SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	
<b>Account</b>	
Stork Endowment Income (est.)	\$17,725.40
Stork Carry Forward	\$14,135.04
Piller	\$40,187.50
Weigel	\$14,000.00

- Suggestions:
  - Put as much money into student mobility as possible.
  - Support for the Director to find creative ways within the guidelines to support student travel (e.g. top-up for scholarships).
  - Investigate possibility of using scholarships as a recruiting tool early on in students' university careers (Laurier example of taking students on short study abroad right at beginning of first year) to emphasize that Humanities are globally minded?
- What is the eCommerce/operating account? It's a holdover from events when we needed an account to take in money.

## Events 2021-2022

- Input sought on what kind of events to plan for over the next year
  - Virtual in fall, on-the-ground in winter?
  - Grimm lecture?
    - Preference to wait until March/April 2022 in order to have an in-person event. (Fall 2021 would have to be online, and even then the time to organize is likely too short.)

## Public German Studies

- Update on internships from first half of 2021
- Fall 2021 plans
  - Investigating an interview-style site, not sure if it'll be a podcast or edited interview or both
  - Pursuing different styles of writing to make it a public site with academic content that can be of interest to both general and academic audiences
  - Inaugural internships in Winter term provided useful information on what might work on the site.
    - The internships too free-form; future internships will have greater structure
  - Support for idea of making the site a training vehicle in public scholarship
  - Experimentation further encouraged

## Director's Term

Skid's term as Glorious and Benevolent Director expires June 30, 2022.

- Appointment process (from WCGS Charter):
  - At least nine months prior to the expiry of the current Director's appointment, the Dean ascertains the director's his/her interest in continuing.
    - If the Director wishes to continue, the Dean approaches the Executive Committee (less the Director) to ascertain its opinion on reappointment before making a final decision.
    - If the Director does not wish to continue, the Dean instructs the Executive Committee (less the Director) to form a Director Nominating Committee.
  - The Director Nominating Committee will be comprised of the Executive Committee (less the Director) who will also elect a committee chair from amongst themselves.
  - The Director Nominating Committee should make its recommendation to the Dean of Arts at least six months prior to the expiry of the current Director's appointment.
- Discussion:
  - GSS chair and WCGS director shouldn't be combined. It's not in the charter. Any faculty member at UW can be director of the WCGS. Each entity is stronger if they're kept separate.
  - Ana will ask the Dean of Arts to ascertain if the Director is willing to continue.

## Miscellaneous Matters

- Executive Committee
  - one member short
- Membership
  - how to get more people involved

## Other Business