



**Interim WCAA Delegates Meeting. Ottawa, Canada
Wednesday, 3rd May 2017
FSS 1030, University of Ottawa (17:45 to 19:15)**

Chaired by: Chandana Mathur
Minutes prepared by: Lorne Holyoak

Attending

Name of Delegate	Association
Chandana Mathur	WCAA OrgComm - Chair
Carmen Rial	WCAA OrgComm – Vice Chair
Lorne Holyoak	WCAA OrgComm - Secretary
Sachiko Kubota	WCAA OrgComm/JASCA
Soumendra Patnaik	WCAA OrgComm
Gustavos Lin Ribeiro	WCAA Advisory Committee
Katya Uusihakala	Finnish Anthropological Society
Lydia De Souza	AUAS
Rosita Henry	AAS
Ellen Judd	WCAA Advisory Committee
Faye Harrison	IUAES
Andrei Golovnev	AAER
Christina Larrea/Araceli Munoz	ICA
Cristiana Bastos	APA
Alisse Waterston	AAA
Donna Patrick	CASCA
Junji Koizumi/Faye Harrison/Thomas Reuter	IUAES
Alexander Ervin	SfAA
Kathleen Musante	SfAA
Indrani Mukherjee	IAA
Lia Machado/Miriam Grossi	ABA
Noel Salazar	WCAA Advisory Committee
Virginia Dominguez	WCAA Outreach Taskforce

1. Introduction and tour de table – Chandana Mathur
 - a. The Chair (Chandana Mathur) welcomed the delegates to the interim WCAA meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves and the organizations they were representing.

2. Treasurer's report – Lorne Holyoak
 - a. A generous donation from Gordon Mathews allows us to maintain a stable financial position and subsidise travel to meetings in Florianopolis.
 - b. Reminder about sliding scale for voluntary membership fees, which are essential to core operations of the Council. Suggestion from SfAA (Sandy Irvine) and AAA (Alisse Waterston) that we issue invoices with estimated amount of fees.

3. Membership report – Soumendra Patnaik and Sachiko Kubota
 - a. Wrote to various associations and the indication is that they need some capacity building, after mapping exercise to identify organisations and areas under-represented in the WCAA.
 - b. Need for fund raising to support participation of new members
 - c. Carmen Rial – Palestinians are creating an association and will approach WCAA about membership.
 - d. AUAS (Lydia De Souza) – Colombia has an association, but not legally incorporated and no constitution

4. Publications – Chandana Mathur
 - a. Déjà Lu – The question was raised of how to promote through social media. Chandana indicated that we promote it on Facebook. AAA suggested that we should also use Twitter.
 - b. Lesser known journals are less represented than they used to be as it becomes better known so we need to try to get them back
 - c. Facebook page – interesting conversation around world anthropologies so please make more use of it
 - d. En sus propios términos – Spanish language forum on the WCAA website. Next forum to be in Japanese and English. Asked delegates to consider doing the next forum as it is only a six month commitment.
 - e. Indian Anthropological Association (Indrani Mukherjee) offered to do the next one in Hindi. CASCA (Donna Patrick) suggested a co-operative editorship between Canada and France.
 - f. Sachiko – three editors. They want it to be read and highlight Japanese anthropology so it will be in both Japanese and English. Will feature items about journals, funding of research and JASCA annual meetings; also members opinions and essays.
 - g. The website now includes guide on how to use on-line translation to read the forum
 - h. Virginia Dominguez – expressed concern that the forum should not be primarily in English. Gustavo Ribeiro – suggested that it should be up to the organization to decide what language to publish in. Carmen Rial – otherwise we are not creating a space for other languages. Virginia – blogs are not publications so be careful about how it is promoted. Chandana – it is a space where different traditions have an opportunity to have their say. Sachiko – for us it is very important that our anthropology be known in the world. Junji – I see a sort of linguistic essentialism. Chandana – the needs of different associations are different and have to be met differently.

5. Secretary's report – Lorne Holyoak

- a. Linguistic diversity task force – congratulations to editors of the Spanish language forum
 - b. Translating website – we intend to translate the main pages of the website into as many languages as possible, so you will be receiving a request to help with that task shortly after these meetings
 - c. Newsletter – the most recent number of the newsletter was just sent to the delegates and posted on the website. A new call for contributions will come out shortly after these meetings. It is essential to creating a relevant newsletter that delegates provide contributions that reflect the activities of their association that they wish to highlight.
6. WCAA activities – Chandana Mathur
- a. Statement of solidarity with AAA in response to travel ban institute by US government.
 - b. Response to CEU situation, expressing support for the institution in the face of efforts by the Hungarian government to close it down.
 - c. ABA (Lia Machado) – parliamentary investigation of anthropologists in Brazil. Report targeting individual anthropologists – asking for criminal investigation of 28 anthropologists in ABA, FUNIA, INCRA, and other organisations that defend indigenous people and Maroons. Objective is to end defense of indigenous people to end indigenous rights. Accusing anthropologists of falsifying evidence of indigeneity. This is in the south-east, south and west-centre and driven by agricultural interests. Parliament and government are very conservative and are targeting public servants in these organisations. This is in spite of what the Constitution says about indigenous land rights. We are asking the WCAA to undertake to write to express concern over this matter. APA (Cristiana Bastos) – we would like to second the proposal of ABA. Chandana – asked ABA to draft a statement and circulate to delegates in time for the assembly. AAA (Alisse) – should individual associations also send a statement? ABA – yes.
7. Ethics task force – Rosita Henry
- a. Set up in 2012. Myriam has been presenting on ethics codes at various conferences. What is missing is grass roots line to ethics officers. I would like to develop some kind of communication with ethics officers of associations. I have drafted TOR for the task force. In the process of discussing and will ratify them. Will distribute them to Orgcomm. Currently has ten members. Currently no system for membership turn-over: i.e. number of members and where are they from. Communication has been difficult due to global distribution – we are trying to create a network and also meet in small sub-sets at conferences. We are also convening conference panels on related topics – joint panel on Saturday on risk and field work. Associations should send interested members to participate on panels. At the end of 4 years we hope to have a publication on ethics. CASCA (Donna) – we are holding a roundtable on living standards (ethics) at this conference and planning to produce a report.
8. Advocacy and Outreach Taskforce – Virginia Dominguez
- a. T.H. Eriksen has had to step back from his co-chair position due to health issues.
 - b. Still plan to focus on non-university education.

- c. Plan to include writing on this in the American Anthropologist discussing education from early childhood to pre-university
- d. ASF – has been rather passive in Brazil. Soumendra and Virginia have created two organisations in the USA and India. The US organisation has chosen to focus on immigration. Soumendra noted that the India chapter has a website. Primarily not to replicate the ASF but to focus on specific issues around anthropology and risk. Soumendra requested that delegates visit the website and make suggestions etc.
<http://indiananthro.org/anthropology%20without%20borders.html>

We have contacted anthropologists who are working outside of the academy and found that their work is not limited to India alone but all over South Asia. We have undertaken a new drive to offer critical readership and capture the activities, which is getting a terrific response.

9. Summary of Global survey activities – Chandana Mathur

- a. Greg and colleagues created a survey on global activities in anthropology. They are in the process of obtaining ethics clearance from their university. The Catalan association have offered to translate the survey into Spanish. It will be sent out to associations soon and they are applying for conference funding from Wenner-Gren.

10. Future Funding Possibilities for the WCAA

- a. Carmen - There is some possibility of getting money from the Brazilian foundation or the Ford Foundation. It has to be organized by region, so we would have to identify a theme and a region. AAA (Alisse) – could we identify it as a regional template linked to a theme around education?
- b. Carmen - Ford Foundation would be more long term, Brazilian funding would be for 2018. It is conference funding and could include a publication or other things. We could use the money to bring anthropologists together. So the regional project could begin with a conference.