

## CAHH Secretary-Communications Annual General Meeting Report 2020-2021

## Canadian Association for Health Humanities L'Association canadienne des sciences humaines en santé Secretary-Communications Officer Report 2021 April 16

CAHH membership remains lower than it was in the year pre-pandemic, which of course likely wiped out Creating Space 10, and as a result, our opportunity to sign up new members. Despite that, we currently have an active membership of **90 members**, comprising predominantly Canadians but also members from the USA. And over a third **(35)** of our active members are grad students, medical residents, and medical students.

As others have mentioned, CAHH website revisions continue in the interest of providing more resources to keep our community connected and growing. Our website traffic is down this year compared to last year, again likely due to the effects of COVID-19 and having to cancel CS10. But this is less than one might have expected; we have had over 1900 unique visitors, with over 2300 visits to our website. That reflects the period from mid-April 2020 until now. That said, we are becoming aware that one person managing a website of a growing organization off the side of his desk is probably not sufficient, particularly as our community grows! With that in mind, the executive has begun discussing the possibility of some professional web support. CAHH can be reached by email at cahhsecretary@cahh.ca, while our Twitter handle is @CAHH ACSHS.

From a governance perspective, we have had monthly executive meetings throughout the academic year and kept detailed minutes of those to ensure a robust written history/archive of our organization, which in turn we remain hopeful will be an asset to incoming executive and Advisory Council members! We have had excellent input from our inaugural Advisory Council, who have dedicated significant time and effort to not just ensure the organization runs, but that it continues to grow.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the secretary-communications officer for this organization, to say the least. That has been particularly thanks to those I have gotten to work with on the exec and Advisory Council, so a big thanks to Tom Rosenal, Sarah de Leeuw, Ayelet Kuper, Bernice Fonseka, Rehana Hirji, Ebru Ustundag, Tinu Ruparell, Alan Blum, Allison Crawford, and Barbara Sibbald. A million thanks for putting up with me for the last three years. And of course, a huge thanks to the membership for this wonderful opportunity!

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Schrewe, CAHH Secretary-Communications Officer