

Canada Community - The Canada Community connects teachers, faculty, professional development providers and others whose interests include teaching about Canada, about American/Canadian history and relations, about the Canadian point of view, and about Canada's importance in the world.

CANADA COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2018
Chicago, IL

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Writer (Co-Founder of the Canada Community, Canadian Studies Master Teacher), Jose Brandao (Canada Community Scholar, Professor of History, Western Washington University), Kyla Sweet (Canadian Studies Curriculum Specialist), Anton Schulzski (CO HS teacher, prospective NCSS Board member), Betsy Arntzen (Canadian Studies Education Outreach)

NCSS Board Member: Joe Karb

AGENDA:

NCSS Priorities for Communities – Canada Community alignment

JOE: NCSS provides a place where members can coordinate, facilitate, resources and common goals. NCSS wishes Communities to be more active in between conferences to collaborate and share ideas. Ex: articles in journals, webinar

CANADA COMMUNITY TO DO LIST:

- Will get Jose Brandao to be on Webinar
- Want the NCSS board to know our community thoughts about a central location for where to submit Community reports and other Community related materials
- Update to the board what we have done: calls, articles, webinar, new initiatives (report that Ruth Writer, co founder, remains active)
- Potentially create new or update existing Canada and Canada and Mexico Bulletins. Bulletins now electronic, Contact the Publications Department: Example US/Canada Relations with Lesson Plan for HS, Lesson Plan for MS, include C3 design format (relates to be useful for people teaching current events, Western Hemisphere
- HOD 3-4 hour commitment each year, work towards filling this seat
- Canada Sub Page for resources
- Look at SHARE MY LESSON American Federation of Teachers , NCSS partner with SHARE MY LESSON
- Ask NCSS for list of who has registered from Canadian Provinces/Territories for social time
- Look to connect NCSS to IB program
- Place for Canadian Teachers versus resources for Teaching Canada CANADA COMMUNITY: TEACHING ABOUT CANADA

HOD Representative – vacant this past year. Will work to fill it

Increase membership – will campaign to the members who sign our pages asking for more information about Canadian content

Canada Community activities at NCSS

Annual Meeting

Canada Community Scholar

Canada Community Showcase

Social gatherings

Next Conference –

Austin – Communities are allowed to do 2 of the 3 options: 1) scholar session; 2) community meeting; 3) another session.

Session topic ideas:

ALBERTA CONNECTION – Fort McMurry, economic rise/fall, “I Heart Pipelines”

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

PETRO CEMICALS

DUKE UNIVESITY CANADIAN STUDIES RESEARCHES THE MODERN PERIOD

Nunavut as a successful territory y/n

What is North, Where is it

No Indigenous topics in TX, the curriculum doesn't support it

Collaborate session proposals with NCGE (booth 311, Chuck Reagan); NCGE partnering with NCSS in Austin

Water: Thirst for profit, need for life

Climate Change as a Human Rights Issue

Borders – US/Cananda no wall, US/Mexico talk of wall

MN – Bring in METIS information; Nunavut as a successful territory y/n

MEETING FOLLOWUP FROM JOE KARB Dec 2, 2018

Hi Betsy,

I hope you had a great conference. I followed up with the BOD on our discussion during the Canada Community Meeting. A few notes are below.

1. The BOD can easily change the name of the Canada Community to "Teaching About Canada". If the Community is interested, please send a letter indicating your desire through me addressed to the NCSS BOD. We could take action as soon as January.

2. I mentioned your idea of having a single landing page for community leaders with key forms and a timeline. This idea was well received and I will follow up with the staff again.
3. A new special bulletin on Canada was also discussed. This is definitely a possibility but it could be 1-2 years before it was ready. One question for you---are you interested in updating the previous Teaching About Canada and Mexico bulletin or are you interested in a new bulletin only on Canada?
4. I also mentioned the idea of a dedicated sub-page for the Canada Community where you could display curated resources for any NCSS member. This idea was well received and I will follow up with the BOD again.

Best,

Joe

NCSS BOARD FOLLOW UP December 7, 2018

Hi Betsy,

I think it makes sense for you to connect with Larry about the Bulletin. I've cc'd him on this email.

In talking with him, it sounds like a revision to the current bulletin would take less time.

Also, The Canada Community has not renewed its status as an NCSS Community. Any name change request should be accompanied by the renewal form.

Joe