

CCMET Constitution

Constitution of the Canadian Committee on Migration, Ethnicity and Transnationalism (CCMET)

I. Objectives

The aim of the Canadian Committee on Migration, Ethnicity and Transnationalism (CCMET), affiliated with the Canadian Historical Association (CHA), is to foster and promote the historical study of migration, ethnicity and transnational issues, to facilitate collaboration in the field, and to sponsor sessions at the annual conference of the Canadian Historical Association and other appropriate meetings.

II. Membership

Membership is open to any person interested in any aspect of the history of migration, ethnicity and transnationalism.

III. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member at the annual general meeting. They must be passed by 2/3 of those members present.

IV. Structure

There will be an executive made up of a Chair, an Associate Chair, a Secretary, a Website and Listserv Manager, and a Member at Large. One of the executive positions should be held by a student, and at least one executive position should be held by an individual with research specialization in areas of migration, ethnicity, and transnationalism not primarily tied to Canadian history

Normally the Chair will take up the post automatically after serving at least one year as Associate Chair. The Chair will be the chief executive officer of the Committee and will preside at all meetings of the executive and the membership, will have the general and active management of the affairs of the Committee and will see that all orders and resolutions of the membership are carried into effect.

The Associate Chair will be elected for a term of one year at the Annual General Meeting. She or he will, in the absence of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair. The Secretary will be elected for a term of one year at the Annual General Meeting. She or he will be responsible for recording the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and for managing the nomination and election process for positions on the executive. She or he will serve as a full member of the executive in all matters that require the input of the executive.

The Website and Listserv Manager will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to a one year term. She or he will work with the person with whom the website is housed to ensure that all CCMET news and relevant announcements are posted in a timely fashion. She or he is responsible for looking after the listserv and website-associated concerns of the membership.

The Member at Large will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to a one year term. She or he will serve as a full member of the executive in all matters that require the input of the executive.

The Chair and Vice Chair may seek election for a maximum of two consecutive years in each position. The intent is that the Vice Chair will stand for election as Chair when the latter steps down, but this does not preclude alternative nominations. All other executive positions may be held for a maximum of three consecutive years of service in a specific position.

A call for nominations will be circulated by the Chair via the CCMET Listserve prior to the AGM. Nominations may be sent to the Secretary up to a week before the AGM, accompanied by agreement of the nominee if different from the proposer. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the AGM.

V. Meetings

An Annual General Meeting will be held once in every calendar year, normally in conjunction with the annual conference of the Canadian Historical Association, and not more than fifteen months after the last such meeting, at a place and time designated by the Executive. Information concerning this meeting will be posted on the CCMET website in advance of the meeting.