

## President's Report

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the two-day CAANS annual conference was held online this year, within the framework of the 2021 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, in partnership with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences and the University of Alberta. The online event featured more than ten speakers, who participated live from Europe (Netherlands, Belgium, and Hungary) and from North America (Canada and the United States). More than twenty attendants registered for the event, and at least double that number attended the open events, including the keynote lecture by Dr. Frieda Steurs. The event went off without a hitch and was greatly enjoyed by all.

I am happy to report that Krystyna Henke, the editor-in-chief of our journal, the Canadian Journal of Netherlandic Studies (CJNS), and myself are jointly working on the proceedings of CAANS 2021. We hope to have the proceedings issue completed prior to CAANS 2022.

It is unclear for now what form next year's annual conference, CAANS 2022, will take. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the principal organizer of Congress, is currently making changes to its Congress participation policy. The Federation is contacting all affiliated scholarly associations to discuss these changes. CAANS National's meeting with the Federation is planned for August 24.

Over the next few months, the Executive will be reworking relevant sections of the CAANS Constitution to better reflect current practices and needs, and bring the document fully into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For instance, for many years now, CAANS has been able to count on the services of a trusty webmaster, Peter Lowensteyn. His position, however, is not mentioned in the current, somewhat outdated, version of the Constitution.

To conclude this report, I wish to offer thanks to all the members of the Executive who have assisted me in the past year. Your enthusiasm and tireless efforts on behalf of our organization are greatly appreciated. My special thanks go to Mary Eggermont-Molenaar, whose help and support were instrumental in securing Dr. Frieda Steurs as this year's keynote speaker.