



ICAS Board Meeting Minutes  
8AM Eastern USA December 3, 2011  
via Skype (Vocally)

Present: Sarat Colling, Amber Gilewski, Les Mitchell, Anthony Nocella, Helena Pedersen, Kim Socha, Susan Thomas, Richard Twine

**European Conference**

The 1<sup>st</sup> European Conference for Critical Animal Studies “Reconfiguring the ‘Human’/’Animal’ Binary – Resisting Violence” was a success. Pictures and updates can be found on Facebook. What worked well included limiting the number of parallel sessions and presenters, making time for networking, and recording conference presentations (noted for upcoming NA conference).

**Upcoming Conferences**

The 11th Annual North American Conference for Critical Animal Studies “From Greece to Wall St.: Global Economic Revolutions and Critical Animal Studies” will be held on March 2 – 4, 2012, at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, USA.

*Actions:* Conference Committee:

- Print Awards
- Printed newsletter to distribute at the conference
- Facebook page
- There will be protest or vigil. Relate to “Occupy” conference theme?

**Treasurer Update**

Since late August there is new ICAS PO Box in Ithaca  
Currently two books for review: contact Amber  
Update on ICAS balance

## **ICAS Africa**

ICAS Africa is presently based at the University of Fort Hare. There was a recent conference held with ICAS members present. Another similar conference may be held, although much depends upon universities. ICAS Africa hopes to have critical animal studies on the road (presented by Hunterstoun Centre of Fort Hare University in conjunction with ICAS and whatever university they are presenting with at the time).

## **ICAS South America**

South America ICAS now on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/ICAS-Sudam%C3%A9rica/178256535598975>

## **Memberships**

PayPal proves to be efficient for membership dues

*Actions:* Offer members reduced conference fees

- Susan needs contact info of members to send them a welcome letter
- Other membership benefits?

## **Journal**

- Journal is now operating as a collective. Matthew, Laura, Vasile, Richard W., Richard T., Susan
  - Transition will be announced in the upcoming issue
- Journal will now be on Open Source Journal (housed with Hamline University which offers server space and various resources)
- Upcoming special issues include: Anarchism and Animal Liberation, Feminism (future)
- Joanne McArther of We Animals is kindly offering her artwork for the Rodopi Book Series and JCAS
  - An offer of payment to Joanne McArther was agreed upon

*Actions:* Helena or Richard: contact Joanne regarding payment and recognition of her work through ICAS website/blog

## **Rodopi Book Series**

Kim's book to be released in six weeks

Joanne McArther's artwork is being used in the CAS Book Series

## **Piraeus Partnership**

ICAS is now working with social justice publisher Piraeus Books

- Considering a series titled: “Critical Animal Studies Fiction Book Series.” This would include interdisciplinary fiction works.

*Actions:* Kim or Anthony: speak to Seth regarding direction of book series and partnership

### **ICAS Structure Changes**

Richard suggests each region have a represented elective in a nonhierarchical way. Members agree with redeveloping the committees. Representatives or contact for each region. Centralized positions remain the same (e.g. Treasurer, President).

*Actions:*

- Anthony: send out email on who will facilitate next session
- Anthony: restructure the website to reflect the structural changes

### **Critical Animal Studies Reader Update**

One publisher subjected the proposal to peer review and received some constructive feedback from reviewers: i.e., address contemporary anarchist studies and intersectional social justice, relating to queer theory, women’s studies, and so on (which is already the intention).

The meeting closed at 9:20 Eastern Time