

President's Report

Annual General Meeting, 2007

Canadian Institute of International Affairs (Toronto Branch)

Programming

Programming is at the heart of the Toronto Branch. We believe based on feedback from our members that the core reason members renew is because of high quality speakers and relevant topics.

We had a highly successful and active year with excellent speakers on a wide-range of topics. Our activities this year included the following programming events.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
A Midsummer's Evening Patio Get-Together for Members	10 July 2007
A Panel on Food, Health & Critical Infrastructure—How Secure is the Canadian System?	10 June 2007
France's Challenges after the Presidential Elections—Ambassador to Canada Daniel Jouanneau offers frank comments	22 May 2007
Dr. Fraser Cameron on North America, the EU and Russia: The End of Illusions?	16 May 2007
CIIA Members Only Event at the Private Residence of British Consul General Nicholas Armour	9 May 2007
Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman Reflects on his Foreign Policy Experience	18 April 2007
Margaret MacMillan on her new book "Nixon in China"	19 January 2007
Robert Greenhill, President of CIDA, on Canada's development challenges	11 January 2007
Dr. John Kirton, Professor at the University of Toronto, on Stephen Harper's Foreign Policy Successes	28 November 2006
John English on his book "Trudeau, Citizen of the World"	15 November 2006
Colonel Mike Capstick on "Strengthening the Weak: Canada's Commitment to Afghanistan"	2 October, 2006
A Panel on Canada's Post-Kyoto Strategy for Tackling Global Warming	21 September 2006

Membership

Our membership continues to be solid and we are currently over the course of the year have had from 300 to 350 active, fully paid up members. We have had success in retaining and growing our membership and continue our efforts to recruit more students and young professionals to ensure that we have a well-rounded membership base.

We have taken a strategy of offering a significant differential between the member and non-member price for events in order to encourage attendees to become members, and we held two events in the past year for “members only” to recognize and reward our membership.

Financials

The full financial report will be tabled by Treasurer Jo-Ann Davis. We remain in a strong financial position. We have purposefully protected our surplus as a buffer against the risk of a last-minute cancellation by a speaker producing a financial loss to us. With our current surplus, such an event would not undermine our ability to continue as a viable organization.

Our net revenues (revenues minus expenses) was \$929.73 allowing us to add modestly to our existing surplus. We have an overall surplus that is just under \$30,000.

Board of Directors Including the Executive Committee

The Board of Directors was comprised of an Executive Committee and two members at large in 2006-2007.

The members of the Board were:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Title</u>
Keith Martin	President
Rebecca Low *	Vice-President
Jo-Ann Davis	Treasurer
Renee van Kessel	Secretary
Ron Clark	Former President and Member-at-Large
Larry Herman	Former President and Member-at-Large

** Replaced mid-term by Renee van Kessel*

The Board was exceptionally active and effective and the membership was well-served by these dedicated and capable individuals.

KEITH MARTIN

For the Board of Directors

Keith Martin, President

6 September, 2007 at the CIIA AGM,

at the Offices of McMillan Binch Mendelsohn