

2015 – 2016 Annual Report - Race, Ethnic and Cultural Issues Caucus

Before last year's CASWE-ACFTS AGM, the two co-chairs of the Caucus had sought advice from other members of caucus on the issue of reinstating the status of the caucus as a standing committee of the Board of CASWE, as it had been in the past. While some members expressed support for this change in the past, none of them attended the meeting of the caucus before the AGM. The co-chairs therefore decided to withdraw a motion that they had placed before the 2015 AGM until further consultation is conducted with members of the caucus and more of the members of the caucus are at the AGM to speak to the motion. Over this past year, we have been continuing to consult with members on this issue.

At last year's meeting of all of the caucuses, several members expressed a desire to conduct a joint research project looking at how individual schools of social work were dealing with the issues related to the mandates of the individual caucuses. After a meeting in November, it was decided that none of the members of the caucuses was in a position to coordinate such a massive undertaking at the present time, although we would like to do so in the future.

Since this time, the REC caucus has been actively working on a plan to develop its own research project to look at how schools of social work have dealt with the issue of racism, and will be discussing these plans at its caucus meeting at the 2016 CASWE meeting.

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