

# Board of Directors'

## Highlights

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## Justice James Higgins Award Winner



**Tony Sykora will receive the Higgins Award posthumously**

The board reviewed a number of excellent nominations and determined that Tony Sykora from Alberta will be this year's recipient of the prestigious Justice James Higgins Award. The award is given annually to an individual or group who have made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Canada.

Mr. Sykora will be recognized posthumously at CCSTA's 2019 AGM/Convention in Canmore, AB. Further details on Mr. Sykora's achievements will appear in a subsequent CCSTA newsletter, and in the 2019 AGM/Convention programme.

## Government Relations

Following a very successful Lobby Day on Parliament Hill last fall, CCSTA continues to engage MPs in their own ridings.

CCSTA now has a list of over forty MPs and Senators who have expressed their support for Catholic Education. CCSTA will be writing these individuals to thank them, and provide an update on Catholic Education.

With the next Federal election scheduled for October 21, 2019, CCSTA will hold the next lobby day in February 2020, with the focus on meeting new MPs.



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**“Enlivened by the Word of God and our tradition, we promote and protect the right to Catholic education in Canada. We speak as one.”**

## AGM/Convention

Convention reports were received from Canmore, AB (2019) and Blue Mountain, ON (2020).

Convention planning is well underway for each venue, and [registration is open](#) for the 2019 AGM/Convention on May 30 - June 1. Early bird registration deadline is March 16, 2019.



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IN GOD'S  
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CRÉATION  
DE DIEU

The Board approved the 2020 AGM/Convention theme and logo - Rejoicing in God's Creation / Célébrer la création de Dieu.

CCSTA is accepting applications to host the 2021 AGM/Convention. Please contact the [CCSTA office](#) for more information.

## Budget 2020

The Board approved a proposed balanced budget for 2020, based on a 2% membership fee increase.

## Audited Financial Statements

The auditor's report and financial statements were reviewed and approved by the board.

In 2018, CCSTA incurred a loss of \$4,669, largely due to political advocacy. Political advocacy is one of CCSTA's key mandates, and future budgets reflect this priority more accurately.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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# Theodore Case

The Theodore Case, which could have widespread implications for Catholic Education, continues to work its way through the courts. The case is currently at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. The Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association, Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association, Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association have all been granted intervener status.



As a national organization, CCSTA has been advised to wait until the case is at the Supreme Court before seeking intervener status. The televised Appeal will be heard on March 12, 2019.

CCSTA will provide updates as they become available, including information on whether the Appeal will be available via streaming.

## New Board Member



**Serena Shaw, ACSTA**

CCSTA would like to welcome Serena Shaw (AB/NWT Yukon) to the CCSTA Board. We look forward to working together to promote and protect Catholic education in Canada.

***Vivifiés par la parole de Dieu et notre tradition, nous veillons à promouvoir et à protéger le droit à l'éducation catholique au Canada. Nous parlons d'une même voix.***

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Toonies for Tuition in 2018. Your continued support helps us ensure that students in provinces with limited or no public funding have access to a Catholic Education. May God Bless you in your spirit of sharing!

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