

# Board of Directors'

## Highlights

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## Justice James Higgins Award Winner



The board reviewed a number of excellent nominations and determined that The Sisters of St. Ann St. Joseph's Community from British Columbia 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.

The Sisters of St. Ann St. Joseph's Community will be recognized at CCSTA's 2020 AGM/ Convention in Blue Mountain, ON. Further details on their achievements will appear in a subsequent CCSTA newsletter, and in the 2020 AGM/ Convention program.

## Government Relations



The Board held another very successful Lobby Day on Parliament Hill on February 4, 2020. Individual meetings were held with thirteen MPs from across the country. Most of the MPs were newly elected. The feedback was extremely positive and the list of MPs who support publicly funded Catholic Education continues to grow.

In addition, Garnett Genuis, MP of the Sherwood Park –Fort Saskatchewan (Alberta) riding, hosted a Mass and lunch on Parliament Hill for the board. Fr. Penna, CCSTA's Chaplain, was the celebrant. The Mass was held in the Sean O'Sullivan chapel in the East Block of The Hill. Lloyd Longfield, MP for Guelph (Ontario), joined us for lunch and he and Mr. Genuis held a Q&A with the board.

We continue to encourage all trustees to meet with their local MPs. In light of the number of newly elected MPs, this is a great opportunity to talk about Catholic Education. The CCSTA office can provide support, if required.



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## AGM/Convention Updates

Convention reports were received from Blue Mountain, ON (June 4-6, 2020) and Saskatoon, SK (June 3-5, 2021).

Convention planning is well underway for each venue, and registration will be open Feb 14, 2020 for the 2020 AGM. Early bird registration deadline is March 27, 2020. Please note that delegates must register for the AGM/Convention prior to booking hotel rooms.

In keeping with the CCSTA AGM 2020 theme “Rejoicing in God’s Creation”, the board agreed that conference and AGM materials will be made available electronically via the Event Mobi App, which will be released closer to the conference date. The app can be accessed from mobile phones, tablets and computers. A copy of the program will also be available on the CCSTA website for delegates who prefer to download and print a paper copy. This initiative will help contribute to our collective efforts to reduce the carbon footprint.

CCSTA is accepting applications to host the 2022 AGM/Convention. Please contact the CCSTA office for more information.



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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.”**

## Audited Financial Statements

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

In 2019, CCSTA incurred a profit of \$58,754, largely due to \$33,370 in profit from the 2019 AGM, and the Federal election deferring the Fall 2019 Lobby Day to 2020.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report  
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# Toonies for Tuition Campaign

As previously mentioned, 2019 was our most successful year yet in terms of donations to the campaign. We are pleased to announce that The Ontario Student Trustees' Association — l'Association des élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA –AECO) made the Toonies campaign their charity of choice this year.



At the board meeting, CCSTA unveiled an updated social media and video campaign. The information is available on the CCSTA [website](#) for all to use in support of their local campaigns. A special thank you to Jon Juane and Nathalie Rodriguez from the Ottawa Catholic School Board for their help. In addition, thank you to Catherine Burnham, CCSTA RCISA/AR Director, for all her work on making this great video.



**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.**

## Communications Update

**Cat's Cove**   
**COMMUNICATIONS**

We are pleased to announce that Cathy James at Cat's Cove Communications will be handling communications for CCSTA going forward. Ms. James previously worked with CCSTA and has extensive experience with Catholic education.