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# Board of Directors' Highlights

OCTOBER 20 - 22, 2010

## Government Relations

CCSTA hosted a reception for a select group of MP's, Senators and staff at the Rideau Club, just steps away from Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



**President Paula Peroni with the Honourable Lisa Rait, Minister of Labour, and Blaine Calkins, MP, Wetaskiwin, AB**

Overall feedback from the event was extremely positive. Guests indicated that they had a good time and learned a lot about the Association

and Catholic education in Canada. As well, government members appreciated hearing "thank you for your support," something organizations do too rarely. Many guests mentioned they are extremely involved in the Catholic community or were former trustees themselves.



**John Stunt, CCSTA Executive Director, and Paula Peroni greet the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of State for Sport**



**AFOCSC Director, Joseph Bisnaire and CCSTA Vice President, Ted Paszek, engage in conversation with Scott Bedard, staffer for Anthony Rota, MP,**

As a follow-up, the president and executive director sent personalized notes to key attendees as well as those who were invited, but were unable to attend.

Based on the feedback we received, CCSTA plans to host a similar event next fall.

## Higgin's Award

Directors were reminded that Higgin's Award Nominations are now being accepted. A new winner will be chosen during the winter board meetings. It was noted that the criteria was changed dur-

ing the June, 2010 board meetings. The CCSTA office also sent a reminder notice to provincial associations and the new criteria are posted on the CCSTA website at [ccsta.ca](http://ccsta.ca).



**2010  
Higgin's Award Winner  
Patrick J. Daly**



## Long Form Census

CCSTA sent a letter to Tony Clement, Ministry of Industry, urging the government to maintain the long form census as the data collected is useful to school boards for planning purposes and in the case of some provinces like Ontario, the information is used in the calculation of some Ministry grants.

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

## Provincial Reports

Reports were received from each province and discussed by the board. Summaries of the reports will be included with the CCSTA newsletter in December.

## Investment Strategy

CCSTA will review its investment strategy for reserve funds with the intention of maximizing returns while preserving and safeguarding capital.

## Conventions / Conferences

The board received reports on the following up-coming conventions:

Regina	AGM/Convention	June 2-4, 2011
Ottawa	Catholic Education: A National Conversation	Sept 22-24, 2011
Sudbury	AGM/Convention	June 7-9, 2012
Winnipeg	AGM/Convention	June 6-8, 2013



Theme for the 2011  
Catholic Education:  
A National Conversation  
Conference  
“Nurturing the Seed”

## Website

Much work has been done to update the French component on the website and will continue in the future. Other suggestions for improving the site are welcome and can be sent directly to the CCSTA office at [ccsta@ottawacatholicschools.ca](mailto:ccsta@ottawacatholicschools.ca).

## CCSTA Newsletter



As a cost savings measure, CCSTA will no longer be printing and distributing a hard copy of the newsletter. When it is published on our website in December, CCSTA will send a reminder to visit the website. CCSTA is also exploring the establishment of a members database so that the newsletter can be sent directly via email.

*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.*

## Toonies for Tuition

Saskatchewan trustees are developing criteria for a country-wide contest challenging the three funded provinces to raise money for the "Toonies" campaign. Details to follow. Recent contributions have totaled approximately \$15,000.



## Vision to Action Plan

The board reviewed the plan and vision, and confirmed the association's Goals for 2010-2011 as follows:

- To improve communications within CCSTA
- To establish strategic political relationships
- To raise the profile of CCSTA in Canada and beyond
- To expand communications and relationships with Catholic bishops
- To introduce, manage and review CCSTA Special Projects

