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The following is a summary of the initiatives of CCSTA during the past several months. For more detailed information, please see the most recent [CCSTA newsletter](#).

Endowment Fund

The board approved the re-appointment of the following people to the Endowment Fund Committee for 2012-2013. Julian Hanlon (Chair), Ontario, Sr. Joan Cronin, Ontario, Dorothy Fortier, Saskatchewan, and Suzanne Lint, Alberta. It was noted that contributions to the Endowment Fund increased by 27% over the previous year, and that \$37,500 was distributed to needy families this year. Each year, however, requests for tuition assistance exceed the amount of money that is available.

In order to tap into the potential of this fundraising effort, CCSTA will dedicate more personnel and administrative resources to aggressively solicit contributions to this fund. To facilitate this, the CCSTA Endowment Fund Committee, and the CCSTA board, have approved that CCSTA will charge the foundation a 10% fee for the administration of the foundation.



Web Page and Electronic Communications



The board received statistics on the readership of CCSTA's web page and electronic communications, which indicates that our readership statistics exceed the industry average for this kind of communication. The most recent CCSTA newsletter was well received.



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



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Conventions and Finance

The logo for the Winnipeg AGM, June 6-8, 2013, was approved. The board also received a report from the Liturgy Committee for the Catholic Education: A National Conversation Conference, October 3-5, 2013, Ottawa, proposing the theme “Witnessing to the Hope Within Us / Témoigner de l’espérance en nous.

The 2014 AGM will be in Kingston, Ontario, and the board of directors was pleased to approved a request from St. Bonaventure’s College to host the 2015 AGM in St. John’s, Newfoundland.



Resolutions Approved and Recommended to the AGM

The following resolutions were approved at the 2012 AGM in Sudbury, Ontario.

First Nations Education - that CCSTA petition the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to take action to implement structural change to First Nations education in a timely manner.

Development and Peace - that the CCSTA petition the Minister of International Cooperation to increase the federal government grants to Development and Peace.

Early Learning Programs - that the CCSTA petition the federal government and provinces, where appropriate, to establish public policy to fund full day early learning programs in all elementary schools in Canada





Directors

Paula Peroni, President

Following the AGM, President Paula Peroni will be moving to the position of Past President. President Peroni thanked everyone for their commitment to Catholic education, and said she has been blessed to work with such great people since joining CCSTA in 2002. She is looking forward to staying on the board for two more years as Past President.

President Peroni thanked Marino Gazzola, Ontario and John McGrath, Newfoundland for their service on the board. President Peroni also thanked all the directors and staff individually for their contributions.

Vice-President Ted Paszek thanked President Peroni for her contribution to the board, and in particular for the *Catholic Education: A National Conversation* conference, and helping bring AFOCSC on board.

CCSTA is pleased to welcome two new directors - Nancy Kirby, Ontario, and Robert Berard, Halifax. Both directors will join CCSTA at the fall board meeting.

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.

CCSTA information to new Trustees

In order to ensure trustees are kept up to date on Catholic education in Canada, the CCSTA Board of Directors will encourage school boards to distribute the CCSTA History Booklet (*A Legacy of Faith*) and *Build Bethlehem Everywhere* publications as resources for new trustees. In addition, provincial associations and school boards are reminded to provide CCSTA with any email address updates to ensure electronic communications are kept current.

Publications can be ordered directly on the [CCSTA website](#).

Future Convention & Conference Dates

Please mark your calendars for future conventions and conferences:

AGM 2013	June 6-8, 2013 - Winnipeg, MB
Catholic Education: A National Conversation	October 3-5, 2013 - Ottawa, ON
AGM 2014	June 5-7, 2014 - Kingston, ON
AGM 2015	June 4-6, 2015 - St. John's, NF

Please plan to attend!

