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Justice James Higgin's Award Winner

The board has awarded the 2013 Higgin's Award to Greg McNally. Details of Greg's illustrious career in Catholic education will be posted shortly on the CCSTA web-page.



Congratulations to Greg McNally on winning this well deserved award! Mr. McNally will be recognized at CCSTA's 2013 AGM in Winnipeg.

Membership Services Survey

CCSTA has developed an on-line membership services survey in order to seek the input from our members on how best CCSTA can serve their needs. The survey will be forwarded to members in the near future.



CCSTA AGM/Convention: Winnipeg, MB



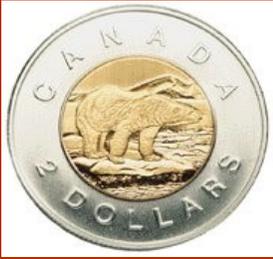
CCSTA/ACCEC 2013
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Plans are shaping up for an excellent AGM/Convention in Winnipeg. The program and companion activities offers something for everyone. Join us in "friendly Manitoba" on June 6-8, 2013.

Details and registration information can be found by visiting the [2013 AGM website](#).



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CCSTA to Launch Ambitious Fundraising Campaign



The CCSTA board commissioned Lou Rocha to prepare a research paper on fundraising options for the Toonies for Tuition Endowment Fund. The report was presented to the Conventions and Finance Committee which requested a further report to flesh out the details. That plan was approved at the Board of Director’s meeting.

The plan involves the launch of a new campaign in September 2013 based on the concept of a “brother and sister” approach to align schools and communities across the country. Student involvement will be a major focus.

A stand alone web page will be developed and appropriate on-line technology will be incorporated in to the fundraising plan.

The objective in year one is to raise the level of donations from the current \$35,000 to \$100,000 in 2013-2014.

“This is an ambitious plan”, said President Ted Paszek. “We will need to spend some money to complete the work plan and implement the new campaign. However, we believe there is great potential to build the Endowment Fund in order to assist a greater number of families to attend a Catholic school.”

Details of the plan will be posted on the CCSTA website.

Canada Not-For Profit Corporations Act



The new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (NFP Act) requires CCSTA to revise it’s by-laws to conform to the new act. CCSTA has engaged legal counsel to assist in making this transition which must be complete by October 17, 2014. If we do not comply with the deadline, CCSTA would be dissolved.

At various stages of the process our members approval will be required. This matter will be discussed at the AGM in Winnipeg. Many non-profit corporations, including CCSTA, must incur considerable financial costs to meet the requirements of the new legislation.



Supreme Court Case - Loyola College

The board received the details of this case, which is related to the previous issue in Quebec, in which CCSTA was an intervener. The question before the courts is whether the Quebec government can impose a mandatory Ethics and Religious Culture (ERC) program on the private Catholic school, Loyola College in Montreal.

Loyola has sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada to overturn a lower court's decision that the Catholic schools must teach the mandatory ERC program.

Following discussion and input from the other funded provinces, CCSTA decided not to seek intervener status at this time.

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.

World Catholic Education Day - May 9, 2013

This year's theme is "You will be my witness / Vous serez alors mes témoins". CCSTA will produce a poster and a statement on the contribution of Catholic education in Canada which is to be read in each provincial and territorial legislature.

Future Conventions, Conference, Board and Committee Meetings



Please mark your calendars for future conventions and conferences. Please note that the 2015 AGM will be held in the second week of June.

Resolutions and Political Affairs Committee Meeting	May 7, 2013 - via teleconference
Education, News and Information Committee Meeting	May 13, 2013 - via teleconference
Conventions and Finance Committee Meeting	May 16, 2013 - via teleconference
Board of Director's Meeting	June 5, 2013 - Winnipeg, MB
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 13-15, 2015 - St. John's, NF