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The following is a summary of the initiatives of the CCSTA Board of Directors during the recent board meeting. For more detailed information, please see the most recent [CCSTA newsletter](#).

Higgin's Award Criteria

The board reviewed the criteria and procedures for the annual CCSTA Justice Higgins Award. The award is presented at the CCSTA AGM/Convention to a person or group who has displayed exceptional leadership, commitment and vision to the cause of Catholic education in Canada.



The board will develop a template for the submission of nominations with the intent of bringing more consistency to the way nominations are submitted. This is expected to assist both those who prepare and submit the nominations, and members of the board who evaluate and choose a recipient.

The new template will be available for the next round of nominations which must be submitted by January 15, 2015.



Toonies for Tuition

Despite investing in resources and tools to assist with fundraising at the local level, there has not been a significant increase in the revenue generated by the Toonies Campaign.

The board decided to migrate the information from the Toonies website over to the CCSTA website so maintenance is only required on one site. In addition, we will discontinue the on-line payment program as these tools are not being utilized, and will not continue with the services of a campaign coordinator.

The main reason for having to cut back is the lack of participation by the majority of school boards. Without local champions, the Toonies fundraiser falls victim to the competition for charitable donations.

The Endowment Fund Committee met recently and allocated \$31,300 to parents to help fund their child's Catholic education.



“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

Planning is underway for the CCSTA AGM/ Convention in St. John’s, Newfoundland. A stimulating program, great venue and warm maritime hospitality await the delegates on June 11-13, 2015.

Yellowknife is the location of the 2016 AGM/ Convention, and the 2017 AGM/Convention will be held in Niagara Falls.

Preliminary work is underway to plan these events as the local organizing committees prepare to greet you and showcase their school systems.



Resolutions



The following resolution, submitted by Ontario, was approved at the board meeting, and recommended to the 2014 AGM:

CCSTA petition the Federal Government to create conditions where there is equity for the provision of sufficient bandwidth to meet the learning requirements of students and the business functions of all boards.



Communications

The board approved two documents to assist with both internal and external communications. The CCSTA brochure was revised and updated with a new look. It is used as a document to give to politicians with relevant information about the contribution Catholic education continues to make to Canadian society.

The other document outlines the benefits of membership in CCSTA and outlines the services provided by CCSTA to its members.

Electronic versions of these materials will be sent to each board.





Directors and Elections

Ted Paszek, President

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

President Paszek thanked Paula Peroni - Past President, Nancy Kirby - OCSTA Director, and Robert Berard - RCISA/Atlantic Region Director for their service on the board. President Paszek also thanked all the directors and staff for their contributions.

During the 2014 AGM, Mike St. Amand (SK) will be acclaimed as CCSTA President, and Marino Gazzola (ON) will be acclaimed as CCSTA Vice-President. CCSTA is also pleased to welcome Margaret Savidge (NB) to the board effective June 7, 2014 at noon. As Marino Gazzola is an elected member from Ontario, Ontario appointed Bob Schreder - Director (ON) to the board effective June 7, 2014.

John Stunt, Executive Director, informed the board of his intention to retire as of June 30, 2015. In the fall, the CCSTA Board of Directors will put in place a process to hire a new Executive Director.

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.

Political Outreach

The board received a package of materials to assist them in meeting with MP's and Senators in their local area. The materials contain CCSTA's main messages and outlines our request that the government of Canada continues to support Catholic education through ongoing recognition of its historic relevance in shaping the Canadian identity and continued promotion of its existence and future vitality.

CCSTA will request assistance from trustees across Canada in meeting with their local MP's and we will provide materials to help conduct these meetings. There will be more information in the early fall.

The board also approved a reception for MP's on Parliament Hill on October 21, 2014.



Future Meeting Dates

Communications Committee	October 7, 2014 via teleconference
Resolutions & Political Affairs Committee	October 9, 2014 via teleconference
Government Reception	October 21, 2014 - Ottawa, ON
Conventions & Finance Committee	October 22, 2014 - Ottawa, ON
Board of Directors	October 22, 2014 - Ottawa, ON
AGM 2015	June 11-13, 2015 – St. John's, NF
AGM 2016	June 2-4, 2016 – Yellowknife, NWT
AGM 2017	Date TBD – Niagara Falls, ON

