

Board of Directors' Highlights

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Justice James Higgins Award Winner

The board reviewed a number of excellent nominations and determined that Kevin Kobus of Ontario 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.

Further details of Mr. Kobus' achievements will appear in a subsequent CCSTA newsletter, and in the 2016 convention programme.



Congratulations to Kevin Kobus on winning this well deserved award! Mr. Kobus will be recognized at CCSTA's 2016 AGM in Yellowknife

Government Reception & MP Meetings

Following the board meeting, directors met one on one with a number of MP's, then hosted a very successful government reception. Details will be available on the CCSTA website shortly.



Left: MP Dr. Colin Carrie with CCSTA VP, Marino Gazzola, and Executive Director, Julian Hanlon. Right: MP Terry Sheehan with CCSTA Past President, Ted Paszek



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

World Catholic Education Day



This year’s theme is “Your pain will turn into joy / Mais votre douleur se changera en joie”.

CCSTA produced a [poster](#) and a statement on the contribution of Catholic education in Canada, which is to be read in each provincial and territorial legislature on May 5, 2016.

Conventions and Finance

Convention reports were received from Yellowknife, (2016), Niagara (2017) and Kelowna (2018).

The convention planning is well underway for each venue, and [registration is open](#) for the Yellowknife AGM on June 9-11, 2016



Budget 2017

The Board approved a proposed balanced budget for 2017, based on a 2% membership fee increase.

Audited Financial Statements

The auditor’s report and financial statements were reviewed and approved by the board. Although the original 2015 budget forecasted a balanced budget, the Association is very pleased to report a surplus of approximately \$21,000. Special thanks to the AGM 2015 Newfoundland organizers for the profit realized from the event. As CCSTA operates on a very limited budget, these additional funds will be well used as we continue to promote Catholic education in Canada.

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By-law Revisions

To ensure compliance with the new Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act (CNCA), the CCSTA by-laws require a minor revision. This change will allow each province to appoint a provincial representative at a time that coincides with their own organization's AGM. Once the province appoints a provincial representative, then the CCSTA board (directors acting in their role as provincial members authorized to sign on behalf of their province) approves the director to the board. Additional information on this process has been communicated to the provincial associations.

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.

Vision to Action Plan

In order to fulfill the CCSTA's vision and mission to protect Catholic education in Canada, a Vision to Action Plan is updated regularly. A copy of the current plan can be located on the [CCSTA website](#).

Twitter



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CCSTA has embraced twitter, and are pleased with how this social media tool is allowing the organization to further reach membership, provincial associations, school boards, clergy and other Catholic organizations. Members are encouraged to share their good news stories by tweeting them to [@CCSTAconnect](#).

Future AGM Dates and Locations

Please mark your calendars for future conventions and conferences.

[AGM/Convention 2016](#)

June 9-11, 2016 - Yellowknife, NT

AGM/Convention 2017

June 1-3, 2017 - Niagara Falls, ON

AGM/Convention 2018

June 7-9, 2018 - Kelowna, BC

Applications to host the 2019 AGM are being accepted. Please contact the CCSTA office for more information.