

Board of Directors' and AGM Highlights

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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](#).

Financial Statements

The board and membership received the 2017 audited financial statements. The association ended the year with a surplus of \$6,449, largely due to a very successful AGM in Yellowknife. Reserves in the investment account total \$253,867.



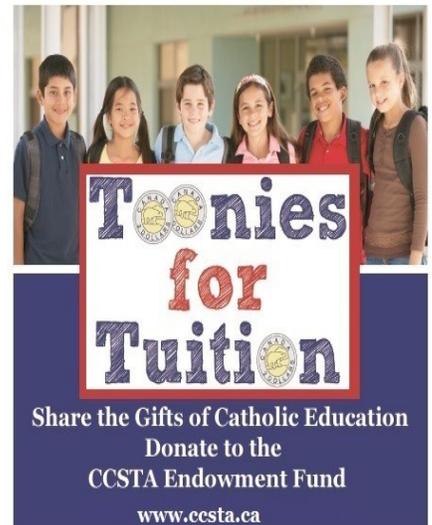
Budget 2018

The board and membership approved a balanced budget of \$200,274 which included a 2% membership fee increase.

Endowment Fund

For the 2017-2018 school year, the Endowment Fund will distribute \$57,000, an increase of \$12,000 (26%) from the previous year. At the same time, requests for assistance were \$262,762, an increase of \$129,652 (97%) from the previous year.

Thank you to all the boards and schools who helped raise funds for Toonies for Tuition.



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Legal Issues



Trinity Western University

ACSTA, OCSTA, SCSBA and CCSTA have agreed to work together to seek intervener status as this case moves to the Supreme Court. The main arguments that will be made center on the right to educate students in an environment that is consistent with the Catholic Faith.

Theodore Case

Once again the provincial associations met to discuss this case. The feeling is that each association will most likely seek intervener status separately. While the ruling in this case potentially affects each province, due to differences in legislation and constitutional guarantees, provinces will be required to proceed individually. That said, all the associations have agreed to keep each other informed on their progress.



Political Affairs

On June 6 and 7, 2017, Marino Gazzola and Julian Hanlon met with MPs from Saskatchewan, including the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus, to discuss the political impact of the Theodore Case.

Our Local Engagement Strategy continues to gather momentum. At the AGM's Political Advocacy workshop, a number of trustees signed up to meet with their local MPs to discuss Catholic education. Further updates will follow at a later date.



Welcome and Farewell

CCSTA welcomes the following directors to the board:

John Tomkinson, Director (Alberta)

Langis Dion, Director (Ontario - French)

CCSTA would like to thank the following board members for their service:

Mike St. Amand, Past President (Saskatchewan)

Joseph Bisnaire, Director (Ontario - French)

Fr. Rémi Lessard, Chaplain

The board recognized the outstanding service of Joseph Bisnaire and past president, Mike St. Amand, who was able to join us at the Saturday evening gala. Both were presented with recognition plaques by President Gazzola.



The CCSTA appreciates Fr. Lessard's commitment, effort and spiritual guidance over the past years, and will consult with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to select a new chaplain for the association.

For a complete list of CCSTA directors, visit the [CCSTA website](#).

Future AGM Dates

AGM 2018	June 7 - June 9, 2018	Kelowna, BC
AGM 2019	May 30 - June 1, 2019	Canmore, AB

Please visit the [CCSTA website](#) in the fall for more information on the 2018 AGM.

CCSTA welcomes applications to host the 2020 AGM. Please contact the [CCSTA office](#) for details on how to apply.

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