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## National Board Update



The CPF National Board of Directors met in Fredericton, New Brunswick from August 4 to 6, 2016. The National Board reviewed a full agenda which included updates on National projects and activities, committee reports, planning for the celebration of CPF's 40th Anniversary as well as the Conference and AGM in October. More details of the meeting are being reported under specific committee reports and further sections of this communiqué.

The New Brunswick Branch Board was invited to join the National Board for a member consultation opportunity to discuss the implementation of the 2015-2020 CPF Network Strategic Plan as well as priorities and challenges in their communities as they pertain to all aspects of FSL education. The session provided both the National Board and staff plenty of insight into how National can support Branches as we move into this new phase of implementation and collaboration.

Following the member consult, the NB Branch and National Boards hosted a stakeholder reception at the Delta Fredericton and were joined by special guests within the Official Languages community including Katherine d'Entremont, Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick. The reception was well received; presenting the opportunity to reassert alliances and build partnerships with champions of FSL education working throughout the region. On Friday, August 5th, the National Board and the New Brunswick Branch President were hosted by Lieutenant Governor, Jocelyne Roy Vienneau for lunch at Government House. Her Honour showed great interest in increasing support for CPF activities as her career has focused on the promotion and advancement of education and community engagement.

With summer coming to a close the CPF National office is getting ready to embark onto one of its busiest seasons of the year! Fall 2016 is coming in quick and with a number of priorities in tow. Please select the item you wish to review from the menu on the left, or read through the full communiqué for a complete breakdown of the meeting's activities and next steps.

## Key Dates

**August 28-30, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – Youth Advisory Forum, Laurier Project

**September 11-12, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – Advocacy Committee Workshop Planning Meeting

**September 20th, 2016** – Special Meeting of the CPF Voting Delegates, Proposed Bylaws Update (web-based platform)

**September 28th, 2016** – Montreal, QC –  
Quebec Project Advisory Committee Meeting

**October 14-15, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – CPF  
Conference 2016 + CPF 40th Anniversary  
Launch

**October 16, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – CPF 41st  
Annual General Meeting + OCOL Award  
Presentation

**December 2016** – Montreal, QC –  
CPF/OCOL Roundtable, French Immersion  
and Social Integration of Anglophone Youth

## **National Committee Updates**

### **Bylaws Committee**

Nancy McKeraghan, Chair

On August 10th, an email message was circulated to CPF Voting Delegates to bring to their attention two errors that slipped into the posted proposed Bylaws document and the two specific corrections. The Special Meeting to vote on the proposed Bylaws is scheduled for September 20th, 2016. A draft final agenda has been circulated to Voting Delegates and is posted on the CPF National website for general member information.

For information, should substantive changes be required, the Bylaws committee will make the updates required and a second Special Meeting will be scheduled in November. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Committee Chair, Nancy McKeraghan, at [nancymckeraghan@rogers.com](mailto:nancymckeraghan@rogers.com), with questions.

### **Nominations Committee**

Jane Keith, Chair

After thorough review of the the applications submitted, following the call for nominations

for officers to the National Board of Directors, the committee selected four candidates to move forward for election. Interviews were recorded with the four candidates and have been circulated to the CPF Voting Delegates alongside the 2016 Nominations Report for review. The delegates have been given two weeks to review the candidate profiles prior to participating in an anonymous online election. The election is slated to take place between Thursday, September 1st and Friday, September 16th, 2016. Voting Delegates will receive an electronic ballot and voting instructions in an email from Simply Voting on the morning of September 1st. A reminder will follow one week later. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Committee Chair, Jane Keith, for questions on the elections process, or with Maryanne Bright, related to questions on the electronic voting process.

The election for the positions of President and Vice President to the National Board of Directors will be held by secret ballot at the 2016 AGM in October.

### **Strategic Planning Committee** Valerie Pike and Sharon Lapkin, Chairs

The committee is working to develop materials for Branches and Chapters to support the implementation process of the new CPF Network Strategic Plan. Members of the committee are also working to develop a workshop session on best practices for Branches and Chapters at the 2016 Conference in October. Additionally, the committee is also putting together an informational webinar for circulation to the network.

### **Membership Committee** Karen Lynch, Chair

The committee is preparing a plenary session and a workshop at the 2016 conference which

will focus on themes of membership in the 21st century; becoming a “movement” and looking at the value of Chapters in delivering CPF services.

Other activities include reviewing the member survey results as well as building a fictional member profile in an effort to identify CPF’s primary demographic.

## **Advocacy Committee**

Jane Keith, Chair

Members of the Advocacy committee are developing a workshop session at the 2016 conference focused on helping Chapter advocates plan and prepare for stakeholder meeting opportunities, how to become more active advocates within their communities at home.

The committee also reviewed an outline for upcoming priorities in the Fall as well as worked on providing a network response to the online questionnaire for the PCH Roundtable Consultations on Official Languages.

## **Research Committee**

Wendy Carr and Sharon Lapkin,  
Chairs

The research committee composition has been finalized. Joining the chairs are Betty Gormley, CPF-ON, representative for the Council of Executive Directors and Diane Tijman, Vice President of CPF-BC/YK as the representative for the Council of Presidents.

The Committee has set an introductory web meeting on September 1st to go over research goals and priorities for the coming year.

## **News from National**



## **Branch Annual General Meetings – Invitations to National**

Several Branches extend an invitation to the National President, a Board Director or the National Executive Director to attend their Branch Annual General Meeting and Conference or Special Event. The National Board wishes to thank the Branches for their invitations and the opportunity to share updates from CPF National and to meet CPF members. The National office is able to accept four invitations per year within its current budget. We request that the invitation be received six weeks prior to the travel date to allow us to confirm availability and keep the costs reasonable.

## **2016 CPF Conference and AGM**

Several modifications were brought forward to this year's travel/cost sharing strategy to ensure equitable representation at the national event. Funds have been allocated to Branches to cover costs of travel and accommodation for 7 delegates, the amount will vary depending on travel distance to Ottawa. Separate funds have been set aside to cover the cost of travel and accommodation for Branch Presidents and VPs to attend the Conference and AGM.

The online registration process is open for the 2016 Conference on the National website at <http://cpf.ca/en/registration-form/>. We encourage delegates to register and to book hotel accommodations early to avoid additional costs.

The National staff and committee are working hard to plan a meaningful volunteer learning and appreciation event. The conference program is being finalized which will include plenary sessions for all delegates and several workshops organized according to the four pillars of the CPF Network Strategic Plan: Youth; Members, Parents and Volunteers; Decision-makers; and Organization. The conference program will be posted on the CPF National website on September 9th.

Planned social activities include a reception launching the CPF Laurier Youth Project, the President's Banquet and CPF Awards presentation, the silent auction and raffle, the launch of the CPF 40th Anniversary initiative and CPF Volunteer Wall of Contributions.

As we recognize that there are many changes to the process this year, please feel free to contact Debbie Murphy, [dmurphy@cpf.ca](mailto:dmurphy@cpf.ca), with questions.

The AGM Voting Delegate information packages will be sent by email on September 14th.

## **CPF Awards of Recognition – Nomination Process**

This year's conference theme places major emphasis on volunteer service appreciation. CPF wishes to recognize individuals who have significantly contributed to the organization and the advancement of French second language education across Canada. The CPF Awards of Recognition seek to honour three individuals in the following categories:

- ? CPF Distinguished Life Membership
- ? CPF National Volunteer Award

## ? CPF J. Elmer Hynes Excellence in Leadership Award

The nominations process has been streamlined this year and the criteria for nomination updated. To nominate an individual CPF member, please review and complete the online nomination form by **September 16th, 2016** and submit to Maryanne Bright, Communications Coordinator at [mbright@cpf.ca](mailto:mbright@cpf.ca).

To access the CPF Awards of Recognition nomination form: <http://cpf.ca/en/cpf-awards-of-recognition/>

## CPF Silent Auction and Raffle – Donations

CPF will also be hosting its highly anticipated silent auction! All proceeds will go towards the Mary Joyce Booth Endowment. Due to a review of on donation practices, we will no longer be able to issue receipts for the value of a donated gift.

For those interested in sending donations for the silent auction, please forward the items, their value and a short description to the national office, to the attention of Debbie Murphy, before September 30, 2016.

Once again, CPF has received a donation of a painting from the late John Mlacak for our CPF raffle. This year, ticket prices will be \$10 a piece or 3 tickets for \$25.

## Website Facelift Update and Social Media Channels

The CPF National office is still working closely with Jennifer Hood, of Underscore Solutions,



to oversee the redesign of the network's websites. Most Branch websites are being launched into the fall with work scheduled to be after work by December 2016. If you have any questions please contact Maryanne Bright at [mbright@cpf.ca](mailto:mbright@cpf.ca)

## **National Office Projects and Initiatives**

### **Celebrating Sir Wilfrid Laurier - Canada's Destiny as a Great Nation**

This CPF National project which saw its initial introduction during the May Concours weekend, brought together this past weekend 18 youth (grade 11-12 high school and post-secondary year 1 and 2) in Ottawa to learn about Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Participants arrived on August 28th and took part in a "white glove" tour and afternoon tea experience at Laurier House, National historic site. They worked with a theatrical consultant to develop interactive materials to share online as well as support the postcard/social media campaign contest culminating on November 20th, in honor of this first French Canadian Prime Minister's 175th birthday.

The Parliamentary Secretary for the Prime Minister on Youth, Peter Schiefke, Liberal MP for Vaudreuil – Soulanges, joined the students for dinner. The Campaign will be officially launched during the CPF conference 2016.



Peter Schiefke speaking about Laurier, bilingualism and boybands



Laurier Leaders working hard on their videos



Laurier Leaders posing with Peter Schiefke and "Laurier"

Branches expressing an interest in assisting in promoting the social media activities in their province or territory, using the hashtags @CPFLaurier and @Laurier175, have received a \$1000 grant from CPF National. If you have any questions, contact Shaunpal Jandu at [sjandu@cpf.ca](mailto:sjandu@cpf.ca).

## A Kid's Guide to Canada

We are asking CPF Branches to communicate this exciting multilingual learning project with teachers in their regions.

'A Kid's Guide to Canada' is a teacher-led national project organized by Canadian elementary school educators, under the

sponsorship of the Canadian Education Association. Beginning in January 2017, the Kids' Guide to Canada project is inviting every elementary student in Canada to personally contribute to the celebrations of Canada's 150th birthday! We're asking them to collaborate and help create the very first multilingual interactive guide to Canada which has been produced BY kids, FOR kids! This exciting grass-roots Canada 150 project is being created and lead by a passionate team of educators and community members who span the country from coast to coast to coast, including English, French, and Indigenous partners, and 13 provincial and territorial ambassadors.

With a special focus on connecting students in marginalized, remote, minority language, and Indigenous communities, the project provides elementary students with an exciting collaborative learning opportunity through peer-to-peer connections from sea to shining sea.

Registration for 'AKGTCanada' opens in the late fall of 2016. Teachers must register for the project using their official school email address. Registration for the project will also offer teachers an opportunity to obtain a teacher account in ArcGIS through the generosity of Esri Canada, Canada's largest mapping company, as well as a teacher account for the Digital Human Library. Esri provides free online accounts and mapping software to every K-12 student and teacher in Canada, and the Digital Human Library offer free accounts to Canadian teachers looking for other Canadian teachers or experts in a wide variety of topics willing to connect and speak with their classes.

For more information:

<https://akgtcanada.com>



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