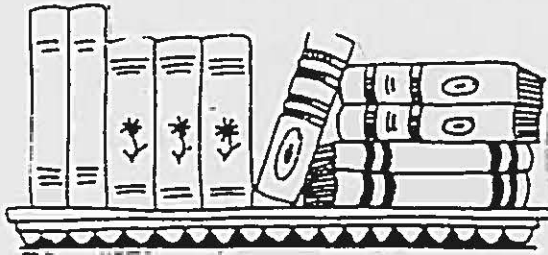


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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES TO WILSON EVANS

As you leave the post of president of the Coasters Association after five years of exemplary leadership let me congratulate you most heartily for all that you have accomplished during your term of office for the benefit of the Coasters and those it serves.

If the Coasters is stronger and more effective than it was five years ago, this is surely the result of the kind of guidance and dedication that you exhibited as President of the Association. Your efforts have gone far in helping to ensure the availability of quality services that responds to the needs of the English-speaking communities in your area.

Congratulations on a job well done, and best wishes for your future projects.

MESSAGES TO SCOTT BUCKLE ON BEING ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF COASTERS

We are pleased to extend to you congratulations on your election as President of Coasters Association. Our working relationships with regional associations are a valuable source of support, information sharing and collaboration.

We look forward to getting to know you and to continuing to work with your organization.

Best wishes for successful and enjoyable mandate.

Susan Mastine
Townshippers

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Outaouais Alliance I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as President of the Coasters Association.

We look forward to meeting and working with you at our upcoming network during Alliance Quebec's Cap weekend.

Bob May
Outaouais Alliance

MEETINGS

Cornella Maurice and Scott Buckle has attended a QCGN meeting on November 19th in Montreal.

A Provincial Education Committee meeting was held on the 15th of November. Ms. Joan Dougherty has accepted to chair the meeting. An agenda has been sent to the office.

A Conference call was held on November 6th between the Executive Committee members of the Coasters. Many issues were discussed and the minutes will be distributed as soon as it is possible.

Scott Buckle, Cornella Maurice, Priscilla Griffin, Peggy D'ippolito and Janie Cox were the delegates that attended the Cap weekend on November 17th, 18th, and 19th. We hope that they had a safe and pleasant trip and enjoyable learning experience.

A Regional Associations and Alliance Quebec meeting was scheduled for November 17th. The agenda for this meeting is on file at the office.

Notes of CSBCN Board of Directors meeting held in Chevery on November 1, 1995 are on file at the office. Many topics were discussed and decisions were made.

CFBS held a public meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 pm. Tony Roberts attended this meeting at the town hall in St. Paul's River.

Preparations were made for the Section 41 & 42 meeting to be held on December 4th and 5th, 1995.

A Conference Call was held on November 30th concerning the Tourism Conference between Cornella Maurice, Scott Buckle and Bill Flock.

PROJECTS! PROJECTS!

Waste Management: This project was submitted under the Atlantic Ground Strategy (Tags) and was accepted for 52 weeks for 5 candidates to work the 5 Municipalities. In order for this project to begin, support letters were required from each municipality. All municipalities have replied with great enthusiasm.

Tourism Conference: A project was submitted to Canadian Heritage entitled "Tourism Conference". One person will be employed to organize a conference dealing with Tourism. The aim is to bring resource persons from on and off the coast together to discuss new ideas and options for increasing the benefits of tourism on the L.N.S. The project is currently understudy by Canadian Heritage and there has been no other news as of to date.

Newspaper Vol 5: Articles have been pouring in at the office for this year's Coastar. Priscilla has been busy writing letters requesting articles, and has been furiously pounding away on computer keys. All has been completed and is off to the printers for printing. As we have received many interesting articles this may be our best Newspaper yet. Excellent work Priscilla!!

Article 25': This project has been approved for 12 weeks, Trina Fequet & Clara Ann Thomas were the persons chosen to participate. Congratulations gals!

Job Development: The aim of this project is to provide training and work experience to one disabled person as an office clerk. The project has been approved and Dawn Thomas will begin work on Nov. 6, 1995 for a total of 20 weeks. Good Luck Dawn!

Youth & Joint Youth: Letters of thanks and appreciation are still being received at the office with regards to these two reports. A lot of hardwork has gone into the reports and Dwayne and Donna can be as proud of their work as we are of them. Congratulations Dwayne & Donna!

H. & S.S. Project: A contract between Coasters & the L'Association de Protection et de Defense des Droits de la Personne en Côte Nord has been signed to complete this project. Penny Buckle will be returning to complete the 2nd phase of the project.

Handicapped Project: Larry Roberts has been chosen to work this project. He has been busy writing resource persons for information. Inter-Canadian was quick to reply with their information.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

A letter was received from Leah Keats, a member of the Regional Advisory Committee stating that several complaints from users of the H&SS on the LNS was presented to the committee by Mr. Charles Hart, Board Member and representative of the Coasters Association. Ms. Keats informed that as the

complaints were not language related their committee has no mandate to intervene. Cornella Maurice replied to Ms. Keats' letter stating that she was unaware of what information was given to Mr. Hart as it was prepared for him by a volunteer. Had she known she would have advised against it, yet as a Board member he should have known what to present.

CSBCN News

CSBCN has advised the public that since 1988, December 1st has been declared world wide as "aids day". Each year a theme is chosen and this year it is "Share our Rights and Duties".

H&SS complaints that were received from the St. Anthony hospital, will be presented to the CSBCN.

TOWNSHIPPER'S ASSOCIATION

Susan Mastine is leaving Townshipper's and Joan Richards of CASA felt that it would be nice if the network of associations donated \$ 25.00 each to purchase Susan a "going away" present.

Also, the Townshippers invited Coasters to join them in wishing Ms. Mastine well in her new ventures. A reception will be held on Saturday, December 9, 1995 at the Motel le Chantilly, St. Francois Xavier de Brompton at 7:00 pm and the cost is \$ 21.00 each.

INVITATIONS

The department of Canadian Heritage request the presence of Mr. Scott Buckle and one other member of the Coasters Association to a second discussion session with representatives of the Federal Government department. The session is to take place at Industry Canada in Salle Metropolitaine at 5 Place Ville Marie in Montreal from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on December 4th & 5th, 1995.

QCNA has invited Coasters to their 1995 Fall meeting that is to be held on Friday, November 24th & 25th, 1995.

EDUCATION

Tony Roberts was selected to be on the Provincial Education Committee. Congratulations Mr. Roberts!!

Information was received concerning the Strategic Planning of CSL. Tony Roberts represented the Coasters on this issue.

JOBS, JOBS

An announcement was made for a Job Posting within the Public Service Commission

LANGUAGE RIGHTS

A News release was recieved at the office from the Commissioner of Official Languages concerning the

"Language Rights in the Justice System"

LOCAL HEROS

A special celebration was once again held this year in honour of our war veterans. Coasters shown their appreciation for what they did for our country. by presenting each of the Veterans with a beautiful winter parka and plaques. God Bless those brave men of ours!!

OFFICE NEWS!!

Notices for Members at Large to be elected to the Board of Directors, were posted one east, one middle and one west. Also, for an additional Board member in Old Fort and one for Blanc Sablon. A copy of the new board will be sent to you as soon as possible.

The Extra Participants are working on a book drive! They have been mailed copies of all books and reports that were completed over the past 3 years to try and sell from door to door. Wishing them well with this!!

As the office staff is often too busy to clean the office, a janitorial position was posted. A few names were submitted and Shirley Spingle was selected for the position. Happy Cleaning to her!

We are currently renting office space within the Soundbone Bar situated in St. Paul's River. As most of you know a lease was signed for 2 years and as time

flies 2 years has passed and a new lease has been signed on November 1st 1995, with the new owners for a period of 1 year. Chesley Griffin signed on behalf of the new owners of the Boomerang Bar.

The Board of Directors were contacted for their approval for Isidore Lawless as Treasurer. All were in favor. Congratulations Isidore!!

Scott Buckle began his presidential duties by working on an unemployment issue for Johanne Rogers and also he handled the bakeapple dossier.

The Executive Committee was contacted by the Executive Director to see if Priscilla could receive a raise of \$325.00 per week instead of \$300.00. All members agreed!!

NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce of Sept-Iles has sent a letter requesting to become a member of our organization. The requested information has been mailed to them. It's nice to know that persons off the coast want to get to know us better and support our special cause.

REFERENDUM - THE AFTERMATH!!

A sigh of relief rippled throughout this great country of ours as Quebec voted "NO". CASA was so excited they faxed us a copy of "Oh Canada" in French and English. Also CASA's President, Lynden Bechervaise, has expressed his

shock at comments made by Jacques Parizeau blaming the ethnic population for their lost.

Also Alliance Quebec's President, Micheal Hamelin, has written a letter to the Director General des Elections, concerning spoiled ballots & out-of-province voters. Mr. Hamelin had questions to these issues which he stated in the above mentioned letter.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC

Alliance Quebec has changed their "E" mail address. Anyone wishing to contact them by electronic mail may do so at:

aqinfo@aq.qc.ca

On a sadder note, we were sorry to hear about the passing of Micheal Hamelin's father. Funeral arrangements have been made and faxed to the office. Our deepest sympathies are with Mr. Hamelin and his family.

IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE CALL ME!

BEST REGARDS!



**Cornella Maurice
Executive Director**

**Our
door
is always
open!!**

**COASTER'S
OFFICE**

