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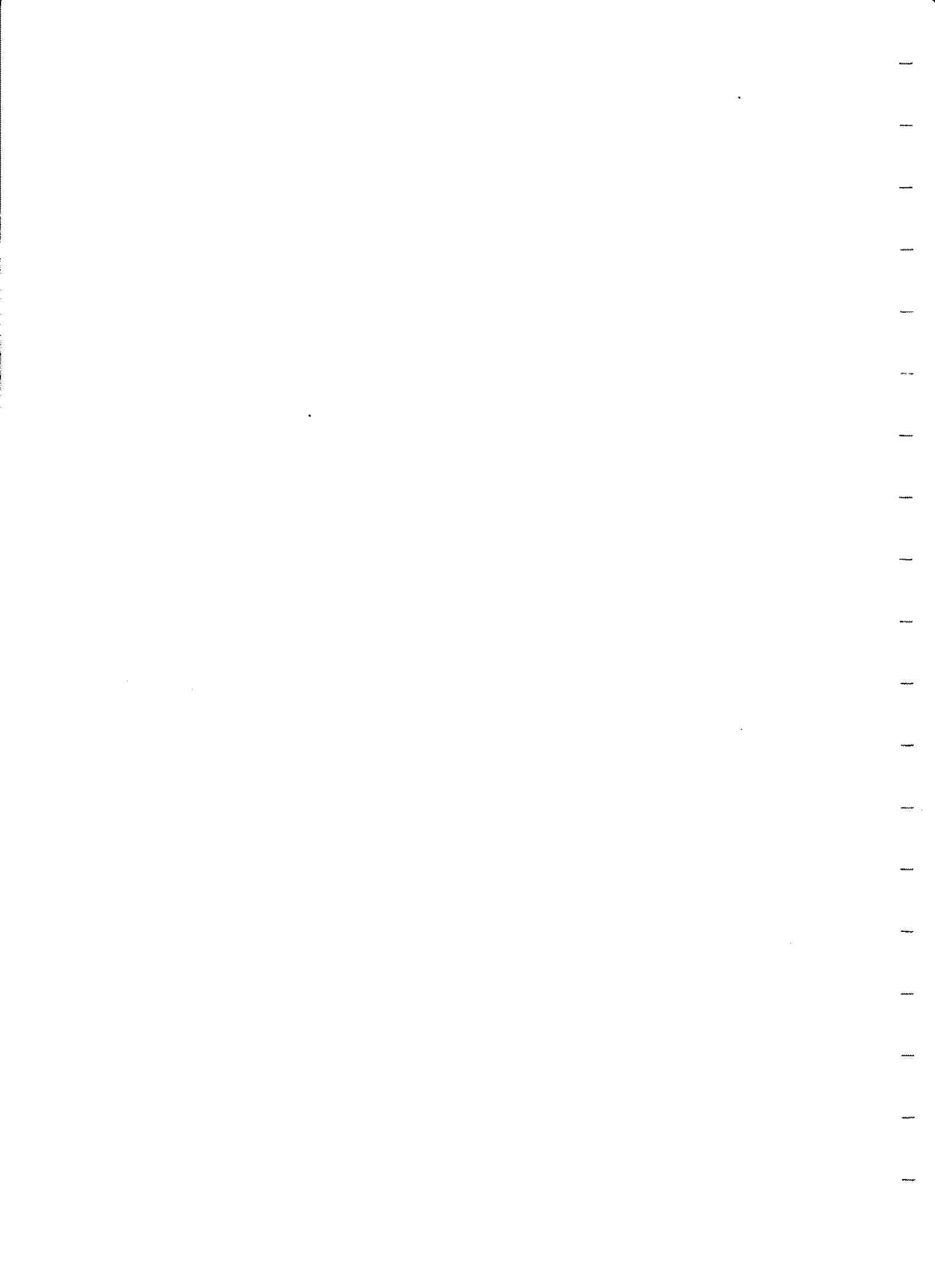


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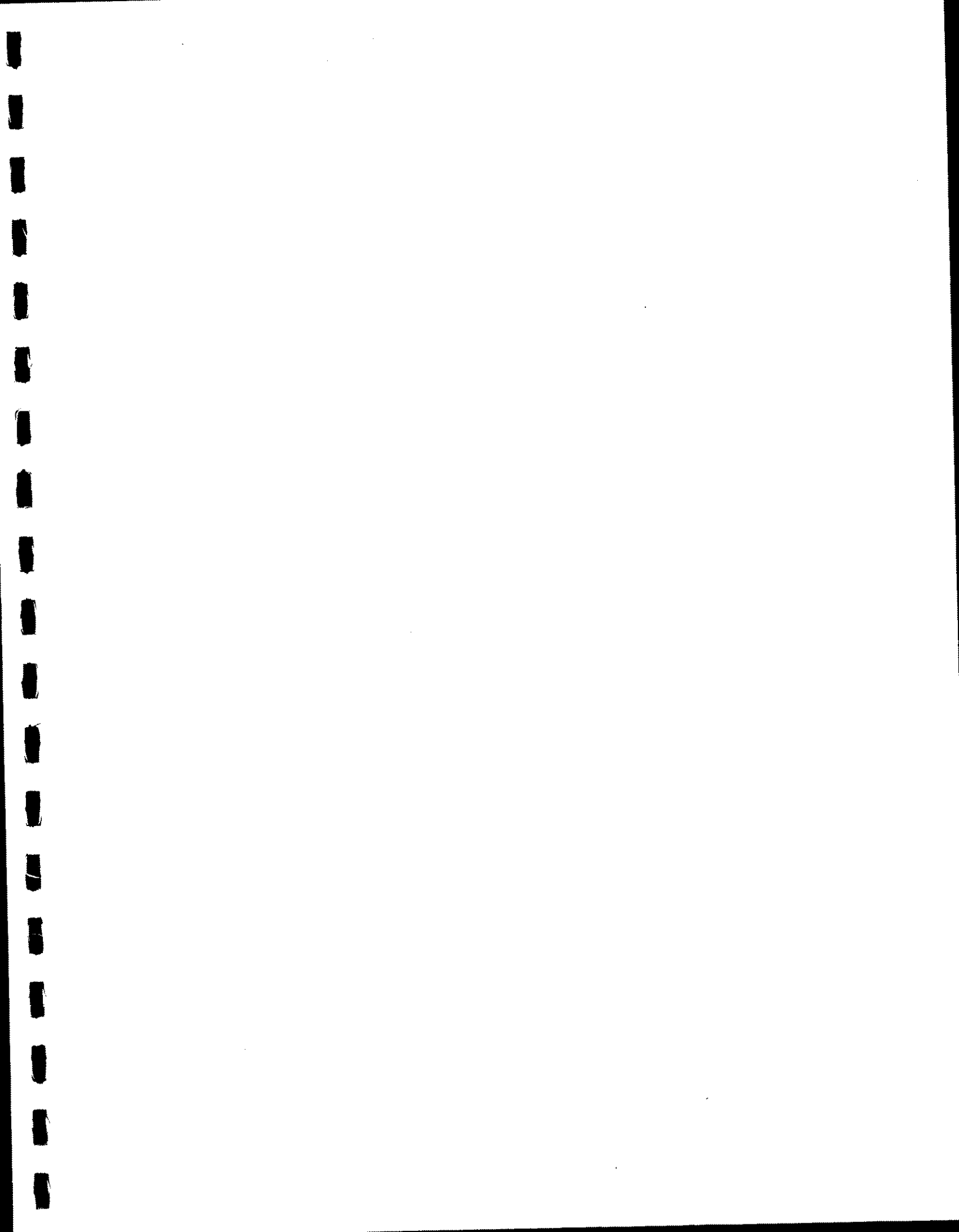
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MINUTES OF THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS HELD APRIL 11, 1992, IN THE PSBGM BUILDING

Registered and present during the one-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) were 94 delegates representing 27 local Home & School Associations, 2 Group Affiliate schools, 9 guests and 20 members of the Board of Directors. There were 11 commercial and educational displayers.

The Conference was officially opened on Saturday morning, April 11, 1992, by Jon Percy, Co-president (9:15 am). Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-president, chaired the second half of the business meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed the delegates and others present at our 48th AGM noting that our AGM was being held very early because Quebec is the host province for the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) at the end of May. He thanked his Co-President, Barbara Milne-Smith, for taking care of Home & School matters since his re-location out of town.

The head table was introduced: Margaret Funnell, Resolutions Committee Chairman; Helen Koeppé, President, CHSPTF, (and Past President of QFHSA); Barbara Milne-Smith, and Jon Percy, Co-Presidents, QFHSA; Debi Brown, Treasurer; Wendy Buchanan, Executive Vice-President.

Guests present included: Francesca Arpin, FCCPQ; Ann Cumyn and Marcus Tabachnick, Commissioners, Lakeshore School Board; Norma McGuire, President, Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations (OFHSA) and past Central Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec. As well, the Gaspé was represented by Anne MacWhirter and Austin Carney; Aylmer by Anne Graham, Nancy Peppy and Debi Brown.

B. Milne-Smith spoke briefly about the Canadian Home & School meeting being held in Montreal beginning with a day long Science and Public Education conference to which all were welcome to attend. Also mentioned the Evaluation Form in the kit - with reference to how delegates felt about the earlier time of year.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Daigle (Board of Directors) to appoint Al Locke, past Chairman, Protestant Committee, as parliamentarian. CARRIED

Credentials Committee

MOTION: Koeppé (Board of Directors)/Colomb (Board of Directors) to appoint Wendy Buchanan, Credentials Chairman. CARRIED

Wendy Buchanan, Credentials Committee, reported that 24 associations were present, sufficient for a quorum.



Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: Koeppe/Fortin (Thetford Mines) that Francesca Arpin and Marcus Tabachnick be appointed as scrutineers. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda

Additions to Agenda

10.1 Lakeshore Teachers' Association letter concerning negotiations.

10.2 Dates of upcoming QFHSA meetings.

MOTION: Thompson (Greendale)/Adams (Life Member, CHSPTF) to adopt agenda, with additions. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes 47th Annual General Meeting (1991)(pp.1-10, Bk of Rpts)

MOTION: Lewis (Board of Directors)/Carson (Beacon Hill) to adopt the 1991 Minutes. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from 1991 AGM Minutes

8.4 Membership Committee report (p.9) had recommended that awards be based on "families" not "students".

6. Co-President's Report (pp.11-13, Book of Reports)

Highlights - the nation-wide literacy project, begun in 1990, was going stronger than ever in 1992.

Rights Committee - presented brief to Special Joint Commission on a Renewed Canada. Among points stressed were easier access to English schooling in Quebec and removal of Section 59 which permits Quebec to limit English rights. Rights should not be asymmetrical in Canada. The Task Force on English Education had also said this in their report to the Minister of Education.

Membership figures are holding steady. Locals' Membership Chairpersons were thanked for their hard work.

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Buchanan (Board of Directors) that this report be accepted. CARRIED

7. Highlights of the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) (pp.14-15, Book of Reports)

Helen Koeppe, President, CHSPTF, spoke. Mentioned children and their needs; what they should have in the best of all possible worlds, but life is not perfect and that is why Canadian Home & School exists - to improve their quality of life and education. The mandate of Canadian Home & School is diverse and essential; if we didn't exist we would have to be invented! Barbara Milne-Smith thanked Helen for all her efforts on behalf of Canadian children from coast to coast. Explained significance of "Bell" pin - struck in honour of Mabel Hubbard, wife of Alexander Graham Bell, and founder of Home & School in Canada in 1895. Said that the delegates to the Canadian Home & School annual meeting were going to be entertained by skippers from Northview and bell ringers, made up of ex John Rennie High students. The Anne of Green Gables figurines that are meant to raise funds for the centennial celebrations of CHSPTF; a \$5 "donation" will earn you a chance to win the figurine.

Marion Daigle said that Helen Koeppe's remarks should be printed in our newspaper and sent to locals to be put up on their Bulletin Boards, etc.

MOTION: Brodtkin (Sunnydale Park)/Daigle to accept the CHSPTF report.
CARRIED

8. Finance Committee Report

8.1 Recommendation re Membership Fee (1992/93) (p.39, Book of Reports)

MOTION: Heron (Lindsay Place High)/Navirone (Keith) that the Family Membership Fee be increased to \$12.

The treasurer, Debi Brown, explained that the family membership fee had not been increased since 1985/86. The grants we receive federally and provincially have also not increased and we are operating at a deficit. Marion Daigle spoke in support of the increase; Anne Graham (Aylmer) said we needed to retain our independent status and therefore need to be self-supporting.

Vote taken: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer thanked everyone for their vision. We are helping ourselves to help our children.

MOTION: Fortin/Minto (Board of Directors) to increase the cost of a Group Affiliate Membership from \$40 to \$50. CARRIED

8.2 Proposed Budget 1992/93 (p.34, Book of Reports)

Correction, 2nd line under Revenues should read "Membership Fees - \$12/family [based on 4,500 families] (extension is correct).

Question asked about **donations to schools**. Example is Day Memorial Bursary Fund of New Carlisle High School; those who donated are given QFHSA income tax receipts and the donation(s) are returned to the Home & School Association [less 10% to cover administration costs].

Question asked about **Associate Member fee**. It was explained that each individual local association decides what they will charge their associate members for local expenses [associate members are families that have already joined QFHSA at another school].

MOTION: Brown (Board of Directors)/Fortin that the budget be accepted. CARRIED

Sylvia Adams, a past President of CHSPTF, suggested that our membership fee letter be put in every kit given out at the CHSPTF annual meeting so that other provinces can see what they might do.

8.3 Auditor's Statement - year ending Aug 31/91 (circulated prior to AGM)

Deficit in General Operating Account noted; credit in Membership Development (off island) Account. Marion Daigle mentioned the Rights Fund. It is why we have a Charitable Tax Number. Donations are wanted and needed. Question asked about donations-in-kind. Treasurer explained that we must have a cheque come through our books before we can make a remittance and/or issue a charitable tax receipt.

MOTION: Brown/Langlois (Ec. Prim. Harwood) to accept the auditor's report. CARRIED

9. Reports - Standing Committees

9.1 Constitution Amendments (p.29, Book of Reports)

Gisela Amarica, Chairman, explained the proposed By-law changes.

Under Article III

1. Replace third sentence with: An Honourary President shall have all the rights of a member of the Executive Committee. Other honorary positions shall have all the rights of a member of the Board of Directors, except the right to vote.

- 2.(a) Change to read: one President or two co-Presidents.
 3.(d) Change to read: Presidents, or co-Presidents, of Area Councils.
 (e) Change to read: Life Members of the CHSPTF who reside in Quebec and wish to actively participate.

Under Article V

Change 5 to 5(a) and add 5(b): If the Nominations Committee is unable to recruit nominees to fill all positions, they shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall ask for nominations from the floor and all qualified nominees shall appear on the ballot.

Under Article VII

2. Change to read: There shall be four signing officers, with cheques to be signed by any two of them. The four names shall be chosen from the following:

- Treasurer
- President or co-Presidents
- Executive Vice-President
- 1 or 2 Vice-Presidents designated by the Board of

Directors or Executive Committee.

MOTION: Amarica (Board of Directors)/de Koos (Lindsay Place High) to accept the amendments en bloc. CARRIED

There were no questions from the floor. Chairman indicated that changes to the Constitution can be made by the local associations.

9.2 Nominations (p.42, Book of Reports)

Marion Daigle, Chairman, referred to her report on p.42. Under Vice-President (2 year term) add the name of Howard Solomon (Westpark). Nominations from the floor were: Anne Swettenham (Ec. Prim. Harwood) for Vice-President (2 year term), and Rickhey Langlois (Ec. Prim. Harwood) for Recording Secretary (2 year term).

MOTION: Adams/Swettenham (Ec. Prim. Harwood) to add Rickhey Langlois' name to slate. CARRIED

MOTION: Daigle/Langlois to add Anne Swettenham's name to slate. CARRIED

The completed slate was then read out to delegates.

MOTION: Daigle/de Koos to adopt the report and to accept the slate as presented. CARRIED

9.3 Resolutions

9.3.1 Disposition of 1991 Resolutions (p.46, Book of Reports)

Delegates were referred to the report on the disposition of last year's resolutions and to the Resolutions Committee report for the current year.

Statement of Policy - the proposed changes, as circulated, were accepted and will be incorporated into our Statement of Policy.

Health - add #5 (and renumber the following statements accordingly) - The designation of each school as a smoke-free environment.

Education System - add #10 - ...

then read the BE IT RESOLVED of each resolution as it was placed before the voting delegates.

92/1 - SCHOOL NURSES [revised]

MOTION: Heron (Lindsay Place High)/Fortin to adopt this resolution.

Margo Heron spoke to this resolution and of their concerns regarding first aid. First aid is not the mandate of the CLSC nurse.

Proposed Amendment put forward by Greendale.

MOTION: Thompson/Davis (Greendale) that article 2 of the BE IT RESOLVED be amended to delete "in the case of high schools".

The current ratio is 1 nurse to 2600 students. Rod Wiener stated that the staff of the school is intended to give emergency treatment.

Vote on amendment.

CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution.

CARRIED

92/2 - SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

MOTION: Koeppe/Swettenham to adopt this resolution.

Discussion. Anne Swettenham said that the Laurenval board educates bus drivers who, in turn, teach students about safety. Since they adopted their Safety Code there have been no accidents. Ada Colomb stated that bus drivers are not exhibiting safe driving skills; obeying traffic laws, etc. Our record is a poor one and death rate unacceptable.

Proposed Amendment put forward by Greendale.

MOTION: Thompson/Little (Beacon Hill) that article 5 of the BE IT RESOLVED be amended to read "language of students" [not schools] because this is not the same.

Vote on amendment.

CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution.

CARRIED

Add School Council Island of Montreal (SCIM) to destinations.

Anne Graham (Aylmer) asked that Protestant Reg'l School Board of Western Quebec be made a part of the destinations. They cover an area the size of Belgium.

92/3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCIENCE CENTRE IN QUEBEC

MOTION: Daigle/Cumyn (Board of Directors) to adopt this resolution.

Brief discussion. QFHSA had a resolution on this topic previously. This is to update it.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

92/4 - AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

MOTION: Lewis/Minto to adopt this resolution.

Discussion. Pat Lewis stated that if you limit your child's TV viewing time you are an exception and that violence is increasing because of violence on television. Suggestion by Patricia Tasker (Edinburgh): make no TV and no Nintendo a part of Teacher Appreciation Week and see if parents notice a difference. Most felt that less violence on TV would be a start - what group could we join in an effort to make this a reality? Marion Daigle stated that the Children's Broadcast

Institute is in the vanguard of this "fight", but it is also a problem of "literacy".

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

92/5E - TASK FORCE ON ENGLISH EDUCATION

MOTION: Ann Cumyn/Brenda Dewar (John Rennie High) to adopt this resolution.

On the Task Force, Ann had represented Home & School parents while Francesca Arpin represented the FCPPQ.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

92/6E - BILL C-22 - BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Carson (Beacon Hill)/Little to adopt this resolution.

There were no questions from the floor.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

92/7E - SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LEARNING DISABLED STUDENTS IN ADMINISTERING COMPULSORY EXAMS

MOTION: Nancy Peppy (Aylmer)/Fortin to adopt this resolution.

Discussion. It was pointed out that Quebec Association of Children with Learning Disabilities (QACLD) is no longer the name in use, it is: Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec. Lynn Cullen (Howick) stated that after age eighteen children are considered adults and no longer school students. Tom Sakaly (Montreal Teachers Association) said that you could make an "each case" presentation/request to government.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

Toni Carson (Beacon Hill) thanked Margaret Funnell, Chairman, for all her work.

9.4 Education Committee (pp.30-33, Book of Reports)

Ann Cumyn, Chairman, asked if there were any further questions with regard to the Task Force Report.

MOTION: Cumyn/Dewar to accept the report.

CARRIED

9.5 Membership Committee (p.39, Book of Reports)

Membership is fairly steady with last year's.

9.6 Student Accident Insurance (p.52, Book of Reports)

MOTION: Fortin/Carson that QFHSA continue to support the Reliable Life Insurance Company plan(s) for student accident insurance.

CARRIED

Information on how to obtain the forms will be sent out from our office.

9.7 Rights Committee (p.48, Book of Reports)

The Dobbie-Beaudoin Commission [Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada] received over 300 briefs from interested groups. QFHSA was one of the organizations who were heard. We feel very strongly that this country is worth saving; we have tried to tell everyone about the consequences of breaking up; Quebec has wanted independence for 150 years.

Rod Wiener, Co-chairman, Rights, said School Boards have been asked to support the abrogation of Section 59 from the Constitution.

Marion Daigle said that Quebecers don't really understand sovereignty and referred to April 01 Gazette article.

Barbara Milne-Smith told audience of CHSPTF's Samuel Laycock Award, given by the host province [Quebec this year] in honour of a special educator. We have chosen Cal Potter, Co-chairman of the Rights Committee and past Chairman, Finance Department, Concordia University, to receive this award.

9.8 Official Languages in Education (p.43, Book of Reports)

MOTION: Daigle/Wiener (Board of Directors) that the QFHSA reaffirm Resolution 91/7, Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs.

Short discussion. New agreements will be drawn up between Ottawa and the provinces in 1993. QFHSA is still continuing to press for real accountability by all the provinces for their use of these grants.

Vote on motion/recommendation.

CARRIED

9.9 Literacy in the Information Age (pp.36-38, Book of Reports)

Some of the highlights from Marion Daigle, Chairman, from her report were:-

1) New Carlisle in the Gaspé was the first community to carry out a literacy exchange. They are still actively involved. Anne MacWhirter, Lally McKenzie and Bertha Hayes are to be congratulated for their hard work. The Gaspé newspaper SPEC has been featuring activity sheets from the Literacy Resourcebook in each of their issues.

2) This weekend The Gazette environmental columnist is suggesting we recycle books. The QFHSA project of books for outlying communities is featured.

3) May 27th Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federating is hosting a day long conference on Science, Education and Public Policy. It will stress the need for better science education for our children. Suggestion that a local association support two students from their school to attend (\$10/student, includes lunch).

4) English Language Publishers of Quebec are holding a book fair May 2-3. We will be one of the recipients of the profits, and will have a table there as well.

Anyone interested in holding a Literacy Exchange in their community should get in touch with Marion Daigle.

9.10 Area Reports

Gaspé (p.16, Book of Reports)

Anne MacWhirter showed delegates some of her "Born to Read" book bags for babies. Any contributions to help buy new books to place in the bags would be most welcome. There is also a neighbourhood book exchange for children; now held in a church one day a week.

Marion Daigle mentioned that Diane Radu, John Abbott College's Document and Library Systems students raised money through a bake sale to give to QFHSA to help pay for shipping books. Ten kilograms of books costs about \$7 plus \$1 to insure package.

Coffee break announced.

Meeting reconvened with Barbara Milne-Smith in the chair.

9.11 NEWS (p.45, Book of Reports)

We need a new Editor and layout person. Can be two different people.

9.12 Social Affairs/Support Services Committee (pp.50-51, Book of Reports)
Pat Lewis, Chairman, said she required input from local associations in order to do her job. Do the local associations have Area Reps?

9.13 Safety/Transportation Committee (p.49, Book of Reports)
Safety Week - what would local associations like to see addressed during Safety Week?

10. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: Fortin/Brodkin to adopt remaining reports en bloc. CARRIED

11. Additions to Agenda

11.1 Lakeshore Teachers Association letter

They have asked for our support in their negotiations with the government. Mentioned the salary freeze teachers had accepted in good faith, which included a 3% increase in July '92. Now the teachers say the government doesn't want to honour its signature on the contract. Discussion of the issue. Pat Lewis stated that whatever affects teachers affects kids; support services were lacking for integrating students with special needs; kids arrive at school hungry but government doesn't want to talk about that; special emotional needs of children but government doesn't want to talk about that. Teachers are living with stress. Tom Sakaly, a member of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, also contributed. If schools would like to use this letter themselves to pressure government it can be obtained from the teachers' unions.

MOTION: De Koos/Lewis that we support the letter of the Lakeshore Teachers' Association, and that we request that the government honour its signature on their contract and begin negotiating in good faith. CARRIED

11.2 Dates of coming meetings

Membership/Publicity/Newsletters workshop set for June 04.
Think Tank will be September 02.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Brodkin/Carson to adjourn the annual business meeting (12:35). CARRIED

Thanks to everyone for their contributions and patience.

Mention was made of the environmentally friendly bags for shopping that QFHSA has available for sale.

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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Presidents' Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith/Jon Percy, Co-Presidents

As usual it has been a busy year at your provincial office. We are pleased to report that the majority of the local associations did not find that the 1992 approved membership fee increase had resulted in any significant loss of family members. The extra income is helping us to cover our own increased costs at the provincial level.

We have been working this year at improving the liaison with our local associations. We are a federation of local associations and it is important that the provincial office operate under local associations' direction.

The way our constitution makes this happen is to divide the province into areas and to ask each area to appoint someone to represent their area on your Board of Directors - an Area Representative. This certainly ensures our local associations having a direct voice in provincial decision-making. However, over the past few years, many of our areas have not appointed an Area Representative and have not been represented on our Board of Directors. This year the executive members have been calling our locals to help them be more up-to-date with provincial happenings. It is important that this liaison continue. Let us try for a full slate of Area Representatives on our Board next year to ensure that our local Home & School Associations take their correct place in all our decision-making.

We are all very proud of John Parker, QFHSA's Honorary President. He is the recipient of a Canadian Commemorative Medal which was struck to honour the 125th Anniversary of Confederation. This medal is given, on the recommendation of a Member of Parliament, to honour those who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community, and/or to Canada.

John's contribution has been to the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce community over many years and he well deserved the award. He was our President in 1961 and 1962 and has been an active Honorary President for us for eleven years.

Details of our various activities this year are presented in the reports in this book. We would, however, like to highlight very briefly just a few of them:

Presidents/Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Workshop

In June we had our usual workshops for local executives. Previously we have run it as two separate workshops on separate evenings; this year we held them both on the same evening. Membership chairpersons met in one room and the others in our boardroom. There was a good exchange of ideas and people went back to their locals stimulated to continue working for our children.

Think Tank

This evening, traditionally held at the very start of the school year, is a chance for local Home & School Presidents to meet over an informal dinner with the members of our provincial Board of Directors. It is a time to step back from everyday operations and think about what we are doing, where we are going and whether we are achieving our goals. While there is always a wide range of

CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION 1992 ANNUAL MEETING

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith/Jon Percy, Co-Presidents

Each year the CHSPTF Annual Meeting is held in a different province and in 1992 it was Quebec's turn. It was held at McGill University from May 27-30 with business meetings, Opening Ceremonies and President's Reception at Royal Victoria College where we all stayed, and the Closing Banquet at the McGill Faculty Club.

There were about fifty delegates, representing every province. Our Quebec delegates enjoyed meeting Home & Schoolers from across Canada and the delegates from other provinces seemed to enjoy Montreal.

We were very fortunate to have so much support from the Quebec educational community - financial, time and talent. Many of Quebec's educational organizations helped us financially to be able to host this conference. Many of our Home & Schoolers gave their time to help make it happen; delicious muffins, fruit and juice were generously supplied by many of our Home & School locals for our nutrition breaks, and three groups of students gave their talents to help entertain our guests.

At our Opening Ceremonies, young students from Northview School gave a stupendous demonstration of skipping and the John Rennie Bell Ringers, made up of John Rennie graduates, gave us some delightful music. At the Closing Banquet the Jazz Band from the F.A.C.E. (Fine Arts Core Curriculum) High School entertained us. We owe all who helped a strong vote of thanks for helping to make the week such a success.

The Annual Meeting was preceded by a one day conference at Le Grand Hotel on the theme, "Science, Education and Public Policy," as part of the CHSPTF Literacy in the Information Age project. This project was launched as Home & School's contribution to the United Nations 1990 Year of Literacy, but was not a project to be put aside at the end of the year. Two of the keynote speakers were Mr. Peter Croden, President, Upjohn Laboratories of Canada, and Dr. Keith Newton, Senior Researcher, Economic Council of Canada.

On Friday morning Dean Ted Wall, of McGill's Faculty of Education, made a presentation, Cognitive Skills and Physical Development in Children, in which he spoke about the relationship between intelligence and physical activity.

Each year at the Closing Banquet The Samuel Laycock Award is presented to an educator chosen by the host province. Our choice was Dr. Calvin Potter, our Rights Committee Chairman and past president of QFHSA. He is the former chairman of the Department of Economics at Concordia University.

The whole week was a busy time for our Helen Koeppel and was the culmination of two busy years for her as President of CHSPTF. At the Closing Banquet she was presented with a Life Membership in CHSPTF. She was an excellent president, as she had been an excellent president of QFHSA, and we appreciate all the work she did on behalf of the children of Canada.

The new CHSPTF president, elected at this meeting, is Mrs. Dolores Neil from Saskatchewan and I know she will do a good job for the next two years.

GASPE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Area Representative

New Carlisle Home & School

Regular meetings were held during the year. A gymnastics display was the highlight of the January meeting. Two book fairs were held during the year and so new books were added to the library. In February, teachers enjoyed many special treats provided by the parents involved in Home & School.

Special emphasis continues in the field of literacy. The community based literacy group Born to Read/Readers are Leaders group is working on old and new projects. In the past few months, the "Bag Ladies" (Lally MacKenzie and Anne MacWhirter) have continued to manage the baby-book bag outreach. The petite enfance nurses in Paspebiac and Chandler give these bags to the babies at the first immunization. They have come to us several times to replenish their supply of bags. We no longer labour at this project: almost painless. Used clothing (bought at local church flea markets) is cut up and made into the cloth bags at the Centre Bénévole in Paspebiac. Regular fund raising is done to purchase new books for these bags.

Phase two of the above project was recently launched at New Carlisle High School during a special literacy evening on March 3rd for 60 parents and 55 children in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3. Sharon Doherty who attended the Percé fall literacy conference 92 organized the evening with much help from the Home & School and Gaspé Literacy Council.

Anne MacWhirter spoke to the parents describing the projects underway and placing emphasis on the second phase. A Ziploc bag with educational materials such as crayons, pencils, paper, scissors, story books and activity books will be given to the other pre-school siblings (if any) of the baby receiving the Born to Read bookbag. We also plan to include a t-shirt with the Read to Me logo (ordered from St. Francis Literacy Council in Sherbrooke.)

We plan, with the help of IODE, to organize a second annual freezer foods draw in June. After this, we will purchase the items for the second phase bag.

The annual reading tent at the Canada Day celebrations was enjoyed by many children. The Reading Circle and Book Exchange are scheduled to re-open in the early Spring.

We plan to give magazine subscriptions once again at the school closings in June at the elementary schools.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Carol Ohlin, General Arrangements

The theme for the 48th Annual Convention held on April 11/92 was Learning for Life. Due to the fact that QFHSA was the host province for the CHSPTF Annual General Meeting in Montreal at the end of June, our provincial conference was scheduled a few weeks prior to the usual date in early May to facilitate

planning and organization of the two events. For the fifth consecutive year, the conference was held in the Administration Building of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

The schedule for the day consisted of the morning business session, followed by the Awards Luncheon, and concluded with a guest speaker in mid-afternoon.

Program

Brenda Henry, a teacher at John Rennie High School in Pointe Claire, delivered the keynote address. Her presentation, "Running Down a Dream in Five Uneasy Pieces," was a multi-media autobiographical performance based on her experiences in finding the way from a shy, run-away, drop-out teen to successful careers as a teacher and professional standup comedienne.

Awards

The Gordon Paterson Award for outstanding service to the education of children and for encouraging parent participation in school life was presented to Ellen Wernecke, Past Principal of Beacon Hill Elementary School and Beaconsfield High School, and currently an administrator with the Lakeshore School Board. Charlene de Condé, who served as an Area Representative for Montreal West on the QFHSA Board of Directors and was the editor of the QFHSA NEWS for the past five years, was named the recipient of the Leslie N. Buzzell Award for outstanding service to QFHSA. Charlene, who had recently moved to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, was not able to attend the presentation.

Registration

Despite a terrible blizzard that morning, almost all pre-registered delegates, displayers and guests courageously defied the dreadful driving conditions. Attendance for the day was 94, representing 27 Local Associations, 2 Group Affiliate schools, 9 guests and 20 members of the Board of Directors. There were 11 commercial and educational displayers.

Hospitality

The luncheon and nutrition break refreshments were organized by Judy Owen, of Dunrae Gardens Elementary School, with the assistance of Esther MacLeod, John Rennie High School. Served by the PSBGM cafeteria personnel, the lunch menu consisted of chicken brochette, rice, salad, crusty roll, wine, followed by a dessert assortment of squares with coffee or tea. Placemats were created by the students of Cedar Park Elementary School and muffins were donated by the Home & School Associations of Cedar Park Elementary School in Pointe Claire and Dunrae Gardens Elementary School in the Town of Mount Royal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AGM 1992

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Awards		
Buzzell & Paterson Awards (endowments)	\$	\$ 00.00
Plaque (LSB)		135.00
Books		9.24
Conference fees (Fall Conference & AGM)		
\$35 rec'd from 35 Local Associations	1,225.00	
Displayers	500.00	
Facilities (PSBGM Administration Bldg.)		715.83
Hospitality		
Luncheon & coffee	1,410.00	1,616.00
Flowers		64.71
SAQ permit		26.00
Placemat lamination		11.00
Registration		
Kits (100 @ \$1.25)		125.00
Badges		30.00
Book of Reports (300 copies)		735.85
Preview Flyer (1100 copies)		
Typesetting (cover)		69.55
Printing		271.56
Program		
Honorarium		250.00
Program Book (175 copies)		
Typesetting		231.12
Printing		124.58
	<u>\$3,135.00</u>	<u>\$4,415.44</u>

Note: Printing and postage expenses of reports and communications to the Local Associations have not been included in this statement. The estimated cost is approximately \$1,000. Although these expenses are essential to the organization of the conference, they are not considered direct costs to the AGM. This is also true of the Paterson and Buzzell Awards which are financed by endowed funds. Travelling expenses and accommodations for out-of-town delegates are reimbursed through the Membership Development Fund. Reader's Digest Association (Canada) Ltd. donated the book prizes and photography was provided by PHOTO ART.

THINK TANK

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Vi Minto, General Arrangements

The annual Think Tank dinner for members of the Board of Directors, and past and current Presidents of Local Associations, of QFHSA was held on Wednesday, September 2, at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. Approximately 48 members were in attendance.

After a welcome from Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-President of QFHSA, greetings were extended from Helen Koepe, past President of Canadian Home and School.

Vice-President Allan Locke presented us with "food for thought" as he presented the theme for the evening's discussion: "Communication - are we listening to each other?" This provoked much discussion during dinner, and Wendy Buchanan, Executive Vice-President, orchestrated the "wrap-up" of the presentation of summaries from each table after dinner was completed.

Summarizing the discussion, many felt that the fliers from QFHSA depicting our organization need to be updated and more current in outlook. Much discussion centered around adapting a flier from PEI.

The evaluation forms showed a unanimous response to the September date; i.e., after school had started for most school boards. The location still proves to be a winner, providing ease of accessibility for members, while the food and service were rated excellent. The relaxed format still proves popular in that it permits time for very valuable networking to occur. Suggestions ranged from "make sure we have more think tanks!" to "how to increase parent participation," the "role of Home & School vs school committee," and "whole language discussion."

On the whole the evening was a pleasant, relaxed opportunity for new presidents to meet and get to know members of the Board. This was best stated by a member from Westmount High: "I learned a lot more about the Federation from Ada Colomb. There's a lot more than I knew that Federation is involved in!"

QFHSA FALL CONFERENCE 1992

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Helen Koeppe, Past President

This annual conference was held at John Rennie High School, in Pointe Claire (Lakeshore School Board) on Saturday, October 24, 1992. Theme chosen was A LOT TO LEARN: A call for community action. This was to continue the impetus to inform parents and their school communities about the strategies that can be used to keep students motivated to finish high school; to examine the many factors that impede progress in school; and to assist in the two-way discussion about ways in which parents can assist in decreasing the drop-out rate in their local schools.

Delegates were welcomed by President Barbara Milne-Smith and Marion Daigle, Program Chairman. The following questions were addressed by a team of three speakers: Ronald Macfarlane, principal of Royal West Academy; Ida Zielinska, lecturer in Educational Technology at Concordia University; and Ken Prokosh, Special Services at Centennial Regional High School.

- What changes in family structures, values and resources call for renewed responsibilities?
- Is the increased aggressive behaviour of children and youth an impact solely of the telecommunications industry?
- What innovative approaches are educators providing to keep students motivated to stay-in-school?
- What part can the community play in seeing that the well-being and education of its children and youth is a shared responsibility?

Following a nutrition break five concurrent workshops dealt with "effective strategies used in the school setting." This year for the first time in response to a suggestion from vice-presidents Anne Swettenham and Rickhey Langlois two of the workshops were presented twice, once in French and once in English. We were fortunate that presenters of two of the workshops were able to comply. The result was that Leo Lafrance, principal of Ecole Primaire Harwood and the team of David D'Aoust, Exec. Dir. of the QAPSB and Wayne Goldthorpe, director of Adult and Vocational Training, CVRSB presented their subjects Discipline with Dignity and Career Directions in both languages.

The second set of workshops were presented after a catered lunch in the school cafeteria. Delegates took full advantage of this opportunity to network; to share concerns with workshop leaders, invited guests, and with members of the Board of Directors of QFHSA.

Many displays arranged their wares in the long corridor leading to the cafeteria and ranged from general to informational. Delegates had time to visit the booths in the morning before registration, at the morning nutrition break and also during lunch.

Out-of-town delegates continue to take advantage of the opportunity to attend. Costs were subsidized in part by a grant from the Sec. of State, Canada. Some participants were able to attend the MRE conference organized by the Protestant Committee (of the Superior Council of Education) held the previous day, Friday, on the Southshore.

Kits prepared beforehand and distributed to all were a fund of useful information. Among items included this year were:

- The Green Scene (portion of Canada's Green plan)
- Green Games - activities for children prepared by Redpath Museum
(McGill)
- Sample pages from the CHSPTF Resource Book
- Stay in School parents' guide from Youth Affairs
(Employment and Immigration)

MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by the Membership Committee

The Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Workshop, held June 10, 1992, at the QFHSA office, was very successful, with an enthusiastic exchange of ideas.

Some of the interesting ideas that emerged from the discussions were:

- **How to get teachers to join:** It is a good idea if the Principal is the first person to join and that it is done publicly and openly. Many teachers will then follow suit.
- **Special Draw for Teachers:** We did this last year and the winner was Mme. Aucoin, Hudson High Home & School. This is noted in the June '92 issue of our newspaper should you wish to post it on your bulletin board. The membership chairman present thought we should continue this idea and it was agreed to include the principal and school staff as well in this special draw.
- **High Schools: how to get the information home to parents!** Westmount High quite successfully ensures that their notices reach home by having a tear-off on the bottom of the notice for the parent(s) to sign. All those returned to the school are put in to a special student draw, then one or two lucky students win tapes or gift certificates for the local music store. The draw should be very public, i.e. cafeteria, assembly hall if convenient, etc.
- **Greater parent participation:** this will be promoted at Dorset this year with monthly gift certificate draws at the Home & School meeting for those present.
- **Ensuring quick membership envelope returns:** Set a deadline, depending on when you sent out your membership package. All those returned by the deadline are entered into a draw; the winner to receive a membership for the current year FREE. Be sure to post result or include result in a newsletter.
- **Generally speaking - the earlier the better.** Some schools have parent information evenings before school starts. Items discussed are bussing, lunchtime programs, etc. Membership chairman also speaks and explains why they want their parents to join their Home & School. They get 40% of their membership in this fashion.
- **New pamphlet available:** Entitled "We Care about Children" (bilingual). It deals with the importance of communications with the family.

MID-TERM PRESIDENTS' MEETING - February 06, 1993
 Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by the office

The Mid-term President' Meeting was organized by Anne Swettenham, QFHSA Vice-President and Rickhey Langlois, QFHSA Recording Secretary. Besides the local association presidents, future presidents and any other interested executive members were invited to attend. Sixteen representatives from ten schools participated in an exchange of ideas and a workshop on Co-operative Learning.

As one local association's Vice-President said: "It's a much needed source of energy and ideas. It's a chance to discuss what your school has done already this year -- it's usually more than you give yourself credit for." Those present were given a chance to describe their victories and disappointments, and helpful suggestions were made. There are a lot of exciting ideas being carried on at the local level: John Rennie's combination of their Annual Science Fair with a Home and School Multinational Dinner interested everyone present.

After the initial exchange of ideas, Anne Swettenham and Rickhey Langlois told the Presidents of their exciting and extremely interesting visit to the New York State PTA annual meeting in November, held in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Anne and Rickhey were there representing QFHSA. The "Caucusing Sessions" which are being initiated at our own AGM reflect some of the innovative ways in which resolutions are handled by the New York PTA.

The new Unsung Hero (for an outstanding volunteer in a local school) and Golden Torch (to honour an exceptional local Home & School member) awards were introduced and the concept behind them discussed and explained. Anne and Rickhey had mockups of the new pins to hand around. Everyone present seemed taken by the idea of the new awards, especially the "Unsung Hero".

Jim Howden, a Co-operative Learning educator, then gave a practical demonstration of the differences between individual and cooperative learning. First we experienced the familiar stress of writing a timed test on an individual basis. One "student" was the "winner", while 15 "students" did poorly. Next we tried to solve the same type of puzzles but worked in groups. Although the clock was still ticking away, the combined efforts of each group was far greater than the individual scores had been with an added bonus - each group had fun. The next question asked of Jim was how do you then arrive at each person's true score? He then quickly had us do a very short, but individual, test again on the same type of problems. Each person individually did better than at the beginning, but the scores reflected each one's capabilities for this particular puzzle -- there are no free rides. But, most importantly, learning had occurred and we discovered learning together can be very rewarding.

PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP**NEWSLETTERS/PUBLICITY**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Allan Locke and Wendy Buchanan, Co-ordinators

Presidents of Home & School local associations across Quebec participated in the Presidents' Workshop held at the QFHSA office on June 10, 1992. Delegates came from the Montreal area, the Lakeshore, and as far away as Asbestos.

Executive Vice-President, Wendy Buchanan, led the workshop which covered aspects of running a successful Home & School Association. Both elementary and high schools were represented and each have their differences but, it was found, they had a great deal in common as well.

The importance of conducting a meeting in an efficient manner was discussed and presidents were reminded that a local constitution can be developed in line with overall QFHSA guidelines.

Discussion also was held concerning activities sponsored by the Home & School local. Should children of non-members be allowed to participate? Several solutions to this problem were offered: (1) pre-registration for Home & School members, (2) a two-tier fee structure. [It is likely a good idea to check either of these out with the principal before installing them.]

"Parent Workshops", it was agreed, are a good way to get parents in to the school and various possible topics were suggested. Everyone was reminded that this service (QFHSA sponsors the speakers) is there for the asking.

Some schools held their Parent Evening/Meet the Teacher program in late August and asked their parents to join Home & School then. This, they found, resulted in an excellent turnout of parents and an extremely good membership result.

Diane Radu, "Focus on the Locals" editor for the QFHSA newspaper, was introduced and led a lively discussion on newsletters and their importance in the school.

CELE (COUNCIL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION)

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-President

This Council is a loosely-formed group, made up of representatives from the following English language educational organizations:

Alliance Quebec	AO
Association of Directors General of Protestant School Boards of Quebec	ADGPSBQ
Association of English-Catholic School Board Administrators	AECSBA
English-Speaking Catholic Council	ESCC
Federation of Parents Committees of the Province of Quebec	FCPPQ
McGill University, Faculty of Education	
Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers	PACT
Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers	PAPT
Quebec Association of Catholic School Administrators	QACSA
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards	QAPSB
Quebec Association of School Administrators	QASA
Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations	QFHSA

CELE meets three or four times a year to exchange ideas and information on educational matters of concern to the Quebec English-speaking community. It does not adopt public positions itself, leaving its member organizations to make their own decisions on what public positions they wish to take. Alliance Quebec supplies a meeting room and clerical support.

The MEQ Task Force on Education, set up on a suggestion to the Minister of Education by Alliance Quebec and chaired by Mrs. Gretta Chambers, was more or less made up of representatives of the organizations of CELE. Our representative was Mrs. Ann Cumyn, our Education Chairman, and the CELE meetings over the past two years have mainly concerned themselves with the recommendations of this Task Force.

All CELE members had positive things to say about the Minister of Education's Response to the Task Force - particularly the appointment of an Assistant Deputy Minister for the English-speaking communities, Mrs. Janyne Hodder, and the creation of a 15 member Advisory Board on English Education mandated to advise the Minister on matters affecting educational services offered in English schools. Mrs. Cumyn was appointed to be a member of the Advisory Board and Mrs. Chambers is to chair it.

Members, though, were concerned about Recommendation 1. The acceptance of this Recommendation is beyond the authority of the Ministry of Education and, while the Minister of Education has said she will present the Recommendation to the government, she has not said she will push for it. Recommendation 1 is as follows:

That the Minister of Education recommend to the Government of Quebec that access to education in English be widened at least to include any child who was being educated in English or who has a parent from an English-speaking part of the world.

Council for English Language Education cont'd

M. Claude Ryan, Minister responsible for the Charter of the French language, intends to submit recommendations to the Government later this year on several language questions, including the access to English schools, and CELE members, including ourselves, decided to write to him to urge him to support Recommendation 1. M. Ryan has agreed to attend a CELE meeting but, we have not as yet been told when he will be able to come. QFHSA will attend that meeting to hear his views on Recommendation 1.

ELACC (ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE)

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Carol Latimer, Liaison

The Evolving Role of ELACC

The composition of the present council has changed somewhat but does have representatives from all the areas as well as a representative from Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, the Association of Teachers of English of Quebec, and the private schools.

The primary role of this committee should be to monitor the changes in the educational community and in society at large, and generally to oversee the various factors which would ensure the healthy growth and development of language arts. The Elementary English Language Arts Consultative Committee, through its own efforts and those of its sub-committees, has provided the Ministère with invaluable documents.

This year ELACC has expanded its mandate by defining specific objectives, one of them being to participate, through both proactive and reactive consultation, in formulating recommendations to la Direction de la formation générale des jeunes (DFGJ) concerning evaluation.

This objective was realized by the invitation of two persons from the Ministry of Education: Micheline Lavallée, Directrice, DFGJ, and Janyne Hodder, Anglophone Deputy Minister. They responded to various points raised in ELACC's Orientation Paper by speaking on such topics as:

1. Proposed Advisory Board on English Language Education
2. Concerns of the two provincial English Language Arts Associations
3. Concerns of the university

ELACC examined the importance of portfolios in the context of whole language pedagogy by discussing the history of portfolios in education and portfolios in terms of their capacity to respond to whole language evaluation.

PACT/PAPT CURRICULUM COUNCIL

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Margo Heron, Liaison

The Curriculum Council is the vehicle for consultation regarding matters of program, examinations and student activities between the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers (PACT) and the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (PAPT) on the one hand, and several departments within the Quebec Ministry of Education (MEQ) on the other. The members of the Council come from the various teachers' unions in PAPT and PACT and they meet twice a year with representatives of the various subject associations, such as the Quebec Association of Geography Teachers. The Council distributes to the subject associations funds received from the MEQ.

The PEP (Program Evaluation Project) Reports for 1992-93 are:

- Cycle I Math has had two meetings and should be ready for June 1993.
- ITT (Introduction to Technology) MEQ program is presently being revised; therefore, the PEP report for ITT has been cancelled.
- Arts: This report should have been ready for the Teachers Convention in November 1992.
- The Ecology Report has been given a new layout and was to be reprinted.
- The Kindergarten Report is being worked on.

Une Table de mise en oeuvre - Sous-comité sur les ajustements au curriculum, has been created with representation from PAPT, PACT, French, English and private school boards, le comité des parents, écoles, the CEQ (Centrale de l'enseignement du Québec) and the MEQ. Their objectives are:

1. to render the school regulations more flexible for easier implementation within the education system, and
2. to simplify the curriculum so as it render it more comprehensible for all the involved.

The outcome of the work of the Table will be:

1. amendments to the Régimes Pédagogiques, Education Act, and
2. policies to be developed by the MEQ.

Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal
Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 1993
Submitted by Howard Solomon, QFHSA Liaison

This year has been an active one for the PSBGM. Enrollment of just over 31,000 is split between English schools (60%) and French schools (40%). Last year the annual operating deficit of the board was \$0.9 million compared to \$2.3 million the year before. This year, however, the deficit is projected to be more than the \$0.8 million accumulated surplus left to the board. A number of buildings have been, or are in the process of being, sold. The proceeds will be needed to finance the construction of a new French language school in Riviere des Prairies which is expected to open in September 1993.

The PSBGM has actively fought, so far unsuccessfully, against the loss of the universally available school milk program. This loss is seen as inconsistent with the government initiatives of funding inner city special nutrition programs and the general theme of dropout prevention.

An art exhibition in honour of the Montreal 350 celebrations was a big success and allowed students from many schools to display their work at the old Bonsecours Market.

The board has continued its efforts to market its programs more effectively by combining Technical-Vocational programs into the Adult Education department for administration purposes and by continuing to examine "alternative school" proposals from local groups. A plan to make Elizabeth Ballantyne a French Immersion school with emphasis on maths and sciences was approved for the 1993-94 school year. A new policy on the use of board facilities by outside groups and by parent groups is intended to help parents to run successful fund raising events in the local schools.

Two ongoing issues have not yet been resolved. The board has looked at, but not yet decided about, the Youth News Network. A decision on this proposal is expected in the spring.

A long standing dispute with the Ministry of Education over control of school daycares is close to being settled. The PSBGM has suspended its legal action against the Ministry because costs rose from the original \$15,000 budgeted to close to \$100,000 without any resolution in sight. A consultation on a new centralized daycare policy left many parents and daycare workers dissatisfied at both the process and the results.

Many felt that the consultation was merely a formality to appease users while board officers imposed their own policy. Inner city schools are afraid they will have to close their daycares because they cannot afford to pay new, and higher, unionized salary scales. Many wealthier schools are afraid unionized employment practices will restrict their ability to control the hiring of qualified staff and the content of their already well established programs. Some schools are considering opting out of the centralized PSBGM program with the consequent loss of government grants of \$215 per student. This would make fee increases inevitable.

Principals and school secretaries are also unhappy with the new policy because they would be expected to take on administrative responsibility for daycare operations. A final decision on the details of a new policy has been deferred to March to allow another consultation with parent users and daycare operators.

QAPSB (QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS)

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Helen Koeppé, Past President

Regular Board meetings have been attended on behalf of QFHSA by one of: President Barbara Milne-Smith, Vice-President Margaret Funnell, Past President Helen Koeppé. In addition this past year QFHSA was represented at the annual general meeting of QAPSB (October 16-17, Montreal) by H. Koeppé and the spring conference of the combined associations Quebec Association of School Administrators and QAPSB (Ottawa) will have been attended by Vice-President Allan Locke and his wife Joan, March 18-20, 1993.

This past year was marked by the retirement from politics of the Education Minister Michel Pagé; the eventual appointment of Mme. Lucienne Robillard to replace him as Education Minister; the naming of Quebec's first assistant deputy minister for English education, Mme. Janyne Hodder; and the involvement of the Chambers Task Force on English Education into an Advisory Board on English-Language Education.

QAPSB showed leadership in helping in the formation of the English-language Vocational Education Council (ELVEC); an outcome of the efforts of its Tech-Voc Education committee. Symposium II: Vocational Education Career Paths.. Obstacles & Opportunities was held in Montreal January 22, 1993 with registrants from many of the English language schools throughout the province.

Teacher-Education Committee has consulted with the universities re teacher training; is attempting to get more board representation on consultative documents received from the Ministry of Education to develop common positions; was commended by the Dean of the Education Faculty of McGill for the collaboration of the past year. Dean Wall unveiled a proposal for a Principals' Centre at the Feb. 12 Board of Directors meeting.

QAPSB was represented by Mr. Allan Hilton and Mr. Colin Irving as the Bill 107 Reference case was heard by the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa, December 1992. Decision to be rendered is not expected quickly. The case is difficult and unusual in that one week was allowed for the hearing.

Difficulties in forming a budget have been resolved; a decrease in the per pupil assessment on the part of the boards is anticipated; and a Finance Committee formed after the departure of the previous executive-director has improved communications and therefore decision-making. Transportation Committee was established with representation from all member boards. Paul Gaulin, Transportation Officer of the South Shore Board is chairman and Athelstan Burrowes represents the QAPSB B/D. This committee will report directly to the MEQ, as well as to the QAPSB.

QAPSB is acting on the recommendation from the fall conference in order to increase participation of Francophone commissioners by proposing an amendment to the constitution: to add three directors at large to represent the Francophone community with no more than one of these directors to originate in the territory of the Island of Montreal.

Future Directors Committee, with Mrs. Margaret Manson as chairman is another outcome of the round-table discussions which were held at the fall conference.

SLAAC (Secondary Language Arts Advisory Council)

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Esther MacLeod, liaison

The two main subjects of discussion at SLAAC this year are teacher development issues and MEQ concerns.

Janyne Hodder, the Anglophone Deputy Minister met with us in September and set out her role and the orientations of the MEQ. These are to address the current 35% school drop-out rate and to decentralize our current educational system. The latter will involve decentralizing of services with an emphasis on constructing an educational partnership favouring many voices and a "softening" of the curriculum with a view to providing more flexibility to school boards.

The teacher development issues of concern to SLAAC are reflected in the mandates of the sub-committees which are in operation this year:

Parent Booklet Subcommittee will prepare a booklet explaining the new ELA curriculum to parents.

Secondary/CEGEP Subcommittee was formed following the recommendations of the Robillard Commission that a closer liaison be established between high schools and CEGEPS regarding curricula.

Bibliography Subcommittee is preparing an annotated list of literature for use in ELA classrooms, with particular emphasis on the young adult category.

Media Subcommittee is publishing a report called "Media File" which will be an integrated list of complementary resources such as films, books, music, and newspapers.

Secondary Resource Team is assisting the professional development of teachers by publishing three texts written by teachers describing special projects in their classrooms.

Portfolio Think Tank is collecting research on the benefits and problems associated with keeping a portfolio of student work over a period of years for the purposes of assessment, self-evaluation, conferencing, and writing development.

Other topics discussed include the use of the **Educational Project** format to provide parents some input into curriculum development and ways of teaching and evaluating **oracy** which is now a component of the Sec. 5 exam. A discussion on the teaching of the nature and function of language (grammar and spelling) was proposed in October but has been postponed to a later date.

AWARDS COMMITTEES

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Helen Koeppel, chairman

The Paterson and Buzzell Award Committees met March 25 and the following recipients were chosen:

Gordon Paterson Award - given to an outstanding educator who has given long service to the education of children and has encouraged parent participation in the educational scene. All the nominees were educators who created a welcoming atmosphere in their schools. The unanimous choice of the committee was to give the award to Richard Meades. Mr. Meades is Principal at Westmount High School and a former Principal at John Grant High School. His name was put forward by the Westmount High Home & School Association.

The Paterson Award Committee members were: Helen Koeppel, chairman; Allan Locke, Patricia Lewis, Howard Solomon and Barbara Milne-Smith.

Leslie N. Buzzell Award - given for outstanding volunteer service at the provincial level to Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations (QFHSA) and in recognition of efforts to promote Home & School and education. This year's award goes to Marion Daigle, QFHSA Quebec Literacy Director. Marion is tireless in her commitment to helping parents and communities help their children and youth to attain their goals in life.

The Buzzell Award Committee members were: Barbara Milne-Smith, chairman; Wendy Buchanan, Brenda Dewar, Rickhey Langlois and Allan Locke.

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Diane Radu, Editor, "Focus on the Locals"

The varied and outstanding newsletters put out by the local associations continues to impress us. The choice of picking the "best" is not an easy one.

The criteria on which we judged the newsletters submitted were (1) design (efficient, economical but attractive, use of space and graphics); (2) mix of content (school/student/teacher/graphic/written, etc.); (3) Home & School coverage; and (4) overall effect and suitability.

The 1993 winners are:-

Beacon Hill School - "School Scoops" - Maggie Tietjen, editor.

Elizabeth Ballantyne School - "EB Update" - Ann Bishundayal, editor.

Cedar Park School - "Cedar Reader" - Esther MacLeod and Nancy Walsh, editors.

Evergreen School - "Evergreen Events" - Julia Curry, editor.

Lindsay Place High School - "Lindsay Place Herald" - Vivien Dagher, editor.

Please do not forget to submit your newsletters to the contest next year.

CONSTITUTION

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Gisela Amarica, Chairperson

No changes were suggested to the Constitution or By-laws. One change was made to the **Standing Rules** by the Board of Directors at the March 12, 1993, Board meeting. In keeping with the Constitution, Notice of Motion regarding the proposed change was given to Board members at the January meeting, with the vote on the proposed change occurring at the March meeting.

Article VIII, 1 (e) - add (iii)

The Resolutions Chairman may submit an amendment to a resolution at the time it is presented, provided it has been recommended at a caucusing session held during the Annual General Meeting.

Background

Our Standing Rules do not permit amendments from the floor when resolutions are presented to the delegates at the AGM. However, it was felt that amendments should be able to be brought forward by the Resolutions Committee Chairman from the caucusing session held during the business session of the AGM prior to resolutions. Normally resolutions are circulated to local Home & School Associations eight weeks prior to the AGM and any amendments proposed to the resolutions are circulated two weeks prior to the meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Ann Cumyn, Chairman

In the report for the 1992 AGM it was stated that the Education Committee would be studying the School Achievement Indicators Program with a view to making a recommendation at this AGM. However it is felt that there is still not enough information to be able to make any kind of statement. There will be some testing in mathematics this year, but the testing in English is having some difficulty getting off the ground. (Could it be that there is a greater consensus on the goals and content of the mathematics courses than there is for the English?!) The Education Committee will continue to monitor the Program bringing forth a recommendation at whatever time there is sufficient information to do this.

The booklet of children's writing is being produced once again this year. It was felt that, in an era when there is so much bad news and violence in the media, we should give the children the opportunity to focus on the things that are good in their lives. The topic for this year is to write about an enjoyable experience. At the time of writing the deadline for submissions has not been reached. A report will be submitted to the Board of Directors and the 1994 AGM.

At this time last year the 1992 booklet had not been printed. We were delighted to welcome writing from new schools and were especially pleased with the submissions from the Kanawake Survival School.

QFHSA continues to be involved on the provincial scene. It is important that our strengths be known. Following our representation on the Task Force on English Education, it is welcome news that your Education chairman has been appointed to the new Advisory Board on English Education with a mandate until June 1986. As is common with the establishment of advisory groups, the mandate of the initial members vary in order to establish the concept of appointments of a third of the group each year. The first series of new appointments will take place for July 1, 1994.

The Education Committee could not function without the hard work of those involved. Pat Lewis, Wendy Buchanan and Marian Daigle. Thank you all!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Debi Brown, Chairman

Members of the committee are: Debi Brown, Allan Locke, Helen Koeppel, Barbara Milne-Smith, Donna Sauriol and Howard Solomon.

The Finance Committee met twice during the past year to discuss the 1993/94 budget. There will be no increase in the family membership fee for the coming year. There has been an increase in the grant request from the MEQ. An increase is sought to offset the increased cost of the newspaper, office expenses (rent plus new surtax and, hopefully, another person part time in the office), membership materials, translation costs, parent workshops (local level) and a new, desperately needed, photocopier.

Last year's approval for a fee increase at the AGM has been very beneficial and I am happy to report that there has not been a significant decrease in membership.

Last year we applied for and received a special grant to develop a parent handbook which has been distributed to the locals and group affiliate members. This has been very enthusiastically received. Our thanks to Carol Ohlin, a past Executive Committee member, for all her hard work in getting the information put together and and copies of the handbook printed.

This year we are applying for a special grant for 1994 U.N. International Year of the Family through a specially set up Quebec secretariat. Our particular area of interest was in helping Lower North Shore families.

**QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Proposed Budget for 1993-94
OPERATING FUND

	Audited Statement 1991/92	Budget 1992/93	Year end Forecast Aug 31/93	Proposed Budget 1993/94
REVENUES				
Membership Fees - \$ 9/family	\$41,710			
- \$35/Grp. Aff.	4,110			
Membership Fees - \$12/family		\$54,000	\$51,000	\$60,000
- \$50/Grp. Aff.		4,500	4,600	4,500
Government Grant (rec'd 91/92/93)	20,000		20,000	
Government Grant (req'd 93/94)		40,000		80,000
Donations	1,816	3,000	600	1,500
Annual and Fall Conference	5,227	5,000	6,500	5,000
Projects (Literacy)	92		500	
Administrative Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Interest	2,008	3,000	1,500	1,500
GST and PST Refund	2,301	2,000	2,500	2,000
CHSPTF Annual Meeting (Que. host)	15,910			
Miscellaneous			500	
	<u>95,174</u>	<u>113,500</u>	<u>89,900</u>	<u>154,500</u>
EXPENSES				
Salaries and wage levies	36,727	40,000	33,000	60,000
Home & School NEWS [newspaper]	16,940	20,000	17,000	30,000
M'ship Materials (netted)	(1,393)	4,500	1,000	6,700
Meeting/Conferences				
AGM and Fall	2,109}		2,500	
CHSPTF	884}		500	
Committees	}	9,500	1,000	8,500
Other	108}			
CHSPTF Annual Meeting (Que. host)	14,316			
Affiliation fees to CHSPTF	5,032	5,000	5,000	5,500
Donations returned to H&S locals	739	2,600	500	1,300
Administration	2,460	3,000	2,700	3,000
Rent and occupancy	11,308	12,000	13,300	14,000
Telephone	1,503	3,000	1,100	3,000
Postage and courier	4,324	5,000	3,600	5,500
Maintenance and supplies	4,413	5,400	4,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	383	500	700	2,000
Projects (literacy)			1,000	4,000
Capital Expenditures		3,000		5,000
	<u>99,853</u>	<u>113,500</u>	<u>86,900</u>	<u>154,500</u>
Deficit	(4,679)			

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HEALTH ISSUES

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Vi Minto, Chairperson

AIDS

Unhappily the International Conference on AIDS held in Amsterdam this spring was unable to bring any enlightenment for those persons suffering from this disease. Little progress has been made in finding a cure or effective form of treatment. The strongest role that parents must play is to ensure that their children are provided with sufficient knowledge to protect themselves from exposure to this disease. In keeping with current approaches the Lakeshore School Board has revised the wording of its policy documents to read "persons living with AIDS" as opposed to "HIV carriers" or "victims of AIDS."

Meningitis

A serious outbreak last winter, with an extremely high fatality rate, prompted much concern amongst parents and family doctors. In the spring, the government began innoculating students at Hudson High, John Abbott CEGEP, and in the Dorion and Vaudreuil areas. All teenagers in the most vulnerable age range should be innoculated province-wide. By September no new cases of meningitis had been reported locally. Some were reported during the 1992/93 winter, but the outbreak was less severe.

Bus Safety

As a result of the coroner's inquest into school bus related deaths of young children, I have recommended that copies of our many resolutions in relation to bus safety be forwarded to Coroner Marc-André Bouliane in support of his stand.

Dating Violence

A new booklet on the topic, suitable for classroom discussion with a teacher, was obtained by QFHSA. We purchased sufficient copies to send one to each Home & School Association in a high school.

LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE - QUEBEC LITERACY PROJECTS

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Quebec Literacy Director

Once again the project Literacy in the Information Age, launched by CHSPTF in 1989, has opened up possibilities for parents, educators and community volunteers to have a major impact on our children and their learning environments - in the home, the school and the community. As a prevention model the project's principles and objectives in combatting illiteracy are on target. It allows for flexibility, creativity and adaptability in implementing activities to suit the needs of many different groups and communities.

My thanks to the Board of Directors, the QFHSA office staff, to Harold Spanier, Executive Director, Nomad Scientists, to Home and School Associations who have organized book drives and to the incredible volunteers who are working so hard in their communities in the literacy exchange network.

The following is a summary of activities from March 1992 to March 1993. Detailed reports have been submitted to QFHSA Board of Directors on a regular basis. Unless otherwise stated Marion Daigle represented QFHSA.

March 1992

- Literacy Exchanges - Chevery and Aylmer Sound, Lower North Shore
- Lions Club - City of Pointe Claire
- Dorset Elementary School - to thank the school for continuing book drives for Aylmer Sound and New Carlisle Reading Circle activities
- John Abbott College - Documentation and Library Systems Department held a bake sale raising \$340 for the literacy project. A workshop on literacy followed.

April 1992

- QCPFP (Quebec Council of Parent Participation Preschools). A workshop on the project at their AGM.
- READ CANADA - Philippe Gendron, Quebec co-ordinator began a network with us to tap the English language community. This is a successful collaboration.
- Gaspé Region - Marion Daigle met with Literacy Exchange co-ordinators, Ann MacWhirter and Lally MacKenzie, and Reading Circle co-ordinator Bertha Hayes. See separate report for activities in this region.
- QFHSA Annual General Meeting - Brenda Henry, teacher, John Rennie High School - keynote speaker on her life as a dropout student, part of the Stay-in-School Initiative program.

May 1992

- English Language Publishers Association of Quebec - their highly successful book fair raised \$1000 for our literacy project. We are grateful for their contribution.
- Quebec Association of Media Educators - QFHSA was asked to have a parent representative. Two of their members gave workshops at the 1992 QFHSA Fall Conference on media topics: Lee Rother, Co-President and teacher, Maureen Baron, Co-President and N.F.B. Education Consultant.
- Literacy Exchange - Brossard - sponsored by the South Shore Literacy Council - included representatives of several communities.

Quebec Literacy Project
May 1992 cont'd

- CHSPTF Annual Meeting - Montreal - Science, Education and Public Policy Conference - organized by our national body with several Quebec Home & School members assisting with this successful event.

September 1992

- Huntingdon Literacy Exchange - plans for months ahead are organized: Self-Esteem workshop for the community; A literacy section for children in The Gleaner, the local newspaper; children's art work to be displayed at local bank; Nomad Scientists to visit schools and hold a family evening; help in fund raising campaign for the new adult literacy center.

October 1992

- Dawson College - Literacy Partners of Quebec first Annual General Meeting. Marion Daigle elected to the Board and mandated to chair Nominations, Constitution and Resolutions Committee.
- Concordia University - Dimensions of Literacy in a Multicultural Society - a workshop on the CHSPTF Literacy in the Information Age project.
- QFHSA Fall Conference - Theme: A Lot to Learn - A Call for Community Action. Plenary session and workshops focused on topics related to the projects.
- Gaspé Literacy Conference - Percé, Quebec - Lally MacKenzie represented the New Carlisle Literacy Exchange at this conference on adult literacy.
- The Gazette - representatives of literacy organizations met with members of The Gazette staff to stimulate discussions on closer liaison with English press on literacy issues.

November 1992

- Jerome LeRoy School Board English Language Sector Parents Committee - Quality of Life Symposium. QFHSA displayed materials on literacy activities for children.
- Literacy Exchange - St. Paul's River - Lower North Shore. Marion Daigle and Harold Spanier spent four days assisting the community in organizing literacy activities for children and youth.
- PAPT-PACT Convention - Montreal. Literacy information was distributed to teachers at their annual conference.
- Workshop on Self-Esteem - Huntingdon. Margaret Mitchell, MRE Consultant, Lakeshore School Board, was guest speaker. The evening was sponsored financially by a local insurance firm.

January 1993

- Quebec Labrador Foundation - set up a liaison with this non-profit foundation interested in environmental projects on the Lower North Shore. Attended by Marion Daigle, Harold Spanier and Heather McDowell of Nomad Scientists.
- Cabana Area, Girl Guides Training - West Island. Two workshops on Creating a Learning Environment - The Home, the School, and the Community.

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Quebec Literacy Project

February 1993

- RECLAIM (Reading Council for Literacy Advance in Montreal) held a literacy exchange at The Gazette attended by Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-President, QFHSA.
- Literacy Unlimited - a reception to launch the new West Island Literacy Council was attended by Brenda Dewar, Vice-President, QFHSA; Esther McLeod, Secondary Language Arts Committee, QFHSA; and Donna Hedman, Home & School member, Cedar Park Elementary. Hon. Gerry Wiener, Minister for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, was guest speaker.
- John Abbott College - Documentation and Library Services Department annual bake sale for our project. \$300 raised to help defray costs of mailing books to isolated areas.
- Television and Violence - a meeting of representatives of family agencies and organizations interested in this topic met at the University of Quebec at Montreal. A working committee has been formed.
- Huntingdon Literacy Center - a display of QFHSA literacy materials was part of the fund raiser for this evening.

March 1993

- John Abbott College - Documentation and Library Services Department. A workshop on the literacy project given by Marion Daigle.
- Pathfinders - Thorndale District. A workshop for girls 12-15 years on literacy skills for the future.
- Bonaventure and Escuminac High Schools - Gaspé region - hosted a Transition from High School to CEGEP workshop series for students, teachers and parents given by Prof. Les Dickie, John Abbott College. Sponsored by QFHSA and co-ordinated by local Home & Schoolers.

Other

- Literacy Partners of Quebec - represents members of the English language minority literacy organizations of Quebec. Newly incorporated in 1992 with a Board of Directors, it has already sponsored a number of literacy projects, especially to regions outside Montreal.
- Youth News Network - Two public forums have been held in Montreal to discuss the issue of news and commercials in the classroom. On each occasion Marion Daigle has spoken against the proposal on behalf of QFHSA.
- Book Drives - to help small communities build reading resources for children and adults outside of the school. Donations came from Home & School Associations, libraries, Brownie troops, church groups and individuals. Thanks to everyone for their generous help.

Upcoming

- March 1993 - Television and Violence - two evenings on this topic will be held at Meadowbrook School. Marion Daigle will speak on media literacy.
- April 1993 - Literacy Exchange - Campbell's Bay, Outouais region
- April 1993 - QFHSA Annual General Meeting - "A Lot to Learn: Responding to Change." Theme and workshops have a basis in the literacy project.
- April-May 1993 - Literacy Exchange - Shigawake-Port Daniel, Gaspé region
- May 1993 - Cap Rouge - FCPPO Annual Meeting - A Literacy Exchange workshop for the Federation of Parent Committees of Quebec.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by the office

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	April 01/92	April 01/93
Associations submitting membership lists	44	44
Associations which have not submitted lists	2	1
Number of Family Memberships through H&S locals	4,560	4,258*
Supporting Members (not through a local H&S)	27	33
Group Affiliate Members	99	88

* This figure indicates paid memberships; it does not include associate members (families who have joined at more than one school).

1992/93 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS¹ (based on number of families)

<u>ON ISLAND BOARDS - Elementary Schools</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Membership Chairmen</u>
Beacon Hill	97.6%	Bev Plourde
Elizabeth Ballantyne	81.5%	Catherine Maxham
Christmas Park	81.0%	Pamela Doherty
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	74.5%	Alexandra Ostapovitch
<u>Honourable Mention</u>		
Courtland Park	65.8%	Karen Carter
Valois Park	60.9%	Civita Di Filippo-Zhang
<u>ON ISLAND BOARDS - Secondary Schools</u>		
Hudson High	27.4%	Heidy Berthoud
<u>Honourable Mention</u>		
Macdonald High	23.7%	Arlene Whiting
Royal West	22.5%	Kathryn Arrell
<u>OFF ISLAND SCHOOLS</u>		
Baie Comeau Elementary/High	63.7%	Barbara Rioux
<u>Honourable Mention</u>		
Hopetown - Shigawake - Pt. Daniel Elementary	37.5%	Barbara Hottot
Andrew S. Johnson Memorial Elementary/High	25.8%	Gerald Bennett
New Carlisle Elementary/High	25.3%	Janice Sylvestre

¹ Based on membership lists received at the office by March 1st, 1993.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Wendy Buchanan, Executive Vice-President

Under the umbrella of membership development fall the off-island and on-island workshops arranged for parents of our local associations. Marion Daigle has been busy this year arranging and participating in numerous workshops in the outlying regions which are usually connected with Literacy Exchanges.

Some of the on-island workshops that have been organized this year have been on self-esteem, homework and study skills, CORT and reality therapy, just to list a few.

Another project undertaken this year was to revise the "Kids Are Worth It" pins. We also revised the QFHSA letterhead and updated some brochures. Two new awards for parent involvement came into being this year: the Un-Sung Hero Award and the Golden Torch Award. These were designed to highlight and thank our tireless volunteers at the local association level.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Elizabeth L. Manker, Chairperson

During the past year, the Chairman of Moral & Religious Education served mainly in a representative capacity, or generally offering assistance to others in QFHSA.

1. Served as QFHSA representative to the Association of Moral and Religious Educators of Quebec (AMREQ). Encouraged networking with the two groups. Served as Vice-President of AMREQ also.
2. Represented QFHSA at August 17-21 workshops presented by the MEQ, Protestant Education Services, at Bishop's University.
3. Represented QFHSA, informally, at meetings with the Association of Family Life Educators of Quebec (AFLEQ). Arranged for QFHSA to have a table for their materials at an AFLEQ conference.
4. Represented AMREQ and, unofficially, QFHSA at the October 23/92 Colloque - the third Annual Conference of the Quebec Ministry of Education, Protestant Education. Presented a workshop on the Troubled Child. Served on the Planning Committee for this conference.
5. Served on the Windermere Home & School executive committee, in the capacity of leader for the Safety Patrol program, which includes thirty-five grade 5 and 6 students.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993
Submitted by Helen Koeppe, Chairman

The Nominations Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors at its January meeting, convened on February 26th to consider the nominations received and to verify the eligibility of each nominee.

On March 1st, the names of those candidates were circulated to all local Home & School Associations, and a report was submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting of March 12th.

At the time of this report, the following Home & School members have agreed to let their names stand for nomination and are members in good standing:

Co-Presidents (2 year term):	Wendy Buchanan Allan Locke
Executive Vice-President (2 year term):	vacant
Vice-Presidents (2 year term):	Peggy Aitken Margaret Funnell Betty Lou Manker Patricia Waters
Vice-President (1 year term):	vacant

The following members of the Executive Committee continue in office until 1994:

Treasurer	Debi Brown
Vice-Presidents	Ada Colomb Howard Solomon Anne Swettenham
Recording Secretary	Rickhey Langlois

The Committee continues to seek additional candidates for the vacant positions. If vacancies exist at the time of the Annual General Meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor for those positions.

Members of the Nominations Committee:

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Local Associations</u>
Helen Koeppe, chair	Ellen Gauthier (Macdonald HS)
Brenda Dewar	Anna Marrett (Westmount High)
Betty Lou Manker	

MOTION: That the slate of officers nominated above be ratified by the 1993 Annual General Meeting.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Chairperson

**1. Consultation on Official Languages in Education -
Montreal, June 13, 1992**

The objective was to have discussion leading to the renewal of the Program and in the development of a proposal for a new protocol for Agreements.

Negotiations are presently under way for a new five-year Agreement, 1993-98. The discussion by Quebec delegates centred on:

- the need for greater accountability.
- the need for action on the Chambers Task Force recommendations.
- problems facing small rural schools.
- problem of declining enrolments.
- frustration with Bill 101.
- the importance of effective FSL programs.
- the impact of the Mahé decision
- lack of constitutional protection for English schools under new laws.
- delays in receiving funding.
- the fact of anglophone children in French schools.
- no infrastructure support for FL2.
- the importance of consultations with school boards.

As usual, the main thrust from QFHSA dealt with the Objectives outlined in the Protocols in the past, the definition of additional costs, the accountability related to the use of the funds and consultation at the 'grass roots' level on where the money should be spent.

Quebec Federation's most recent resolution was circulated to those present.

**2. Update: Official Languages in Education Program, an Evaluation -
January, 1993**

2.1 A Summary Report outlines areas of concern related to the funding for minority language education and second language teaching across Canada with a view to improving the new programs to begin for the five year program March 1993 to March 1998. Opinions from this consultation with interested individuals, groups and organizations are weighted in favour of the concerns of the francophone population outside Quebec.

2.2 Evaluation of the 1988-89 to 1992-93 Protocol Agreements - Final - Report - seeks ways to provide improvements for the new Protocol for 1993-98.

3. Promotion of Official Languages Directorate (POL) of Secty. of State
Undergoing an evaluation since its last review in 1987-88. The evaluation will have three sub-studies by three different consultants. Two questionnaires by the first consultant Médiane have been filled in and sent.

Quebec Home & School NEWS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 1993

Submitted by the office

As you know, in the spring of 1992 we lost our Editor (and Layout person), Charlene de Condé, when her family moved to Nova Scotia. While a new editor has not been found, we have had much appreciated help doing layout from Joan Daigle and Stefan Baumann, who also help with proof reading, etc.

The newspaper is meant to come out every other month during the school year. However, we only managed four issues during the calendar year of 1992 (all were our normal 16 pages), but hope to have five issues for 1993.

We are grateful to all the schools that faithfully send in material on their activities for **Focus on the Locals**. Photos, children's artwork, school logos or crests, are all very welcome. Look at any issue and see how a picture attracts your attention to an article. Diane Radu, Editor of Focus on the Locals, does a wonderful job finding interesting information from your Minutes, newsletter sent to your parents, etc. If you do not have a Publicity Chairperson why not ask someone if they would send along the school notices, minutes of meetings, etc., to us and Diane will work her magic.

Our Book Review section has grown. Besides Ken Radu, who handles **Books on Review**, and does a super job reviewing Canadian children's stories, we have Leslie Hirst (Seigniory) and Anna Marratt (Westmount High) who review other types of books for us. Reading is so important - to our children and to us - that it is nice to have such capable reviewers "on staff".

Don Smith, Editor of **Safety Scene**, continues to bring forward topical safety issues - bus safety, bike helmets - to name but a few. Last August he wrote a provocative article on "Your Child's Safety: Whose Responsibility?". Parents can not and must not leave safety to the schools to teach. YOU are a teacher too!

Patricia Lewis continues to address Social Issues and her concern for all our children is very evident. As well, Pat usually includes a good list of possible **Resource Materials** that are of general interest to parents and teachers alike.

We have a new columnist this year writing on **Human Sexuality Issues**. John DeNora has a Masters degree in Human Sexuality and has taught for 35 years in Quebec schools.

We are always delighted to receive editorials, or ideas for editorials, on issues that you feel are important and should be addressed. Thank you to Jon Percy and Gordon Robertson for sending in editorials on issues they felt strongly about. We welcome articles for **Other People's Opinions** and/or **Letters to the Editor**. Remember it is YOUR newspaper; it should reflect YOUR concerns.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the 1993 Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Margaret Funnell, Chairman

Committee members: Ann Cumyn, Pat Lewis, Helen Koeppel, Allan Locke and Barbara Milne-Smith

Local Associations and Quebec Federation Committees have contributed resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will have met twice this year to examine submissions. Only where necessary, and with the help of the presenters, the Committee edits the resolutions in the interests of clarity, succinctness and the avoidance of duplication with other resolutions.

Three draft resolutions for the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation had to be submitted to this body in mid-February, of QFHSA Resolutions 93/6 Gun Control, 93/8 Media Literacy and 93/9 Copyright Legislation which are to be confirmed at Quebec Federation's April 24 Annual General Meeting.

Submitted resolutions were reviewed and along with the three mentioned above were circulated to Home and School Locals and Board members for review and possible amendment. As soon as possible after the deadline for receiving the amendments, April 5, they are to be circulated for study.

The Resolutions Committee studied the Statement of Policy to see if any changes were necessary as a result of resolutions passed in 1992. Four additions and two changes to the policy statements were recommended.

DISPOSITION OF 1992 RESOLUTIONS

Report to the 1993 Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Margaret Funnell, Chairman

All resolutions were distributed to the designated parties. Replies other than simple acknowledgements and general statements that the recipient had noted the concerns of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations are summarized below. Resolution 92/4, Aggressive Behaviour, was forwarded to and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

92/1 School Nurses

A copy of Quebec Federation's letter and resolution was forwarded by the Minister of Health and Social Services, Marc-André Côté, for study by the Department of Prevention and Community Services within the Ministry. A letter was received from the Chief of Youth Services/Programs, which stated that the Ministry was revising its guidelines on health and social services in the schools and would be distributing the guidelines in late 1992. The CLSCs and their partners must see to the implementation and to the provision of adequate service. The CLSCs with the higher poverty index will have priority when resources are assigned. Our concerns will be taken into consideration in the planning for nursing resources in the school milieu.

A letter was received from Jeannine Pelland of the Order of Nurses of Quebec supporting the arguments used in our resolution on the role and availability of school nurses. She indicated that the resolution will be very helpful to her in further discussions with the Ministers concerned.

92/3 School Bus Safety

The Office of the Minister of Transport, Sam Elkas, indicated that the Office would be contacting us with more details. Nothing has been received as yet. A letter enclosing the resolution was also sent to Coroner Marc-André Bouliane.

92/3 Establishment of a Science Centre in Quebec

A letter was received from the Office of the Minister of Higher Education, Madame Lucienne Robillard. A Centre of Science and Technology which the federal government initially had intended to fund appears to be a victim of the February 1992 round of budget cuts. The letter, summarized below, did not address the question of Quebec creation of or participation in a science centre.

[A project for a Quebec Museum of Science and Technology was initially proposed by the federal cabinet to be paid for by the federal government at a projected cost of over \$250 million. The project was then changed to one for a science centre costing \$99 million with the federal government looking for a donor to cover operating costs. The size of the project was then considerably reduced with the \$99 million cost split between the federal government, at \$69 million, and the private sector, at \$30 million. The latter would only participate on the condition that the project be a science centre and not a museum. This created a problem since the federal government could not cover the operating costs unless the project was a museum, i.e., an institution which is entitled to accept collections under appropriate legislation, which would not be the case with a science centre. On Feb 22, 1992, the federal Minister of Finance announced important budget cuts which included the Consultative Committee for the Establishment of a Museum of Science and Technology.]

A letter was also received from M. Ghislain Dufour, president of the Conseil du Patronat du Québec. The Conseil supported our resolution, which was in line with their own recommendations, and were sending a copy of our resolution to the Director General of the Forum pour l'emploi. In September 1991, the Conseil made recommendations for the establishment of a museum of science and technology, for the exemption from all taxes, sales tax or municipal taxes of the resultant construction and operating costs and for the Federal Government to sell for this purpose, for a nominal \$1, land in the Old Port of Montreal. These recommendations were directed to the Forum pour l'emploi.

Resolution 92/6 Task Force on English Education

A letter from the Direction des services éducatifs aux anglophones stated that each recommendation in the Task Force Report was being studied by the appropriate authorities so that a report could be prepared as the response of the Minister. [The Minister's response was generally positive except for Recommendation (1) of the report.]

Resolution 92/7 Special Accommodation for Learning Disabled Students in Administering Compulsory Examinations

As a result of the Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec request, an internal committee was set up in the Ministry with representation from the Direction d'adaption scolaire et services complémentaire and the Direction de la sanction des études. It is to study the whole question of special

accommodation. At that time, it seemed that changes in the existing regulations in the Guide de gestion de la sanction des études secondaire were unlikely.

A letter from the Canadian Council on Exceptional Children to CHSPTF [Quebec Federation forwarded this resolution to CHSPTF] stated that it agreed with the principle of the resolution but considered that the range of disabilities be broadened to include all children who require an altered form of assessment and that appropriate examination procedures be part of the individualized education plan [IEP] for each child with exceptional needs and be operative at all grade levels.

In line with Quebec Federation's resolution, the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards adopted a resolution [November 1992], directed to the Ministry of Education, that broadened the request to include both requisite financing and handicapped students.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting of H. & S., April, 1993.

Pat Lewis

In 1959 the United Nations unanimously adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and twenty years later the U. N. adopted a resolution to mark this anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the child and to further encourage its application. Today there are millions of children who do not have these rights, which include ten principles: the child must benefit from special protection and must be offered the possibilities and opportunities to develop himself in a sane and normal way, in liberty and dignity; the child is entitled to a name and a nationality; must benefit from social security, and especially, food, a home, activities, adequate medical treatment, education, must be first to receive help and protection from any form of negligence, cruelty and exploitation. It is stressed that the child must be brought up with "a mentality of understanding, tolerance, friendship towards others, peace and universal brotherhood." Even though Canada signed this Declaration, we have a long way to go in implementing these rights. This year has been designated as the International Year of the Family, and it appears that it will be the right and the responsibility of our families--along with our governments--to do whatever is possible to carry out the intentions of the Declaration.

Although Canada is not known as a violent country, anyone who listens to the news or reads a newspaper knows that violence exists. A recent symposium on youth violence which took place in Ottawa was told that increasing numbers of Canadian students bring weapons to school, attack teachers and form vigilante groups to get even with bullies. But the problems cannot be solved by stricter rules and more severe punishment, the experts said. A concerted effort is needed to tackle the root causes of the violence which is deeply rooted in society's values. Crime prevention involves such basic things as giving teenagers places where they can socialize and find constructive things to do. The international campaign of Virginie Larivière and her parents against TV violence, after the murder of her younger sister, is an example of the possible mobilization of millions of people. In Toronto a recent conference was told that average exposure to televised violence de-sensitizes children to the effects of real violence. While TV won't turn the majority of children into violent monsters, the problem should not be exaggerated or underestimated, but it exists. Communications Minister Perrin Beatty and Keith Spicer, of the CRTC, are attempting to regulate Canadian programming and video rental outlets. But in reality, only well-funded education will solve the worst of this problem. That is why the speakers in Toronto indicated that media literacy must become a compulsory part of the education system, so that both children and parents may be given the tools to deal with what they see on the TV screen. As Virginie Larivière wrote in a song...."Why so many wars in our world?...so many tears?...What can we do to bring peace on earth?...There is a better world which we can create, a world where children can play without fear, a better, peaceful world for everyone."

WAR TOYS: Most Home & School parents are aware of the kind of toys that promote violent play among children, particularly boys. The deregulation of children's TV, especially in U. S. programs, resulted in many half-hour commercials, toys, cereals, games (Nintendo) and glorification of violence as fun. Some of the toys themselves are dangerous enough to have caused deaths among children (Super Soaker squirt gun, for example). Some Nintendo games apparently have caused epileptic convulsions and deaths.

Now a new kind of doll is being manufactured with an image of gangsters, but with a positive side. The toy was created by a mother, and the aim is for each "gangster" to be reformed by the child owner. Each Thuggie comes with a sheet detailing its crime and punishment. "Bonnie Ann Bribe," for example, tried to bribe her way through school and is serving time by reading to senior citizens for an hour a day. The main motivation for producing the dolls was to address the issue of rising crime.

SMOKING: Although smoking among adults in Canada has been decreasing, the number of teens, particularly girls, who have become smokers has been increasing. Cigarette companies "are telling girls that cigarettes will keep you thin," and at the moment more female teenagers are beginning to smoke than are males, particularly in Quebec. Health Minister Bouchard recently said that if we can stop 10,000 kids from starting to smoke before the age of 20, they'll never smoke in their lives. The high taxes on cigarettes which help to discourage young people from smoking are actually saving Canada money that would be required in the future to take care of the medical needs of smokers. Second-hand smoke kills 3000 non-smokers a year because of lung cancer. Smoking increases risks of pneumonia, bronchitis and middle-ear disorders in children. In October of this year the first National Conference on Tobacco and Health will be held in Ottawa. In spite of laws and regulations in Montreal one-third of all restaurants still do not have non-smoking seats. A West Island man recently targeted the McDonald restaurants, asking that they become completely smoke-free, particularly because of the many children who eat there.

AIDS AND STDS: The AIDS epidemic is not going away. By early in the next century some studies have estimated that 1/5 of the world's population may be infected with HIV, the virus suspected to cause AIDS. Many school boards in our area have updated their AIDS policies, and questions raised by students are being answered. The dilemma of how parents should handle children's questions about drugs and sex still exists.

Dr. Victor Strasburger, of the division of adolescent medicine at the University of New Mexico, said that "Television has become the leading sex educator of teenagers today. That's a scary proposition because it's not teaching them about abstinence, contraception or responsibility. It's teaching that everyone's having sex but them." Teenagers may say they understand the risks of drinking and driving or of having unprotected sex, but they act as if those concerns are only for other people. New athletic pursuits like skiing, rock climbing or scuba diving often give youngsters the extra thrill they need. Debra Haffner of the Sex Information and Education Council of the U. S. has three rules for parents when talking to children about risky behavior: 1. DON'T RELY ON SIMPLE SLOGANS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; 2. DON'T RELY ON FEAR; 3. SHARE YOUR VALUES.

The CANADIAN LIVING magazine and PARENTS magazine (from the U. S.) both have helpful new resource material for parents and teachers. Each of these magazines has periodic lists of books, cassettes, CDs and Videos recommended for children of various age groups. They have pertinent articles on parenting, as well. CANADIAN LIVING has recently set up a Foundation for FAMILIES (50 Holly St., Toronto, ON M4S 3B3), which is dedicated to improving the lot of children, especially those suffering from poverty or abuse. Our Committee welcomes any questions from parents or teachers.

SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 24, 1993

Submitted by Don Smith, Chairman

Your chairman continues to be a member of the Comité provincial de concertation sur les programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire. Two regular meetings were held this year, one in Beauport and one in Montreal. Unfortunately these were both scheduled for a Thursday and I was not able to make them. The next meeting though is scheduled for a Wednesday and I will attend on your behalf.

The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec is planning to make new safety videos for the beginning of the 1993/94 school year. They will be produced in both English and French. I will advise you further when I know the titles. These are usually excellent safety "messages". The QFHSA office has the present ones available from their office if your school board does not have a set.

At last year's AGM we passed a resolution on School Bus Safety. The principal points were using flat nosed buses and having a mandatory bus driver training program. Many of these same points were also addressed by Coroner Marc-André Bouliane who has conducted an extensive inquiry into school bus related deaths. As the chairman of your Safety Committee, and as a parent, I feel that this should be an important concern of parents. You must talk bus safety with your children. Stress safety points. Examples: do not play in snowbanks while waiting for the school bus, make absolutely certain that your child leaves the house in time to get to the bus stop in good time (a child running to catch the bus is oblivious to dangers), they should not carry books, loose papers, etc., in their hands as they will immediately stoop down to pick them up rendering them invisible to the driver (all papers and books should be in a sturdy school bag or back pack).

Some further safety points. Most bus companies will send their drivers to your school to conduct a training session for the students. Try to have the bus route planned, in so far as possible, that no child has to cross the road to reach the designated point. I, personally, feel that students are capable of being school bus monitors and of doing a very good job of it. If we all work together on this important issue I am certain we can cut down on school bus related accidents.

As the Editor of "Safety Scene" in our Home & School newspaper I will try to continue to give you safety advice and hints in the coming year.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (TAW), February 14-20, 1993
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 1993
Submitted by the office

TAW Orders 1993

34 schools placed orders
 1 private school order

1993 TOTAL ORDERS - 35

TAW Orders 1992

30 schools placed orders
 1 private school order
 3 School Board orders

1992 TOTAL ORDERS - 34

Every year (TAW was begun in 1988) the number of participating schools increases slightly, but a lot of the schools are "repeaters". Our figures only show the schools/boards that purchase TAW supplies from us. Many do their own thing without assistance from us.

This year the Idea File, posters and letter of support from Governor General Ramon John Hnatyshyn (in both official languages) had all arrived by early December and we were able to do one mailing to Home & School Associations and Group Affiliate Members. TAW was broadened this year to be: Teacher Appreciation Week/School Staff Appreciation Week and a new poster made (available only in English). While many schools liked the new poster when they saw it it is very difficult for us to send out a unilingual English poster. Posters cost \$2 and QFHSA sends one free to each Home & School and Affiliate Member.

QFHSA also does an extensive media/press release campaign to gain more recognition for TAW.

Once again a plea for Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation to have more materials available in French, or in both languages.

A big thank you to The Gazette who again did a wonderful coverage of TAW. This year they featured stories about different exceptional teachers who had made a difference in their students' lives. Our only quibble is they neglect to point out that TAW is a CHSPTF initiative. But this year their Educational Services did a full page "ad" on "I Like my Teacher because...." (featuring the student winners and runners-up) and showed across the bottom of the page:

Sponsored by the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, the week is designed to encourage parents to recognize the personal and professional contributions of their children's teachers. For ideas on how to show your appreciation for your children's teachers, contact your local Home and School Association.

We obtained newspaper coverage from other papers but we are not always aware of this if the particular area does not mail a copy of the newspaper to us.

