

## **President's Report on Highlights of Activities representing QCGN June 2002 – June 2003**

- Attended meetings in Hull in June, in October and in January with representatives of the OLSP Branch re evaluation of the support for official language communities' program questionnaire.
- Attended National Coordinators' meeting in June in Quebec City.
- Attended PCH - sponsored activities on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Old Port, Montreal.
- Attended meetings in July (Ottawa) and September (Montreal) with Minister Dion's staff. Provided input for the preparation of the Government's Action Plan. The Suggesting Change document identified issues, concerns and the unique situation faced by our community, especially its diverse regional realities.
- Met with the Executive of the Community Table in Quebec City in September, on Article 5 of the MOU, signed on May 28, 2002. We presented a position paper "Broadening Representation at the Community Table." A Coordinating Group was formed to examine this issue. Follow-up in Hull in February.
- Met with Assistant Deputy Minister for the English Community in September and in December. Agenda included renewal of the Canada-Quebec Agreement on minority-language education and distance education.
- Met with Dr. Dyane Adam, Commissioner of Official Languages in September, re her Annual Report and in April re support to QCGN on implementation of the Government Action Plan.
- Attended Townshippers' Day in September.
- Supported Bill C-407 in June and again in October (Bill C-202), sponsored by Mauril Bélanger, M.P, An Act to amend the Canada Health Act to add a sixth principle of linguistic duality. Will present Brief to House of Commons Standing Committee re the sixth principle in the Canada Health Act.
- Attended HRDC National Committee meeting in Lac Carling in September.
- Encouraged participation in elections to Boards of directors of public health and social services institutions last September.
- Meetings re Program Funding Sub-Committee (October, November, December) and Program Funding Committee recommendations, April and May, results-based management – assessment/ evaluation grid.

- Attended QDF AGM.
- Participated on a Panel “Creating Professional Networks in Adult Learning” at Concordia, organized by QAAL.
- Encouraged Network to propose names of candidates to serve on the People’s Forum, Régie régionale (Health and Social services), Advisory Council on English Education and Office de la langue française.
- Minister Dion’s attendance at QCGN luncheon, October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ADQ Mario Dumont’s attendance at QCGN luncheon, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Meeting with the then Liberal Leader of the Official Opposition, Jean Charest and fifteen MNAs at the National Assembly, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Attended Forum 2012 – Communities in Charge for their Future, sponsored by PCH and COL at the National Arts Center in Ottawa, October 8-9.
- Attended QFHSA AGM in St. Laurent, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended QFA AGM, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Met Treasury Board/Privy Council representatives in Ottawa in November, December, February, April and May. The Official Languages Regulations – Communications with and Service to the Public - which arise under the Official Languages Act, provide for the use of the data from the most recent decennial census of Canada to determine if, according to certain provisions of the Regulations, services to the public should be offered in both official languages at federal offices and service points. This review is to ensure that members of official languages minority communities receive services from the federal institutions in the official languages of their choice where required by the Act and the Regulations.
- Attended lock-up session in Hull in December when Statistics Canada released 2001 Census of population data on language, mobility and migration.
- Attended Youth Employment Services Networking Event.
- Attended Governance of Diversity in Canada Conference in Montreal. Minister Copps addressed delegates.
- Exchanges with PCH re Protocols for Program and Project Funding for 2003-2004.
- Communication exchange with Minister Copps re Court Challenge Program Contribution Agreement.
- Federal/Provincial Civil Service files.

- Meeting with COCO Planning Committee re Eyes Wide Open workshop.
- Meeting in Ottawa with Mauril Bélanger, M.P. and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Official Languages.
- Presentation of Brief on Immigration to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages.
- Meeting in Hull with Hilaire Lemoine re unspent money (distribution and deadline) and National Coordinating Committee.
- Attended meeting in Hull when Government's Action Plan for Official Languages was released by Minister Dion, in the presence of the Prime Minister.
- Global Development Plan Project, Phase II Application follow-up.
- Liaison with PCH re Capacity-building project using unspent money from Program Funding in 2002-2003.
- Letters of congratulations to Premier Charest, new Cabinet Ministers and other MNAs.
- Support to Coasters re crisis in fishing industry in Lower North Shore.
- Chaired Working Group to prepare a plan for networking funding component.
- Liaison established with Senator Morin re House of Commons Standing Committee issues.
- Attended QFHS AGM.
- GDP Intersectoral Conference
- Liaison re meeting requested by Privy Council Office – Official Languages, Saguenay.
- Meeting with independent research company commissioned by PCH to evaluate Intergovernmental Cooperation component of the Promotion of Official Languages Program as part of the renewal process.
- Follow-up to Project Funding recommendations (May).
- Attended QCNA AGM in Ste Adele.
- Launch of negotiations with Hilaire Lemoine for renewal of Canada Community Agreement.
- Will attend QAAL AGM.
- Will attend CHSSN AGM.
- Meeting re Member Services Committee proposal.

**Challenges 2003-2004:**

1. Negotiations for renewal of Canada Community Agreement 2004-2009.
2. Global Development Plan – Phase III
3. Government Action Plan – 2004-2009
4. National Coordination Committee
5. Communications
6. Community Table Presence
7. IPLOC

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