



Nominations Committee Report

The CPF Alberta Board of Directors plays a major role in networking with other organizations to advocate on behalf of French-second-language learning, in policy development, and hiring the Executive Director and holding that individual accountable for the work of the branch.

Ideally, the provincial board, as with the chapter executive boards, includes individuals with a variety of experience and expertise, representing a broad cross-section of the Alberta French-second-language community. For many years CPF Alberta has operated with a seven-member Board of Directors. Approximately half are elected each year for two-year terms. In 2023, four (4) positions are open for election.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present to the 2023 Annual General Meeting the following nominees for the Board of Directors, to hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2025:

- Diana BOISVERT of Grande Prairie, Director;
- Patti BONHOMME of Spruce Grove, Director; and
- Emma PIAYDA of Medicine Hat, Director; and
- David Wasylciw, Director.

The following individuals will continue to hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2024:

- Sarah CLARK of Okotoks, Director;
- Emilie JOSH of Calgary, Director;
- Suzanne KAHLER of Edmonton, Director; and
- Erin QUIRING of Airdrie, Director.

Emma PIAYDA is letting her name stand for the position of President. Emma has just finished her first term as President and has previously served four (4) years as CPF Alberta's Vice President.

Sarah CLARKE has one (1) year left in her term as Vice President and has been on the CPF Board of Directors for seven (7) years.

Erin Quiring will be stepping down off of the board this year after four (4) terms. Our thanks to Erin for her many years of serving CPF at the chapter and branch levels, as well as being our branch secretary for the past four (4) years. You will be missed!

No nominations were received by the Board of Directors under the Additional Nominations Procedure by the July 30, 2023 deadline for any open position.

The short biographies of all of the above candidates are below for your information.

(PLEASE NOTE: All of the below statements were written by the candidates. CPF Alberta takes no responsibility for the content.)

Diana Boisvert

Diana Boisvert is the French Language Resource Centre Director in Grande Prairie, CASLT National Council Alberta Representative and the Past-President of SLIC (Second Languages and Intercultural Council a specialist council of the ATA). She also directs the Grande Prairie DELF-DALF Exam Centre. Diana has a significant background in the FSL (Core French) classroom, as well as experience in the French Immersion classroom with experience in successfully applying best practices in second language teaching and learning using current resources.

Patti Bonhomme

My name is Patti Bonhomme and I'm an Educational Assistant at Aurora Academic Charter School. I have two children whom have attended French Immersion. I was the President of the Canadian Parents for French Parkland chapter for 4 years now and have been a member of the CPF Alberta Board of Directors for four (4) years. I was very fortunate to attend the 2018 CPF Network Conference in Halifax and get my feet wet a bit more. Canadian Parents for French has been such an incredible support network for my family to explore French outside of the classroom for our children, while for me it's the parent support to know that having a second language is so important.

I grew up in Saskatchewan and I wish I would have had the courage to learn French then as I truly see the benefits as an adult.

Emma Piayda

Emma graduated from the first class of French Immersion in Medicine Hat. She went on to complete a Bachelor with a double major (Music Performance and Anthropology), and then attended Law School at the University of Victoria. Craving an adventure, Emma moved to Germany for what was supposed to be 6 months, but turned into 4 years. While in Germany, Emma taught ELL and decided that she loved being in a classroom. Upon her return to Canada, she completed a B.Ed. at the University of Calgary. Emma now works as French Facilitator and ELL Coordinator in Medicine Hat, where she tries to enhance French programming and encourage people to support French and bilingualism in Alberta schools. In her spare time, she is completing her M.Ed. through the University of Calgary studying Pedagogy in Second Languages.

Emma has a son in high school, another son in elementary French immersion and their daughter is not yet of school age. In summary, Emma speaks German at home, promotes French at work, has completed an M.Ed. in second languages at university, and helps to develop programs for ELL. Her life is languages!

David Wasylciw

David and his daughter have lived in Yellowknife since 2008. David's daughter has been in French immersion, but currently attends school in Ontario. Professionally, David operates a local consulting company working with organizations across the North. Outside of work, David has always been an active community volunteer having served on the boards of a number of organizations including the Yellowknife Housing Authority, Folk on the Rocks, the Yellowknife Curling Club, and the NWT Montessori Society. He is currently the chair of the Yellowknife Education District #1 Board of Trustees and has previously been the chair of the Sir John Franklin High School PAC, having previously been the Chair of the NJ Macpherson PAC and served on the École William McDonald School PAC. David has enjoyed his first year on the new CPF Alberta & NWT board, and is eager to continue serving and promoting opportunities for both French Second language students and their parents.