

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 2020, five (5) positions are open for election.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present to the 2020 Annual General Meeting the following nominee for the Board of Directors, to hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2021:

- Diana BOISVERT of Grande Prairie, Director

In addition, the following nominees would hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2022:

- Sarah CLARK of Okotoks, Secretary;
- Emilie JOSH, Edmonton, Director;
- Emma PIAYDA of Medicine Hat, Vice President; and
- Erin QUIRING, Airdrie, Director.

Rhonda Stewart will be stepping down off of the board this year after 2 terms. Our thanks to Rhonda STEWART for her many years of serving CPF at the chapter and branch levels. You will be missed!

No nominations were received by the Board of Directors under the Additional Nominations Procedure by the July 30, 2020 deadline for any open position.

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.

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Sarah Clark

Sarah Clark is a principal with Foothills School Division, in Okotoks. She has 3 children in French Immersion. Her experience as a French Second Language teacher, Intensive French Pilot teacher and dual track administrator lends itself to her work with Canadian Parents for French. Sarah earned her master's degree in education with a specialization in second language acquisition.

Emilie Josh

Emilie has been immersed in the French language since birth, thanks to her French father and (marvelous but not-quite-French-speaking) Canadian mother. Emilie attended a Francophone elementary school in Edmonton, Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc, before switching to French immersion in Grade 7 at McKernan Junior High and earning a French Immersion Diploma from Harry Ainlay. To ensure she didn't lose the language during her undergraduate degree, Emilie moved to Lille, France and studied at the Université Catholique de Lille for two semesters.

In addition to this, Emilie has her DALF C2, certified in June 2012 and re-issued in May 2016. She maintains a high level of French fluency and works to support French-language-speakers wherever they might be in their lives and linguistic abilities.

While Emilie has no children of her own, she is a fierce advocate for bi- and multilingualism at all ages, and especially starting from a young age. Being a tad younger (but no more vivacious) than the rest of the board, Emilie brings a different and more on-the-ground or learner-oriented perspective to the actions of Canadian Parents for French Alberta.

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 junior high French Immersion, another son in elementary French immersion and they just added a new daughter to the family in early June. In summary, Emma speaks German at home, promotes French at work, has recently completed an M.Ed. in second languages at university, and helps to develop programs for ELL. Her life

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Erin Quiring

I have lived in Airdrie for almost 10 years with my husband and 2 sons. I have been involved with the CPF Airdrie Chapter since its inception in 2012. I was the board of directors and the president of our chapter.

In Airdrie, our recent focus has been on advocacy for more core and elective classes for our French Immersion students as well as for a district FI coordinator. We have had several meetings with trustees and individuals at the divisional level.

I just finished my Bachelor of Education After-Degree at Saint Mary's University in Calgary and am back working with Rockyview School Division for whom I worked many years as an education assistant.

In my free time, I like to ski and camp with my family.