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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL

Ottawa – October 1, 2019 – The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is delighted to announce its new Board of Directors and National Council following the annual general meeting held on September 27, 2019. CASLT's Board of Directors provides leadership for carrying out CASLT's vision for excellence in the teaching of languages. National Council representatives support CASLT activities and initiatives in their respective regions.

Board of Directors

Gillian Blackmore, Program Specialist (French Programs) with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, begins her two-year mandate as president of the association. The vice-presidency will be filled by **Carole Bonin**, Curriculum Consultant for French – English Schools with the Louis Riel School Division and Curriculum Consultant for Basic French, Intensive French and Extended French with Manitoba Education.

The CASLT Board of Directors also welcomes two new members in Joanne Robertson and Yasmina Lemieux.

Yasmina Lemieux is a French Immersion Education Consultant for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. In this role, she leads the development of French immersion language curricula and supports French immersion teaching, learning, and programming in Saskatchewan schools.

Joanne Robertson: Joanne Robertson is currently a full-time Lecturer in the Language and Literacy Department in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia. She was previously Director of Instruction for the North Vancouver School District where she provided leadership in setting policy and establishing strategic directions for French and English language and literacy programs.

CASLT Board of Directors for 2019-2020.

- President: Gillian Blackmore
- Vice-President: Carole Bonin
- Treasurer: Enrica Piccardo
- Secretary: Maureen Smith
- Director at Large: Chantal Lafargue
- Director at Large: Joanne Robertson
- Director at Large: Yasmina Lemieux
- Past-President: Janice Aubry

National Council

National Council consists of volunteer representatives from each province and territory who are elected by CASLT members in good standing in their respective province or territory. They attend meetings in a liaison role, represent CASLT at provincial language conferences or events, and encourage membership recruitment and retention, among other responsibilities.

The 2019-20 National Council Representatives:

- Erin Dawe: Newfoundland and Labrador
- Jennifer MacDonald: Prince Edward Island
- Stephanie Burke: Nova Scotia
- Karla Culligan: New Brunswick
- Philippa Parks: Quebec
- Pascale Baillargeon: Nunavut
- Faten Hanna: Ontario
- Kathi McConnell-Hore: Manitoba
- Linda Osborne: Saskatchewan
- Jeff McConomy: Northwest Territories
- Diana Boisvert: Alberta
- Stacey Sveistrup: British Columbia
- Pascal Saint-Laurent: Yukon

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Since 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is dedicated to promoting the advancement of language learning and teaching throughout Canada. This is achieved by creating opportunities for professional development, by initiating and disseminating research, and by facilitating the exchange of information and ideas among language educators.

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