



NEWS RELEASE

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL

Ottawa, September 28, 2020 – The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is delighted to announce its Board of Directors and National Council following the annual general meeting held on September 25, 2020. 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 the second year of her two-year mandate as president of the association. The vice-presidency remains filled by **Carole Bonin**, Curriculum Consultant for French – English Schools with the Louis Riel School Division.

The CASLT Board of Directors also welcomes one new member in **Dr. Katherine Mueller**. Dr. Mueller is an award-winning Instructor in the Undergraduate Programs in Education division of the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education. She works with pre-service teachers of French Immersion and Core French and with teachers of other second languages.

2020–2021 CASLT Board of Directors:

- President: Gillian Blackmore
- Vice-President: Carole Bonin
- Treasurer: Joanne Robertson
- Secretary: Maureen Smith
- Director at Large: Chantal Lafargue
- Director at Large: Yasmina Lemieux
- Director at Large: Katherine Mueller

National Council

CASLT's 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. CASLT welcomes Tara Dryburgh, new representative for Saskatchewan, and thanks outgoing representative Linda Osborne for her service.

2020–2021 CASLT National Council Representatives:

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

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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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