Nominations for CASLT National Council 2011

Each year, CASLT announces the status of positions for the representatives of National Council for the coming year. National Council representatives can serve up to three consecutive terms of two years. The roles and responsibilities of the National Council representatives are varied and include: promoting CASLT and its activities in the province or territory; making contacts with key stakeholders and partner groups; participating in Council meetings (one meeting per year, and teleconferences/online meetings) and sitting on sub-committees; acting as liaison between members, the provincial language association partners and the national office to ensure a clear understanding of member needs and interests; supporting communication of and participation in CASLT programs, awards, workshops and events; encouraging members to submit articles, news items, and share updates on projects of interest to the CASLT membership; and promoting CASLT membership with individual teacher colleagues, faculties of education, and institutions.

Two new National Council representatives will be elected or acclaimed to succeed Jean-Marie Mariez – Northwest Territories and Anthony Orlando – Nova Scotia, who have completed three two-year terms of office. If you are a CASLT member in good standing in the Northwest Territories or in Nova Scotia (please email CASLT office to determine your membership status) and are interested in serving on the CASLT National Council for a term of at least two years, please forward an expression of interest by email to the national office at guyleclair@caslt.org by July 15, 2011.

The Notice of interest must be received in writing and will be forwarded to the CASLT Nominating Committee. The CASLT Nominating Committee is comprised of the Vice President as chair, and two CASLT members, including one current National Council representative. If no more than one expression of interest is received, the individual will be declared the provincial/territorial National Council representative by acclamation. In the event that interest is expressed by two or more members for a province or territory, an election will be conducted for CASLT members within that province or territory. By August 1, 2011, the CASLT national office will send a brief biography and photo of the candidates and an electronic ballot to all CASLT members in good standing within the given province or territory. The ballot must be returned to the CASLT national office by email, mail or fax by August 30, 2011.

New National Council representatives, whether elected or declared nominated by acclamation, will be notified and invited to attend the CASLT AGM in Ottawa on September 30, 2011, at which time the new National Council will be officially announced.

For more information or clarifications, please contact Guy Leclair, CASLT Executive Director at 1-877-727-0994 or guyleclair@caslt.org.

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