



CACE President's Report 2012-2013

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Barack Obama

On behalf of the CACE Executive Committee I am respectfully submitting this President's Report to the Annual General Meeting. Please consider this the CACE Annual Report.

We have had a busy and progressive year at CACE, a change in the BRAVO awards submissions, new initiatives to enhance services to members through our web site and the welcome addition of our new Business Manager Julie Willard.

Brave the Current

We last saw one another during the very successful conference held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Under the leadership of Catherine Shedden and Claire Francoeur our members benefitted from a vast program and extra events, offering participants a chance to see beautiful Niagara Falls and a BRAVO evening to remember. The co-Chairs and the Committee managed a wonderful event for the Association. Congratulations to all who participated in planning this great conference.

BRAVO! Awards

As you know, the Executive made the decision to change the BRAVO! Awards submission date to May 1. We had been discussing this change for a few years and felt that the right time was now. The August deadline made it very difficult to retain judges, manage notices and have everything ready for our conference. We made an exception this year to extend the deadline to offer members more time to submit until the dates become normal practice.

Services to members

We have tweaked the members-only website and we are now offering a communications job posting section for members to use. The Executive felt that this was a value added service to members through the CACE site.

We would however, like to add to the members-only portion of the site with new documents and templates. We are calling on you to help us add important documents to share with your colleagues from across the country. You just need to forward any useful documents to jwillard@cace-acace.org (?) to be posted..

Business Manager

As we announced during our AGM last year, Julie Willard was offered the contract of Business Manager and the Executive Committee unanimously voted to renew her contract for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. It has been a value added service to the Executive Committee and the Association. We announced the financial implication last year and had placed a cap of the maximum amount we would invest. We are very pleased to announce that we have not reached the salary cap and Julie still maintains the ability to participate actively. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I thank Julie for her hard work, resourcefulness and dedication.

Upcoming year

We have a Strategic Plan to renew, another webinar to offer members and we hope to improve on the member's only documentation and a conference in an undisclosed location that I am sure will entice members! Wait and find out where during "A Fresh Edge"!

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee, Past-President Doug Strachan, Vice-President Maxeen Jolin, 2nd Vice-President Nancy Sharpe, Treasurer Catherine Shedden, Secretary and Francophone Representative Richard Landry and of course, your conference Chair Victoria Miles. It has been a busy but productive and satisfying year. Enjoy Whistler!