



Annual Report 2014

DISCOVER THE POWER AND PLEASURE OF RHYMES, SONGS, AND STORIES

2014: The Year in Review

Fundraising Campaign Launched

The influence of the Parent-Child Mother Goose program in schools, childcare centres, libraries and homes across Canada and internationally continues to grow.

Even for those workshop participants who don't go on to lead a program, the connections made with others at workshops and the inspiration from our gifted teachers result in incalculable benefits to parents and children across this country.

Parent-Child Mother Goose reaches families in many ways:

- pre-natal nurses incorporate the teaching of lullabies into their pre-natal classes, so expectant parents are better prepared for the births of their babies;
- rhyme circles are enriched;
- new parents groups and library story times have been influenced; and

- nursery and kindergarten curricula have been permanently altered because of the exposure to the P-CMGP®.

The national organization oversees the continued growth of the program, ensuring that standards of training and program delivery are maintained, and keeping teachers and supporters across the country informed and connected -- through our newsletter, website, and blog.

Run almost entirely by volunteers, the national organization is able to accomplish a great deal on a small budget. To help support its activities, in 2014 the National Council has launched a fundraising campaign, sending donation request letters and developing a campaign page on the CanadaHelps website for charities and non-profits.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® is managed by a volunteer board of members from across the country, known as the National Council. Council members meet monthly by Skype to share information about the program from around the country, receive committee reports, and to plan for the future of the program.

In addition to the monthly meetings, members of the National Council participate on working committees along with "animators", and member participants from across the country.

Maintaining an organization and meeting across such a vast distance is always a challenge. Luckily, we are ably assisted by our office manager, Catherine Taylor, who handles administration for the national organization and ensures that communications always reach the appropriate council member or committee. Our thanks to Catherine for her assistance this year.

National Council Members

2013 - 2014

Members of the National Council represent programs from across Canada, serve as trustees for the Parent-Child Mother Goose program nationally and internationally to ensure organizational performance and promotion of program standards.

April Jennings, Fort Saskatchewan AB
 Celia Lottridge, Toronto ON
 Kim Heatherington, Fort Saskatchewan AB
 Lisa Hurlle, Calgary AB
 Helen Kyne, Montreal QC
 Ann Stafford, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, QC
 Nancy Thurston, Truro NS
 Marilee Peters, Vancouver BC

Regional Offices

The Toronto Region Board and staff have continued to assist the national profile of the P-CMGP® by managing the booking of workshops and selling resources. Thank you to all the staff and board. Particular thanks to Executive Director Susan Ryan, and to Renata Filatre, Office and Workshops manager.

Thanks are also due to the BC Office of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, housed at the BC Council for Families. Our thanks go out to Joel Kaplan, Executive Director of the BC Council for Families, for his valuable participation on fundraising committees and sustainability task force committees over the past year.

Beth Hutchinson is the Provincial Coordinator of P-CMGP in BC, and we thank her for her continued hard work on national committees and strong support for the National Council.



Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Nancy Thurston is the only current member of the Communications Committee. She coordinates the monthly Council meetings by Skype, a cost-efficient method of communicating that we are all most grateful for.

Nancy also puts together the National Council orientation package for new members and keeps it updated, and creates and sends the National Newsletter.

FIRST YEAR TEACHERS COMMITTEE

Kim Heatherington of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta receives and reviews Self-Evaluation Reports and Apprenticeship Reports from First Year Teachers. She tracks their progress and issues certificates when requirements have been met.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our membership follows the calendar year, Jan. 1 – Dec. 31. Those joining in October or later will receive the following full year of membership. A simplified fee structure was established in 2009. Program and Agency members, \$35. Friends of P-CMGP® \$25. International memberships, same rates.

A letter from Celia Lottridge has accompanied the membership renewal forms for the past several years. The Council continues to look at ways to increase membership.

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Dianne Blewett, Beth Hutchinson and Lisa Hurlle are the committee members. Parent-Child Mother Goose® is on the move in the state of Victoria in Australia and is moving into the surrounding states.

Their organizational system is that there is an agency formed, P-CMGP Melbourne, Inc. It is an organization of teachers and trainers and is considered the professional arm. The city of Knox, a suburb of Melbourne, manages the administrative end of the work, arranging training workshops and maintaining a database.

Our committee will continue to advise and communicate with P-CMGP Melbourne Inc. and Knox as they re-evaluate their relationship and management systems to reflect the growth and change as the program in Australia continues to expand and evolve.

