

Annual Report



2016/17

National Council of the
Parent-Child Mother Goose
Program

Message from the Co-Chairs

The past year has been a busy one for the National Parent-Child Mother Goose program.

The fundraising and membership committee has been active throughout the year planning and implementing donation campaigns and fundraising initiatives. The results have been encouraging, and with the increased financial stability the National Council can focus in coming years on expanding our funding sources and on building a strong foundation for future growth.

Discussions have been ongoing throughout much of 2017 with staff of the BC Provincial Office and with board and staff members of the Vermont Square program in Toronto, which manages the administration of training workshops and resource sales. We welcome the interest of Susan Ryan, Joel Kaplan, and the regional staff and board members in the national governance of the program, and look forward to continued conversations in the year ahead to plan for the future of the program.

The influence of the PCMG-P in schools, child care centres, libraries and homes across the country continues to grow. Even for those workshop participants who don't go on to lead a program, the connections made with others during the workshops and the inspiration from gifted teachers result in incalculable benefits to parents and children. 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
- Rhyme circles are enriched
- New parents groups and library story times are influenced
- Nursery and kindergarten curricula have been permanently altered by exposure to PCMG-P.

We can be truly proud of what has been accomplished, and by what continues each day, in every program around the country. Statistics submitted to the National Council this year by the BC Council for Families, hosts of the provincial office for PCMG-P are welcome evidence of the continued growth of the program (see the Regional Office section of this report).

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Parent-Child Mother Goose!

Sincerely,

Marilee Peters
Co-Chair

Nancy Thurston
Co-Chair

Program and Training Committee Report

The Program and Training Committee is a committee of National Council that deals with all aspects of our program guidelines and our training guidelines, development, and policy. It has been a full year of activity from around the country.

In January 2017 we held the second of our annual teleconference meetings with PCMGP's teacher training workshop facilitators. All the teacher trainers across Canada were invited to participate and had a chance to talk with each other about how they run their workshops, as well as to make suggestions regarding updates to the workshop forms. It was very valuable to hear from so many experienced as well as new facilitators, sharing their experiences, strengths, questions and input. We had almost full attendance and are planning the third of these meetings for January 2018.

In the 2016-2017 year, two new workshop facilitators applied and received their certificates to run the PCMGP Teacher Training Workshops: Carol Dwyer from St. John's, Newfoundland and Chantal Rogers, also from St. John's, Newfoundland.

In addition, Marie-Line Therriault from Montreal made a successful application, and finished her training in September 2017.

We worked on updates to our forms and resources, arising from the facilitator meeting, to be included in the Teacher Training Workshop package. Workshop facilitators have been asked to send any further suggestions they have for review by the committee.

Also arising from the workshop facilitator meetings, Lori offered to work on a digital compilation of research materials supporting PCGMP that could be used for program funding applications. This will be drawn from her own experience making funding applications for programs in Newfoundland as well as that of other facilitators across the country, and past compilations we have on file. The intent is to pool together the expertise and knowledge we have and then make it available for workshop facilitators to share, in the hopes that this will increase chances of further funding

for groups trying to get programs up and running. Lori will request information from the facilitators and collate it.

We welcome and appreciate the initiative of Lori Fritz in this, and the input of herself and Mary Fearon from Newfoundland, who have worked to compile research supporting the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program and made successful grant applications, over the past 20 years.

The self-evaluation process was reviewed and we confirmed that Catherine Taylor is receiving all self-evaluations that are sent, as requested on the form, to the National Office. She makes sure that applicants receive a timely response and a certificate is sent, upon receipt of the self-evaluation. If she sees reason for concern with a particular application, she will contact the Program and Training Committee to respond in more depth. We agreed that while it would be ideal to respond to each application in depth, we do not have resources to do so at this time.

International News

Maria Ordonez, a program teacher and workshop facilitator in Toronto, taught an Early Literacy and Numeracy course at University of Casa Grande of Guayaquil, Ecuador, which offers a flexible Master's Program in Early Human Development and Learning. Three students wrote their theses on a pilot project of a one-term Parent-Child Mother Goose Program in a very deprived area of Guayaquil.

Guita Movallali from Iran continues to be in touch with us regularly with information, research, and photographs from her PCMGP for families with deaf and hard of hearing children.

As always, we respond to questions and communications that come our way from across the country and abroad, relating to Program and/or Training guidelines.

We appreciate the opportunity to hear of the positive changes that the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program makes in the lives of families! We welcome ideas,

questions and feedback from our membership. Contact us at any time.

Program and Training Committee Members:

Ruth Danziger	Ontario
Lori Fritz	Newfoundland
Kim Heatherington	Alberta
Lynda Howes	Ontario

Communications Committee Report

Through the work of the Communications Committee, the National Council keeps in touch with our Parent-Child Mother Goose friends across Canada and around the world.

Two e-newsletters were produced this year with submissions from various programs and were put together by Nancy Thurston, committee animator.

Nancy is retiring from National Council as of today's AGM, after 11 years.

We will be looking for someone to take over assisting with the Communication Committee on the National Council:

- scheduling monthly Council meetings;
- RSVPs for the AGM;
- putting together the newsletter to come out twice a year.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Marilee Peters, National Co-Chair, mpmarileep@gmail.com

Communications Committee

Nancy Thurston	Nova Scotia
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Fundraising Committee Report

In 2016/17 the Fundraising Committee has:

- distributed a successful email fundraising appeal;
- National Council member Nancy Thurston organized the production and selling of cloth bags as a fundraiser, and
- we have had an increase in membership funds.

Fundraising Emails: \$1253

Cloth Bags: \$300

Membership Funds: \$4175

The National Council is still functioning on a very small budget however we are delighted to have increased financial security as a result of the past year's fundraising efforts. Financial stability enables the National Council to plan for the future, and to focus our efforts on raising awareness of Parent-Child Mother Goose programs, building connections between members, and strengthening the organization to meet the challenges of the future!

As with all of our committees, we are open to individuals who are not on the National Council joining us. If you would like to be a part of our fundraising committee, please contact Beth Hutchinson at bethhut@telus.net

We will be delighted to provide more details and to learn about you.

Fundraising Committee Members

Ann Stafford

Quebec

Marilee Peters

British Columbia

Beth Hutchinson

British Columbia

About us

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, many 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. However, we are ably assisted by our office manager **Catherine Taylor**, who handles administration for the national organization. Our thanks go out to Catherine for her assistance this year.

National Council member **Nancy Thurston** took the initiative this year to produce and market Parent-Child Mother Goose bags as a fundraiser, with considerable success. Thank you Nancy for developing these gorgeous bags!

Again this year, **Ann Stafford** has provided able support as a volunteer accountant. Many thanks to Ann for doing this important work.

April Jennings has kept minutes for the monthly meetings throughout most of the year. Our thanks to April for her skill and diligence at this very important task.

Nancy Thurston of Nova Scotia will be leaving the National Council following the AGM. Nancy has been an integral part of the National Council for many years, and has made many valuable contributions to the work of the Council, not least as our communications coordinator extraordinaire.

Lisa Hurrle of Calgary, Alberta will also be stepping down from the National Council following the AGM. Lisa has been an integral part of the National Council. We will miss her contributions and we wish her all the best as she continues in her support of Mother Goose in the Calgary area.

Ivanka Gotcheva, Ontario joined the National Council this year. Ivanka supervises a Newcomer program for children and has volunteered her time the last four years to facilitate the PCMG Program. Welcome Ivanka!

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the PCMG-P, Nancy and Lisa. You will be greatly missed.

National Council Members 2016/17

Nancy Thurston	Nova Scotia
Ann Stafford	Quebec
Ivanka Gotcheva	Ontario
Lisa Hurrle	Alberta
April Jennings	Alberta
Kim Heatherington	Alberta
Beth Hutchinson	British Columbia
Marilee Peters	British Columbia

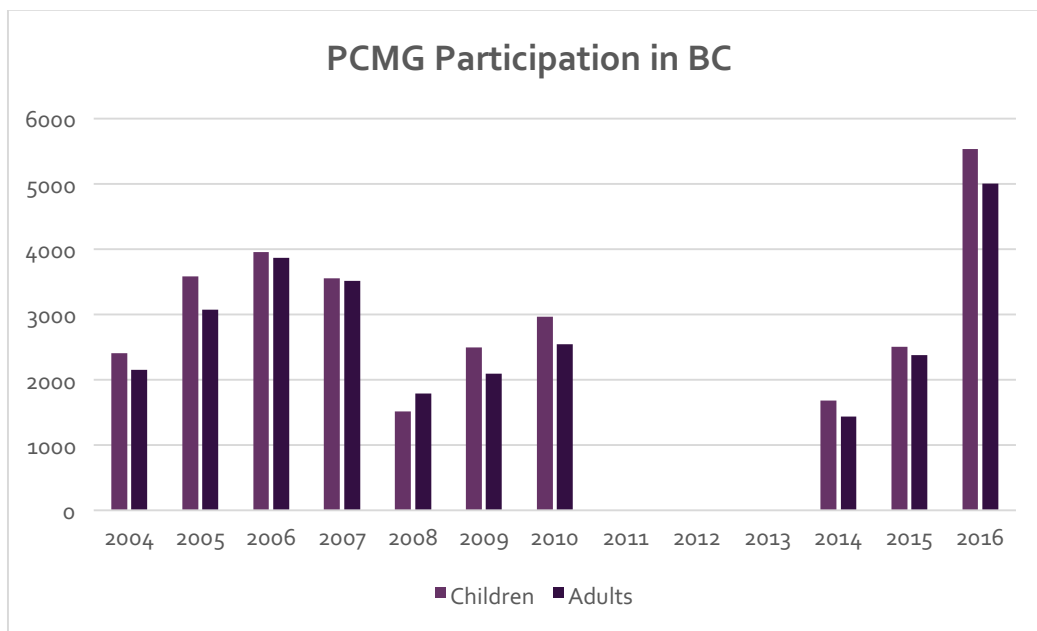
REGIONAL OFFICES

The Vermont Square Program 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. And particular thanks to Executive Director Susan Ryan and Sarah Pinder, Office and Workshops Manager.

The BC Council for Families supports the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program through the many activities and oversight provided by the BC Provincial Office. Our thanks go out to Executive Director Joel Kaplan and to April Martin-Ko, Provincial Coordinator, for their commitment to strengthening the program in BC

Statistics submitted by the BC Provincial Office in May 2017 show that the program is continuing to grow in BC. Parent-Child Mother Goose programs were held in more than 20 communities across the province, with a total of 5537 children attending, and 5012 adults.

- 10,549** Total participants reported 2016/17
- 88** BC organizations reported PCMG programs
- 183** reported programs in BC



All data as reported by the BC Provincial Office of Parent-Child Mother Goose. No data reported 2011-2013.