

## Executive Summary Report

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Pat Norman Acting 1<sup>st</sup> VP reported that one of the CFFA flags has been adjusted so that we can use it as a banner. Pat to continue looking into having our brochure translated into French. Connie mentioned that there is a computer program to translate English typing into French. Connie will check into this. This will be great as reports such as this one, and correspondence etc will be bilingual. The 2009 Symposium is being held in Nova Scotia and Pat reported that planning is well underway. The dates are set for May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Norm Brownell – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP has been busy completing his tasks since the last Exec. conference call. Address labels are in the mail to Sheila for the brochures. Contact was made with New Brunswick in the hopes that they will become members this year. Memberships are all in except for B.C., NB, Nunavut and the Yukon. We are very pleased to have Quebec returning to our membership.

The first agenda item on my President's report was to advise the Executive that we have been successful at securing funding to produce the 30 second Public Service Announcement for all Cinemaplex theatres across Canada. We will now determine the production company that we will hire for this project. More details will be available at our upcoming conference. Letters of invite to dignitaries to attend our opening ceremonies and banquet have been sent out and we are just awaiting responses.

We have been receiving enquires through our website (via emails listed on site). Some of these are of a provincial matter and the person is referred to the Provincial Organization. This is great as it shows that people are going to our website for information and becoming more aware of the CFFA. I continue to work on having the website up-dated regularly. This is done with the help of one of the Alberta Foster Parent Associations staff. Thank you Alberta for assisting us with this.

I continue to network with our partners, National Youth In Care & Child Welfare League of Canada. Both these organizations will be represented at our conference. Whenever the opportunity arises I am promoting the CFFA.

This is the time of year when there seems to be one report after another to write!! So in the next month I will be working on various reports and agendas for our conference.

The Executive are busy with the planning of the CFFA meetings and working on the agendas for the various meetings.