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With Deep Appreciation for Years of Dedicated Service

AAESQ would like to recognize and celebrate the remarkable careers of **Debbie Quain** and **Liana Navrozitis** as they begin a well-deserved retirement. Together, Debbie and Liana dedicated an extraordinary 60 years of service to the association; Debbie with 35 years and Liana with 25 years of unwavering commitment, professionalism, and care.

As assistants to the Executive Director, they were truly at the heart of AAESQ, providing steadfast support not only to the Executive Directors, but also to the many school administrators and members who relied on the association throughout the years. Their dedication and the behind-the-scenes leadership played an essential role in the strength and success of AAESQ.

On behalf of the association and all its members, we extend our sincere gratitude to Debbie and Liana for their countless contributions and years of loyal service. Their impact on AAESQ will be lasting and deeply appreciated.

We wish them both happiness, health, and fulfillment in this exciting new chapter.

AAESQ Award Recipients 2025-2026

Congratulations to the following AAESQ Award winners:

Caroline Beaulieu (NFSB)	Leadership Award Leadership Award
Sujata Saha (RAA)	Leadership Award Leadership Award
Tony Pita (AMSA)	Distinguished Service Award (School/Centre Administration)
George Singfield (EAAWQ)	Distinguished Service Award (Board-Level Administration)
Julie Carpentier (CQAA)	Outstanding Achievement Award (School/Centre Administration)

The Leadership Awards will be presented at the local level, while the remaining awards were presented at the Spring Conference in May.

Western University Research Project and Survey Participant Winners

Back in January, AAESQ partnered with Western University on a national research initiative focused on the health, safety, and well-being of school principals. Member engagement was exceptionally strong, with a 49% participation rate. The findings from this work will enable us to provide more targeted support and professional development opportunities that better respond to the evolving needs of our members.

Members who completed the survey were invited to enter the AAESQ prize draw. The following members were selected as prize winners:

Lori McKergow	Lester B. Pearson School Board	School received a \$500 donation
Karen Lorenz	Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	\$100 gift certificate
Cheryl Saumure	Kativik	\$100 gift certificate
Pelletier Sylvie	Lester B. Pearson School Board	\$100 gift certificate
Macdonald Catherine	Central Quebec School Board	\$100 gift certificate
Nick Romano	English Montreal School Board	\$100 gift certificate

On behalf of AAESQ and Western University, thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey.

AGM Resolution of Increase in Membership Fees 2026-2027

At the AAESQ Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, a resolution was adopted to increase the **annual AAESQ membership fees from \$700 to \$750 per member, representing an increase of \$50.**

This increase is intended to reflect the rising cost of living and the growing costs associated with continuing to provide strong support to members through professional development opportunities, labor relations support, advocacy, and other services. In addition, the increase will strengthen the association’s financial reserves to ensure continued access to legal support, maintain organizational stability, and better prepare for the next round of negotiations.

Annual CASSA Conference

Don’t miss this out on this unique professional development and networking opportunity: the CASSA Annual Conference will take place **July 2–4 at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon.**

Leadership for Belonging: One Community, Many Voices

Join us for a dynamic gathering designed to spark inspiration, collaboration, and meaningful growth. Throughout the conference, participants will engage with thought-provoking keynote speakers, interactive breakout sessions, and opportunities to build cross-country connections that strengthen our collective leadership capacity. Together, we’ll explore how inclusive leadership practices create communities where everyone feels seen, valued, and empowered—while also enjoying moments of fun, celebration, and shared purpose.

To learn more about the conference and to register, please visit the link below.

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