

National Associations Active in Criminal Justice

2010 Annual Report

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About Us

Founded in 1975 by community-based agencies, the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice (NAACJ) is currently comprised of 18 national not-for-profit organizations interested in social justice.

Incorporated in 2000, the Association's mission is to **enhance the capacity of member organizations to contribute to a just, fair, equitable and effective justice system**. Its objects are to:

- I. Contribute to the education of its member organizations, other organizations from the governmental and voluntary sector and the general public through activities that share and generate knowledge, information, ideas and values, in relation to current and emerging criminal justice issues.
- II. Contribute to the capacity of the member organizations to carry out their purposes through activities that share and generate expertise and to serve as a catalyst for action by member agencies and to provide collective support for actions undertaken by individual member agencies where feasible.
- III. Support the activities of its member organizations in the development of policy related to criminal justice by promoting the role and importance of the member organizations in consultation and policy forums with the federal government.



Membership

Members of the Association meet the following criteria:

- work in the field of social and criminal justice,
- recognize the importance of due process provisions in the law,
- value research as the basis for sound social policy,
- support social development rather than punitive responses to crime,
- are self-governing organizations,
- exist to serve the public good,
- do not distribute profits to members,
- are independent of and institutionally distinct from formal structures of government and the private sector,
- depend on volunteers to a meaningful degree ,
- operate on a national basis,
- maintain an identifiable membership,
- hold a high level of credibility,
- are actively engaged in pursuing their stated objectives through strategies and activities acceptable in a free and democratic society, and
- are supportive of human rights, the Charter, or otherwise be equality seeking.

**Common purpose makes principle-based
relationships possible;
differences make principle-based relationships
beneficial.**

Correctional Service of Canada and the Voluntary Sector,
Draft Report of the Task Force on Community Corrections:
Towards a Principles-based Relationship, 1999.

The Member Organizations

L'Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec

2000, boul. St-Joseph E. Montréal QC H2H 1E4 Tel: 514-521-3733 www.asrsq.ca

The Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec is devoted to the promotion of community action in the field of criminal justice. Its mission is to collectively support the members and volunteers of its network and to promote the active participation of citizens and community-based organizations in the fields of crime prevention and social reintegration of adult offenders, while contributing to the enhancement of the criminal justice system.

The Canadian Association for Community Living

York University, 4700 Keele St Toronto ON M3J 1P3 Tel: 416-661-9611 www.cacl.ca

We are families, people with intellectual disabilities and supporters working together to ensure that all people: have the same rights and access to choice, services and supports as all other persons; have the same opportunities as others to live in freedom and dignity, and have the needed supports to do so; and, are able to articulate and realize their aspirations and their rights.

The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

701-151 Slater St. Ottawa ON K1P 5H3 Tel: 613-238-2422 www.elizabethfry.ca

CAEFS is an association of self-governing, community-based Elizabeth Fry Societies that work with and for women and girls in the justice system, particularly those who are, or may be, criminalized. Together, Elizabeth Fry Societies develop and advocate the beliefs, principles and positions that guide CAEFS. The association exists to ensure substantive equality in the delivery and development of services and programs through public education, research, legislative and administrative reform, regionally, nationally and internationally.



Patrick Altimas & Elizabeth White

The Canadian Bar Association

500 – 865 Carling Avenue Ottawa ON K1S 5S8 Tel:
1-800-267-8860 www.cba.org

The Canadian Bar Association is a professional, voluntary organization which was formed in 1896, and incorporated by a Special Act of Parliament in 1921. Today, the Association represents some 37,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers, and law students from across Canada. Its mandate includes improving the law, the administration of justice, and access to justice.

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association

101-320 Parkdale Ave. Ottawa ON K1Y 4X9 Tel:
613-725-3715 www.ccja-acjp.ca

Recognizing that the criminal justice system must serve the needs of all people, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association is an umbrella organization representing all elements of the criminal justice system, including the public. It exists to promote rational, informed, and responsible debate in order to develop a more humane, equitable, and effective justice system.

The Canadian Families and Corrections Network

PO Box 35040, Kingston ON K7L 5S5 Tel: 613-541-0743
www.cfcn-rcafd.org

Building stronger and safer communities by assisting families affected by criminal behaviour, incarceration and community reintegration, the CFCN offers a restorative approach to families of adult offenders. Services include toll free information and referral services to families; informational publications for families; policy and program development; Visitor Resource Centres; staff and volunteer training.

The Canadian Psychological Association

702 – 141 Laurier Ave W. Ottawa ON K1P 5J3 Tel:
1-888-472-0657 www.cpa.ca

The Canadian Psychological Association was organized in 1939 and incorporated in 1950. Its objectives are to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians; to promote excellence and innovation in psychological research, education, and practice; to promote the advancement, development, dissemination, and application of psychological knowledge; and to provide high-quality services to members.

The Canadian Training Institute

50 Euston Ave. Toronto ON M4J 3N3

Tel: 1-877-889-6158 www.cantraining.org

CTI's mission is to increase the effectiveness of client services delivered by "people working with people", including criminal justice services and a variety of integrated behavioural health and social service agencies. We do this through training, networking and continued collaborative action, as well by facilitating personal, professional and organizational development provincially, nationally and internationally.

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections

200 Isabella Street, Suite 303, Ottawa ON K1S 1V7

Tel: 613-563-1688 www.ccjc.ca

CCJC is a national faith-based coalition of eleven founding churches, incorporated in 1972. It is primarily by education, advocacy and community development initiatives that CCJC strives to foster healthier communities and crime prevention through social responsibility. Its mandate is to assist those it serves to reflect about the nature of justice, to examine the impact of the present system on the lives of those it touches, and to search for pathways of change.



The John Howard Society of Canada

809 Blackburn Mews Kingston ON K7P 2N6

Tel: 613-384-6272 www.johnhoward.ca

Craig Jones & Maristela Carrara

The John Howard Society of Canada promotes effective, just and humane responses to the causes and consequences of crime. It works with people who have come into conflict with the law; reviews, evaluates and advocates for changes in the criminal justice process; engages in public education on matters relating to criminal law and its application; and, promotes crime prevention through community and social development activities.

The Mennonite Central Committee Canada

50 Kent Ave. Kitchener ON N2G 3R1

Tel: 1-888-622-6337 www.mcc.org/canada/

The Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCCS) shares love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. The Restorative Justice Program promotes the development and growth of restorative justice in Canada through partnerships with grassroots programs and national coalitions.

The National Association of Friendship Centres

275 MacLaren St. Ottawa ON K2P 0L9

Tel: 613-563-4844 www.nafc.ca

NAFC's mission is to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal peoples in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to, and participation in, Canadian Society; and which respect and strengthen the increasing emphasis on Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness.

Native Counselling Services of Alberta

10975 – 124 St. Edmonton AB T5M 0H9

Tel: 780-451-4002 www.ncsa.ca

NCSA's mission is to contribute to the holistic development and wellness of the Aboriginal individual, family and community. By respecting differences, it aims to promote the fair and equitable treatment of Aboriginal people and advocate for the future development of our partners. By developing and maintaining strong partnerships and honouring relationships, it is committed to evolving pro-actively with our changing environment. It will continue to strategically plan and deliver culturally sensitive programs and community education through accountable resource management.

The Salvation Army

2 Overlea Blvd. Toronto ON M4H 1P4

Tel: 416 425 2111 www.salvationarmy.ca

Founded in 1865, the Salvation Army is an international religious and charitable movement that is a branch of the Christian church. The mission of the Salvation Army is to minister to offenders, victims, witnesses and other persons affected by and serving in the justice system by practical assistance and through a demonstration of Christian love and concern.

St. Leonard's Society of Canada

208-211 Bronson Ave. Ottawa ON K1R 6H5

Tel: 613-233-5170 www.stleonards.ca

SLSC endorses evidence-based approaches to criminal and social justice; conducts research and develops policy; supports its member affiliates; and advances collaborative relationships and communication among individuals and organizations dedicated to social justice. Since 1967, the Society has evolved to provide a variety of community-based programs and services including LifeLine™ In-Reach, as well as coordinate national workshops, conferences and pilot projects, such as those around Community Residential Facilities and the criminalization of people with mental health problems.

The Seventh Step Society of Canada

PO Box 85040, Alberta Park Post Office Calgary AB T2A 7R7

Tel: 403-995-4029 www.7thstep.ca

The Seventh Step Society of Canada was incorporated in 1981 to unite Seventh Step Agencies and Chapters throughout the nation with the primary purpose of reducing recidivism. Realistic thinking, positive peer pressure and the self help philosophy can help incorrigible and recidivist offenders to change their behaviour and attitudes to help them become productive members of the community by: providing weekly discussion fora for ex convicts; considering the interests of Seventh Step and ex convicts, initiating and watching over and, if necessary, promoting deputation; promoting or innovating improvements to the general welfare of its members and other ex convicts; promoting, acquiring and operating a resident headquarters to assist its members; promoting the principles of good citizenship and co-operation; and providing public education in the area of crime and criminal rehabilitation.

YOUCAN Youth Association

St. Paul's University, 223 Main St. Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

Tel: 1-888-4-YOUCAN www.youcan.ca

YOUCAN is a non-profit organization specializing in youth-led methods for non-violent conflict resolution. YOUCAN is driven by youth and community volunteers and they are the key to YOUCAN's success. YOUCAN is run by young people, from our youth board of directors from across Canada, to our volunteer youth.

The Board of Directors

Each Member Organization nominates a delegate to sit on the Board of Directors.

Association des Services de Réhabilitation Sociale du Québec	Patrick Altimas
Canadian Association for Community Living	Anna MacQuarrie
Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies	Kim Pate
Canadian Bar Association	(not confirmed)
Canadian Criminal Justice Association	Irving Kulik
Canadian Families and Corrections Network	Lloyd Withers
Canadian Psychological Association	J. Stephen Wormith
Canadian Training Institute	John Sawdon
Church Council on Justice and Corrections	Laurent Champagne
John Howard Society of Canada	Craig Jones
Mennonite Central Committee Canada	Eileen Henderson
National Association of Friendship Centres	(not confirmed)
Native Counselling Services of Alberta	Allen Benson
Salvation Army	Caitlin Bancroft
Seventh Step Society of Canada	George Myette
St. Leonard's Society of Canada	Elizabeth White
YouCan Youth Canada Association	Dave Farthing & Annie Hoang

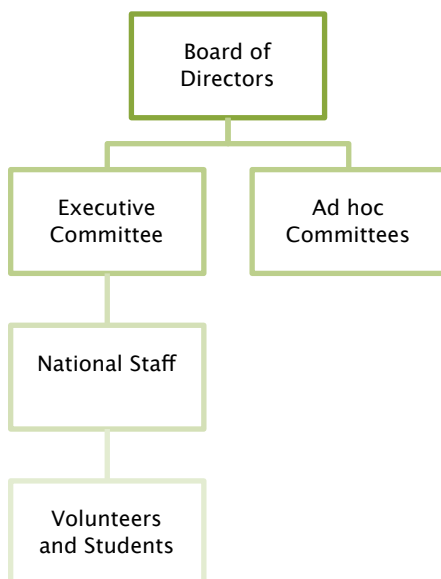
While the emphasis of each group's work may be different, NAACJ has developed an overarching vision of a socially responsible approach to justice, which: recognizes the importance of due provisions in the law; values research as the basis for sound social policy; and supports equality and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Member Organizations come together through NAACJ to share ideas, stimulate hope and contribute to the public dialogue about criminal justice. NAACJ's strength lies both in its diversity and its unity.

The Executive Committee

The Board of Directors elects the Officers every two years, who manage the affairs of the organization in between Board of Directors' meetings.

President	Patrick Altimas L'Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec
Vice-President	Allen Benson Native Counselling Services of Alberta
Treasurer	George Myette The Seventh Step Society of Canada
Secretary	Irving Kulik The Canadian Criminal Justice Association
Past-President	John Sawdon The Canadian Training Institute



President's Report

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to members of National Associations Active in Criminal Justice my last report as President. I would like to be able to say to you that we, as an Association, have made great strides since my coming into office in 2006. It would be most presumptuous on my part to do that. The last year has seen a mix of sometimes positive and other times preoccupying signs on the horizon. NAACJ was a very active force in bringing about a renewed interest in developing, in collaboration with a major partner, CSC, a Community Corrections Strategy and in strengthening our partnership ties. At the same time, we have yet to feel comfortable on all sides in the definition of our partnership, even though we signed an agreement during the first term of my mandate.

It has also become quite evident in the last year that, even though the mission statement of NAACJ, might seem quite clear, member organizations have differing views when it comes to translating the mission into actions. This situation does not appear to be novel, as my brief 5-year experience within the organization has tended to show that there is constant questioning as to the role and scope of action of NAACJ. We have, as an organization, in 2009–2010, recognized the challenges posed by these uncertainties and have decided to embark on a strategic repositioning of the organization in collaboration with our major significant partners. I would like to recognize the special and significant contribution in this area made by our Vice-President, Allen Benson, and I hope he will carry on the torch into 2010–2011 with respect to our strategic review.

The events of 2009–2010 have been both interesting and challenging on many fronts, as one would suspect after reading my opening remarks. A number of member organizations remained quite committed to pursue the work initiated in 2008–2009 around a Community Corrections

Strategy. NAACJ and its members were invited to two «Partners' Days» held by CSC in Cornwall in the context of their Executive Development activities. For the first time in many years, if not ever, we held a joint meeting with CSC outside Ottawa in the beautiful City of Victoria, which allowed for outreach to local institutions and community-based organizations by NAACJ members. I am most pleased that we have been able to maintain close ties with partners at Justice and Public Safety through Forums and Roundtables. Finally, I am most satisfied that NAACJ has maintained a strong and constant presence at meetings of the Joint CSC/NPB/FCM Subcommittee. I certainly strongly encourage the incoming President to maintain our presence within this context, so that we can consolidate and strengthen our ties with the municipal leaders in Canada.

I would like to end this last annual report as president by thanking all of the members of NAACJ for your confidence and collaboration in the last four years. A special thank you is, however, quite warranted and necessary to our Executive Director, Susan Haines, whose devotion, commitment and hard work, tend to make any President to look good. I thank the Association for allowing me the opportunity to serve and I wish long life to NAACJ!

Patrick Altimas

Executive Director's Report

It has been another busy and successful year at NAACJ complete with Member services, information-sharing, knowledge development and professional, supportive networking. As the federal government persisted with its "tough on crime" agenda, the Association had plenty of information and research to share and discuss with its Membership and partners. I was pleased to respond to inquiries about the closure of Canada's six prison farms, as well as legislation pertaining to youth and conditional sentences in particular this year, and found it interesting to see the public discourse shift away from a human rights lens

in favour of a more economically-driven rationale for alternatives to incarceration.

NAACJ had the unique opportunity to hold its autumn 2009 meetings in Victoria BC thereby allowing us to extend our links with the local community. In turn, this helped re-affirm the value of a truly national presence in order for NAACJ to share ideas, values and knowledge.

Sincere thank yous go to Don Head, Michael Jackson, Dave Johnson, Graham Stewart and Tim Veresh for their contributions and support to make it all come together so well!

My third Workshop with NAACJ – the 14th annual Joint Policy Forum among Members of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice and officials from Public Safety Canada and the Department of Justice – **Mental Health in Canada's Justice System: Connecting the Dots** was another resounding success on March 11 2010. Completed evaluations demonstrated high levels of satisfaction with speakers, panellists and facilitators, and recognized the scope of perspectives that were presented. The exceedingly vital dialogue across organizations and sectors throughout Connecting the Dots also confirmed the meaning of this tradition: to bring a range of perspectives together to share knowledge and stimulate ideas while not forgetting the faces and the stories behind all of the briefs, discussion papers and recommendations we read. It is truly an annual highlight for me to co-host the Workshop.

I would like to thank: the Co-chairs for leading an insightful day: Mary Campbell, Catherine Kane and Allen Benson; the volunteers and Members of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice, Public Safety Canada, the Department of Justice, the Correctional Service of Canada and the Office of the Correctional Investigator for participating; and the following people who



Phil Upshall

served on the planning committee, as speakers, moderators, facilitators, dialogue leaders, note-takers and photographers:

Patrick Altimas
Allen Benson
Julie Besner
Jim Bonta
Mary Campbell
Dave Farthing
Tim Fleming
Dariusz Galczynski
Michael Gauvreau
Craig Jones
Catherine Kane
Cathy Ann Kelly
Irving Kulik

Bonnie Lidstone
Oni the Haitian Sensation
Justice Edward Ormston
Kim Pate
Howard Sapers
Pauline Sauvé
Brian Strom
Lise Thibert
Phil Upshall
Elizabeth White
Cliff Yumansky
Sandra Zagon
Ivan Zinger

The introduction and passage of Bill C-4, An Act respecting not-for-profit corporations and certain other corporation in the summer of 2009 sparked preparations for a By-Law Review that would ensure NAACJ's compliance under the new Act. In addition, new membership applications contributed to conversations about the purpose of NAACJ now and into the future. Thanks to a motion passed by Vice-President Allen Benson, the Association looks forward to strengthening its mandate through a Strategic Review process next year that will benefit not only the Association's Membership, but will span to partners and communities through enhanced strategic directions, processes and communications. I am delighted that NAACJ and its Members join me in embracing this timely opportunity for organizational renewal.

"Very knowledgeable, charismatic, passionate and insightful panelists. Great views, great answers to questions."

"Wealth of knowledge and experience evident; fine balance and representation between several offices/societies".

"Wonderful openness, great learning".

"Thank you for the opportunity to have NGO and government officials meet and collaborate!"

Participant feedback, Mental Health in Canada's Justice System: Connecting the Dots, March 11 2010.

In closing, I would like to thank: NAACJ's bookkeeper Allyson Chisnall, for her unwavering support to me and the NAACJ; the volunteers for their often under-recognized contributions; the Member Organizations and Directors for their inspiration and commitment; and, the Officers who comprise the Executive Committee for their time and support: Patrick Altimas, Allen Benson, Irving Kulik, George Myette and John Sawdon. I am so grateful to work with such compassionate, supportive and knowledgeable people. Thank you for so generously sharing your time, wisdom, experience and humour with me throughout this last year.

Susan Haines



Allen Benson & Mary Campbell

Events and Highlights

NAACJ's activities in 2009–2010 included:

Membership Support & Services

- Successful application of the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) which comprises the Quakers Fostering Justice Programme, to the Membership effective April 2010.
- Participation at the launch of Canadian Families and Corrections Network's (CFCN) Jeffrey Goes to Jail; as well as CFCN's Families of Offenders Working Group with CSC in Ottawa, May 2009.
- Support for Directors testifying to the House of Commons Committees on Parliament Hill.
- Participation at the Seventh Step Society of Canada's Community Forum in Kingston, August 2009.
- Distribution of former NAACJ Directors' publication A Flawed Compass (Jackson & Stewart) in Victoria, September 2009.
- Provided opportunities for Members to tour local Community-based Residential Facilities (CBRFs) and

meet with members of the Inmate Committee at William Head Institution in and around Victoria, September 2009.

- Support for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) to manage a multi-site demonstration project of CoSA, which was later funded by the National Crime Prevention Centre.
- Observation of Vital Signs public forum hosted by the Community Foundation of Ottawa (CFO) and dissemination of community-based research.
- Collaboration with the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, Ernie Tannis, the John Howard Society of Ottawa and community members to broadcast an episode about Vital Signs, court delays and related justice issues on CHIN radio from Ottawa, October 26, 2009.
- Meeting co-development and co-facilitation with CFCN's Marg Holland to gather a network of support services for incarcerated fathers in Ottawa, October 2009.
- Participation at the Canadian Criminal Justice Association's 32nd annual Congress, "Problem Solving Justice," in Halifax, October 2009.
- Meetings with the Correctional Service of Canada in Ottawa to obtain information concerning the Seventh Step Society of Canada's ongoing international transfer project, December 2009.
- Information gathering and sharing concerning Canada's progress to ratify and implement the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT).
- Attendance at events held during February 2010's federal government prorogation:
 - The Liberal Public Forum on Community Safety, with panelist and NAACJ Director from the

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS), Kim Pate, on Parliament Hill.

- A Public Community Forum, Prorogation as Opportunity, with NAACJ Directors Kim Pate and Craig Jones from the John Howard Society of Canada, in Ottawa.
- Participation at a taping of CBC's Sunday Edition with panelist Kim Pate in Ottawa, March 2010.

Collaboration with Federal Government

- Coordination of two consultation meetings for NAACJ Members to meet with representatives from CSC to discuss issues of mutual concern.
 - Dialogue with Don in Victoria allowed Members to have candid conversations with the Commissioner of Corrections.
- Involvement on the national selection committee of the Office of the Correctional Investigator of Canada (OCI) to honour former NAACJ Director Michael Jackson with the inaugural Ed McIsaac Human Rights in Corrections Award.
- Support to the NAACJ and CSC Joint Community Corrections Working Group, prior to its suspension for 18 months in early 2010:



Lori MacDonald, Don Head, Patrick Altimas, Anne Kelly & Karen Smith-Black

- Co-coordination of meetings and co-development annual workplan;
 - Development of joint key messages about community corrections for Members to utilize as they see fit;
 - Enhancements to the joint communiqué, Community-based Residential Facilities: One Component of Healthier Safer Communities.
- Ongoing information and knowledge sharing with the National Parole Board, particularly concerning proposed changes to pardon user fees and quorum.
 - Attendance at the Nexus of Criminal Justice and Mental Health in Canada, hosted by the Correctional Service of Canada, June 15–16, 2009.
 - Assisted with the coordination of and participated in two Corrections Roundtables with Public Safety Canada in Ottawa where we had the pleasure of hearing from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Safety, Community Safety and Partnerships Branch.
 - Ongoing communications with the OCI to support the dissemination of reports, specifically as they relate to justice for indigenous people as well as deaths in custody.
 - Contact with clerks of House of Commons committees and federal officials, largely from the Department of Public Safety, concerning proposed changes affecting the Criminal Code and the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, including: conditional sentences, mandatory sentencing, the federal sex offender registry, pre-trial detention, judicial review and youth justice.



Oni the Haitian Sensation

Report from the Treasurer

Once again, I am pleased to report that the finances for NAACJ have been ably handled during the past year by Executive Director Susan Haines with the guidance and support of our bookkeeper Allyson Chisnall (AC Financial Services Inc.).

Generally, we met our financial objectives and finished the year with a surplus due to the receipt of an outstanding invoice from CSC for \$15,000 from a previous year. Operationally, we had a slight deficit due to extra expenses incurred when we transferred our CSC Consultation venue to Victoria in September 2009 and weren't able to recover all of the extra expenses from CSC funding. There was also a modest bonus awarded to the Executive Director for meritorious service in past years which had not been budgeted.

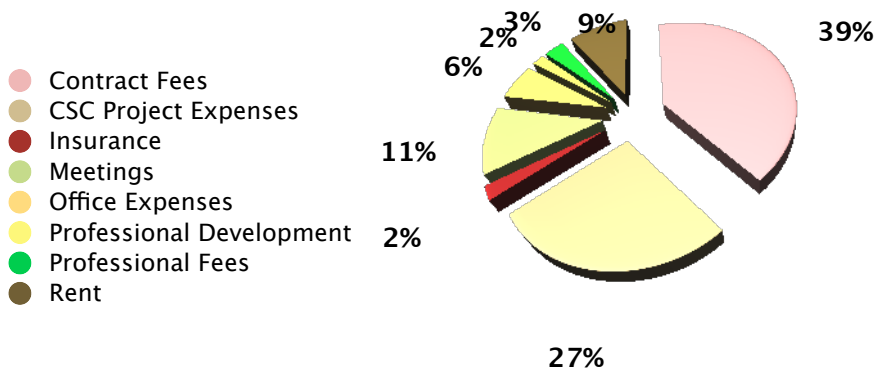
George Myette

Year ended March 31 2010

Revenue	
Public Safety Canada	51,332
CSC Project	43,724
CSC – prior years	15,000
Interest Income	76
Membership Fees	4,200
PDCP Project	7,000
	97, 508
Expenses	
Bad debts	600
CSC Project – costs	29,532
CSC Project – contract fees	16,507
Contract Fees	29,885
Insurance	1,031
General Meetings	4,266
Joint Forum	3,546
Office	6,476
PDCP Project Expenses	4,064
Professional Development	1,083
Professional Fees	3,910
Rent	10,176
	111,076
Revenue over expenditures	10,256

Financial Summary

Expenditures, 2009–2010



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NAACJ is grateful for generous contributions from **Public Safety Canada** and the **Correctional Service of Canada**.



Gifts–In–Kind

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The Movement for Canadian Literacy

Volunteers

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