



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
NAACJ

2019

ANNUAL

REPORT

Enhancing the capacity of Members to contribute to a
humane, fair, effective and equitable criminal justice system

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Social responsibility
Responsabilité sociale

MISSION & PURPOSES

NAACJ's mission is to enhance the capacity of Members to contribute to a **humane, fair, equitable and effective justice system**. Its purposes are to:

1. Contribute to the education of its Members, other organizations from the governmental and voluntary sectors and the general public through activities that share and generate knowledge, information, ideas and values, in relation to current and emerging criminal justice issues.
2. Contribute to the capacity of the Members 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.
3. Support the activities of its Members in the development of policy related to criminal justice by promoting the role and importance of the Members in consultation and policy fora with the federal government.



STRATEGIC PLAN

KEY OBJECTIVES

Strengthen the public profile of NAACJ and its Members by promoting our values, work and impacts among Members, stakeholders and the federal

Increase the capacity of Members by facilitating opportunities for dialogue and relationship building with each other, and with stakeholders and federal partners.

Share and generate information, knowledge, experience and ideas to inform and empower Members, partners and the public.

Manage the affairs of the Office and the Association per General By-Laws & Diversify Revenue Stream.



MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERS & DELEGATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Association des Services de Réhabilitation Sociale du Québec

David Henry

Book Clubs for Inmates

Carol Finlay

Canadian Associations of Elizabeth Fry Societies

Kassandra Churcher

Canadian Association of Social Workers

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Canadian Psychological Association

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Circles of Support and Accountability Canada

Kathryn Bliss

CTI Canadian Training Institute

Duncan Gillespie

Frontier College

Sarah Thompson

Innocence Canada (formerly AIDWYC)

Win Wahrer

John Howard Society of Canada

Catherine Latimer

Mennonite Central Committee Canada

Randy Klassen

Seventh Step Society of Canada

George Myette

St. Leonard's Society of Canada

Anita Desai

The Salvation Army

Claire Dunmore

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

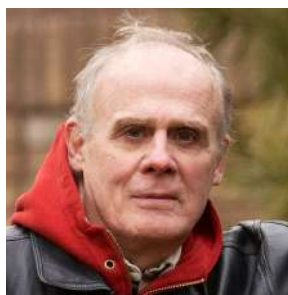
Centre for Justice Exchange

Canadian Association for Community Living

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Allen Benson
Vice-President *	George Myette Mark Knox
Treasurer *	Irving Kulik George Myette
Secretary	Sarah Thompson
Past-President	Catherine Latimer

** Changed during the course of the fiscal year*



NAACJ and its Members will miss the wise contributions of long-standing Director, **Dr. J. Stephen Wormith**, who passed away in March.

"Big Steve" represented the Canadian Psychological Association on the Board of Directors for almost 20 years, from 2000-2019.





HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

This past year NAACJ hosted the following events for Members and Partners:

- The Annual Joint Policy Forum with Public Safety Canada in February 2019 brought partners together to explore *Media, Messaging & Public Perception*



Co-Chairs Catherine Latimer and Angela A Connidis address the audience at the Annual Policy Forum, February 2019



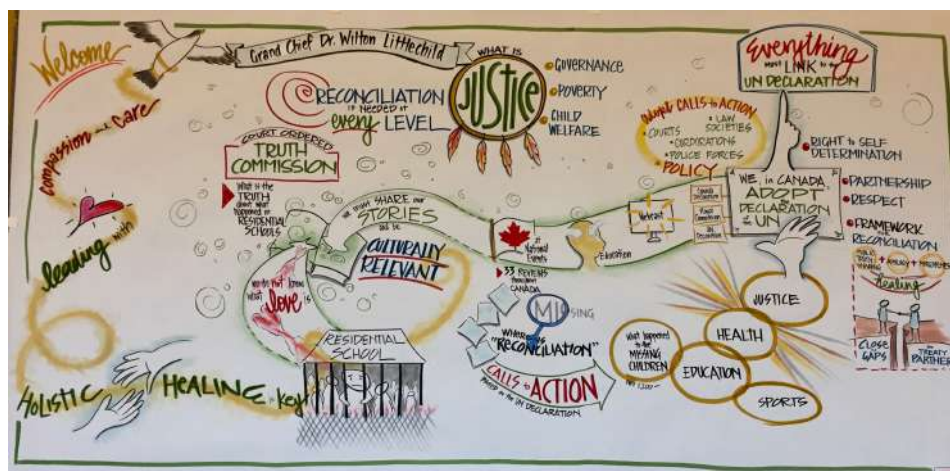
Desmond Doran (CSC NEAC), Louise Leonardi (CFCN) and David Henry (ASRSQ) share what works and what doesn't when communicating our stories, February 2019

- Teleconferences and Information Sessions to discuss:
 - ▶ Mandatory Minimum Penalties and Judicial Discretion
 - ▶ The Right to Housing and the National Housing Strategy
 - ▶ The federal consultation on Pan-Canadian Health Organizations
 - ▶ CSC Consultations on legislation, policy, communications and strategies
 - ▶ Pardons, Records Suspensions and the Criminal Records Act
 - ▶ Segregation and Structured Intervention Units
 - ▶ Justice Canada surveys to reform the Criminal Justice System.

We were similarly delighted to contribute to the following events in 2018-2019:



- Semi-annual Corrections Roundtables, with representatives from Public Safety Canada's Criminal Justice and Corrections Directorate and recipients of PS Canada's Grant Program to National Voluntary Organizations, in June and November 2018
- The Volunteer Canada AGM & Reception on the Hill, April 2018
- CoSA-Ottawa's Gala, April 2018, with Pierre Allard & Steve Sullivan
- Partner's Day Panel, Parole Board of Canada Training Day, May 2018, with Tyler Fainstat (John Howard Society of Ottawa), Kassandra Churcher (CAEFS), Kathryn Bliss (CoSA Canada) and Anita Desai (SLSC)
- Film Screening of *"The Invisible Heart"* documentary & panel discussion about social finance, May 2018, with Nadine Pequeneza, Director, Adam Jagelewski, MaRS Centre for Impact Investment; Rodney Ghali, Impact and Innovation Unit, Privy Council Office, Government of Canada, David Macdonald, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and Larry Brown, National Union of Public and General Employees
- National Conference on Indigenous Peoples' Justice, Cree Nation Government with support from Justice Canada, December 2018



- “Think Tank on Community Corrections” hosted by the Parole Board of Canada (PBC), February 2019



- The John Howard Society of Canada’s Inaugural Brendan Reynolds Lecture, with guest speaker Graham Stewart, February 2019
- PS Canada meeting, 20th anniversary of the Crime Prevention Strategy, Ottawa - with former & current NAACJ Members MC Dave Farthing and Panellists Catherine Latimer & Irvin Waller, February 2019



- Justice Canada webinar on *Gladue: A Reflection on the Past 20 Years and Envisioning the Future*, March 2019



We also continued to engage with CSC on several issues, with a view to:

- Supporting in-reach and volunteering in the CSC
- Improving relationships and communications
- Contributing to effective reintegration through pre-release planning, and in-reach, including a focus on best practices to improve WED releases
- Exploring ways and means to increase Work Releases by identifying work needed in communities near federal institutions
- Reporting on the accomplishments of CSC's Federal Community Corrections Strategy (FCCS) to 2020 – and beyond

Susan Haines, Catherine Latimer, Anne Kelly and Amy Jarrette enjoying a treat to celebrate the new CSC Commissioner, at the Annual NAACJ/CSC meeting,



Did you know?

Young Indigenous people in juvenile detention are **74% more likely to end up in adult prisons than those who are diverted into alternative forms of rehabilitation.**

Indigenous children are **26 times more likely to be in juvenile detention than non-Indigenous children.**





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thanks to the dedicated commitment and contributions of Members and the ongoing development of positive relationships with federal government partners, I am delighted to share all that we have accomplished this past year, in this my 13th annual report to the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice (NAACJ).

With remarkable engagement from NAACJ Directors, Officers, Public Safety Canada (PS), the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), the Parole Board of Canada (PBC), Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), Parliamentarians and the Advisor to the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, 2019 proved to be another productive year that allowed us facilitate dialogue and communicate on several priority issues within criminal and social justice, including: judicial discretion & mandatory minimum penalties; the right to housing for all within the National Housing Strategy (NHS); criminal records, record suspensions & pardons; segregation & Structured Intervention Units (SIU); restorative justice; indigenous justice and healing lodges; Parole By Exception for compassionate releases; improving pre-release planning for Warrant Expiry cases; Media, Messaging & Public Perception; volunteer security screening & access to federal institutions; Justice Canada's 'choice book' survey to reform the criminal justice system; CORCAN & Community Industries; work releases; crime

prevention; and, the principles for collaboration within the Terms of Reference, which guide our relationship with CSC.

Although we made not have seen the progress and 'real change' to truly reform and improve the criminal justice system as we had hoped, we did see enough significant change at the federal level to benefit NAACJ and its Members: relationships with key personnel at PS, CSC, ESDC and the PBC increased engagement and support in meaningful and tangible ways. I am so grateful to Officers and CSC for their efforts to help ensure that the Members' participation in Ottawa was once again valued through a financial commitment this year.

With leadership from various Members and agencies, we were able to facilitate the development of open letters from some members to raise concerns to Parliamentarians about judicial discretion (April), healing lodges & community-based residential facilities (October) and criminal records reform (March).

We wouldn't have been able to raise the voices of its membership nor carry out this work if it wasn't for the tremendous in-kind support from the St. Leonard's Society of Canada, and all of the Member Organizations, whose in-kind contributions totalled almost \$10,000, notwithstanding the countless hours given in time and service to our collective goals.

To the Officers and Directors who bring their wisdom, experience, humour and commitment to the NAACJ table, and to me, week after week and month after month, I cannot thank you enough. It is truly a privilege to be in this role, and to be exposed to the incredible people, organizations and opportunities that I am. Thank you!

Susan Haines
Executive Director

*Bruce Porter, Susan Haines,
Adam Vaughan and Catherine
Latimer at the AGM in
September 2018.*





TREASURER'S REPORT

The fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 was a normal operating year financially, with no extraordinary expenditures but with slightly less income than anticipated, thus resulting in a deficit of \$3,497. This was due to an expected revenue from the ESDC project which didn't materialize but which will likely be recovered in 2019-20 when the ESDC project is expected to be approved.

The operating deficit was covered by surplus cash from previous years and didn't cause any current financial hardship for us. Fiscal year 2018-19 was the first year for the increased membership fees based on the budget size of members and this contributed significantly to our bottom line, along with the In-Kind contributions from our members.

Our primary source of funding was the Public Safety Grant to National Voluntary Organizations, which is entering the 3rd year of a 3-year cycle, ending March 31, 2020. It is anticipated that this funding will continue with another multi year cycle, starting April 1, 2020.

I have reviewed the draft Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Hendry Warren LLP and recommend that the membership of NAACJ accept the statements as presented.

George Myette
Treasurer

In 2018-2019, Members' in-kind contributions to NAACJ totalled \$9,662.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUALS 2018-2019
REVENUE		
Public Safety Canada grant	\$61,491	\$61,491
Membership Fees	\$8,500	\$8,900
Fundraising	\$3,683	\$-
In-kind revenue	\$10,905	\$11,342
Interest income		\$72
	\$84,579	\$81,805
EXPENSES		
Bad debts		\$1,336
Bank charges & interest	\$50	\$154
Computer Services	\$500	
Contract fees	\$900	\$900
In-kind expenses		\$11,342
Insurance	\$850	\$654
Meetings	\$13,525	\$5,211
Joint Annual Policy Forum	\$500	\$569
Office	\$5,510	\$3,253
Professional Fees	\$3,600	\$3,326
Salaries & Wages	\$59,144	\$58,557
	\$84,579	\$85,302
NET	\$-	(\$3,497)



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GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS



Public Safety Canada
Correctional Service of Canada



NAACJ Member Organizations, in particular:

Circles of Support and Accountability Canada



St. Leonard's Society of Canada

TIME & SERVICE

Shannon Brennan & Jillian Boyce,
Statistics Canada

Bruce Porter, Social Rights Advocacy
Centre

Desmond Doran, Member, Regional
Ethnocultural Advisory Committee
(Ontario), CSC

Paula Speevak, Volunteer Canada

David Hickey, Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Adam Vaughan, MP & Parliamentary
Secretary to the Minister of Families
Children and Social Development
(Affordable Housing)

Laura McPherson, Employment Skills
Development Canada

Jannique Venne & Cherami
Wichmann, Justice Canada

Jennifer Oades, Ian Broom, Daryl
Churney & Mark Prieur, Parole Board
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NAACJ is a proud member of Volunteer Canada

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