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**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

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**Michael Hudon**

**President, nominated for 1-year term (2020-2021)**

*Previously: 2019-2020 Director*

Michael believes that second-language learning is of vital importance to the educational achievement and social development of young people and understands the correlation between language and culture. As a French Immersion graduate and with past experience working for the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Michael has unique experience that will contribute positively towards fully realizing the organization's purpose and vision. He has extensive public speaking experience and is skilled in adapting messages to impact a variety of audiences.

Currently Vice-President of the Park Carillon Park Committee, Michael is responsible investing in infrastructure for the park, to ensure it serves as a safe place for children to play in the community of St. Pierre-Jolys.

Michael is looking forward to continuing on the CPF-MB Board in the position of President. He will contribute through respectful debate and transparent decision-making. He understands organizational operations and is confident this will support his decision-making with respect to governance. Furthermore, Michael is known within the French language community and this will be of benefit to CPF-MB.

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**Delnora Rice**

**Vice President, nominated for 1-year term (2020-2021)**

*Previously: 2015-2017 Director, 2017-2019 Director, 2019-2020 Vice-President*

Delnora has been involved with CPF since her first child began French Immersion kindergarten in Portage la Prairie. She eventually became President of the local CPF chapter and held that position for several years. She enjoys supporting French language learning in her capacity as the CPF-MB Vice-President. Her experience includes Directorships on the Boards of the Portage and District Arts Council, Prairie Fusion Arts and Entertainment, Prairie Sounds Festival and Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals. She was the local Campaign Chair for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's door-to-door fund-raising campaign for three years.

Delnora previously worked as Director of Dietetics and continues to bring a variety of skills to the CPF-MB Board. She appreciates the benefits of learning French and continues to be committed to developing strategies and support for the continuation and expansion of French Education in Manitoba.

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**Rena Prefontaine**

**Past President, nominated for 1-year term (2020-2021)**

*Previously: 2008-2010 Director, 2011-2013 Director, 2013-2015 Director, 2015-2016 Vice-President, 2016-2018 President, 2018-2019 President, 2019-2020 President*

Rena has significant experience of committee work, in a variety of roles including that of a President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Rena has served for many years as a key member of the CPF-MB Executive Committee and the CPF-National Bylaws Committee. She continues to be committed to CPF because her two children went through the French Immersion Program. In addition, she was previously a Director on the Winnipeg Realtors Association, which has over 1,800 members.

Rena studied in French throughout the entirety of her schooling and has first-hand experiences of the advantages of being fluent in both of Canada's official languages. She proudly acclaims her use and knowledge of French, and credits having French as her second language to her success as a professional. Her business and financial background are of extreme value to CPF-MB.

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**Lori Mackedenski**

**Director, completing 2-year term (2019-2021)**

Lori strongly believes that children should receive quality bilingual education, whether in an immersion program, or in second language classes. She believes in the work of CPF and values the importance of advocating and promoting the learning and use of French.

Lori served with her local chapter for 15 years and is now generously sharing her knowledge and skills at the Branch level of the organization. She has served on several Boards in Portage la Prairie, including Parents Advisory Committees, The Trinity United Church Leadership Council, the William Glesby Centre Board of Directors and the Portage Heritage Inc. Board of Directors.

As an educator in the public school system and as parent of three children in the French Immersion stream, Lori noticed that using French outside school is not something with which they are comfortable. She would like to see that comfort level improved and looking forward to working with individuals who share her passion and belief in the importance of French Language learning.

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**Pam Hutcheson**

**Director, nominated for 2-year term (2020-2022)**

Pam strongly believes in the learning of French and the benefits it brings in a country where French is one of the official languages. She has been a strong and committed supporter of CPF for many years and thoroughly enjoyed her previous experience (several years ago), as a CPF-MB Director.

Pam's two youngest children graduated from the program and now she welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the future of the organization and French language learning in Manitoba. She is also looking forward to being part of the progressive CPF-MB Board of Directors and taking on new challenges in the form of committee work.

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**Melanie Young**

**Director, nominated for 2-year term (2020-2022)**

Melanie has been involved with CPF since 2003. In the Pas, she contributed and served in the positions of Chapter President and Secretary. She is also an active volunteer with 4-H, Band Boosters, The Canadian Red Cross, and The Autism Society of Manitoba.

Melanie's four children were in the French Immersion program. All of them have autism, so she has a unique insight and in-depth understanding of the challenges that children face in being able to access the program and within the program, as well as how they can flourish through its benefits.

Furthermore, Melanie has attended many provincial and national CPF conferences, where the sharing of her experiences with like-minded parents was enthusiastically welcomed.

With such extensive knowledge and a pertinent business background, Melanie is looking forward to being involved with CPF at the Branch level, where her attributes will be an invaluable addition to the team.

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**Lyka Capulong**

**Youth Director, nominated for 2-year term (2020-2022)**

Lyka is a proud graduate of the French Immersion Program and comes from an immigrant family, so multilingualism has always been part of her life. Presently, she is continuing her French studies at the Université de Saint-Boniface and plans to become a teacher. Lyka believes that learning another language is a gift, as learning French has allowed her to participate in many opportunities.

As Youth Director, Lyka welcomes the opportunity to inspire students and promote bilingualism. Through CPF-MB, she will be able to connect with more representatives that share her mindset that promoting and creating resources for youth is a primary importance. She has thrived in a bilingual lifestyle, and wishes to share her input and experiences to encourage younger generations to do the same.

Lyka has experience on other Boards, Currently, she is a member on the administrative council for Conseil Jeunesse Provincial (CJP), here in Manitoba. She is also part of her university Green Club. Previously, she served as Vice-President of the Conseil Immersion in high school.

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