



**CANADIAN
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**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

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Michael Hudon**President, nominated for 1-year term (2022-2023)*****Previously: (2019-2020) Director, (2020-2021, 2021-2022) President***

Michael believes that second-language learning is of vital importance to the educational achievement of social development of young people and understands the correlation between language and culture. As a French Immersion graduate and with past experience working as a Language Monitor in schools in Manitoba and New Brunswick, 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.

Michael has two children participating in a rural French immersion program. He believes strongly that rural and northern immersion programs are important to the vitality of these communities. Michael continues to learn through his work with the provincial board, and would be humbled and honored to continue advocating for equitable access to quality FSL learning opportunities for youth in Manitoba as President of the CPF-MB Board. He will contribute through respectful debate and transparent decision making. He understands organizational operations and is confident this will continue to support his decision-making with respect to governance.

Lyka Capulong**Vice President, nominated for 1-year term (2022-2023)*****Previously: (2020-2021) Youth Director, (2021-2022) Vice President***

Lyka is a proud graduate of the French Immersion Program and comes from an immigrant family, so multilingualism has always been a 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 Vice President, Lyka welcomes the opportunity to inspire others 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 of primary importance. She has thrived in a bilingual lifestyle, and wishes to share her input and experience to encourage younger generations to do the same.

In addition to serving as Vice-President of the CPF-MB Board, Lyka has a long history of volunteerism. She is also a member on the administrative council for Conseil Jeunesse Provincial (CJP), here in Manitoba. She is also a part of their university Green Club. Previously, she served as Vice-President of the Conseil Immersion in high school.

Gilbert Le Néal**Director, completing 2-year term (2021-2023)**

Born and raised in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Manitoba, Gilbert attended school both in his home town and at Collège de Saint-Boniface before undertaking postsecondary studies at the University of Manitoba.

Gilbert's career in education spanned a period of 40 years as a teacher, a Mathematics consultant and an education officer with the Bureau de l'éducation française. He remains active as a consultant and as an occasional employee for the province of Manitoba.

Fluently bilingual, Gilbert is married, has two children, and enjoys outdoor activities and travel.

Christopher Afatsawo

Director, completing 2-year term (2021-2023)

As a proud product of an FSL education, Chris is fluently bilingual and takes pride in giving back the same opportunities and privilege to the younger generation through teaching. He has taught French from preschool through undergraduate levels both in Africa and Canada.

Chris holds degrees in French at both the Bachelors and Masters levels, with a focus on first and second language acquisition. He was a research associate in a Pan-Canadian study of francophone schools in a minority setting, and has also done studies on youth, both immigrant and non-immigrant, and their participation in society.

Having participated in various capacities at relatively high-level decision making committees and associations both in Canada and internationally, Chris believes he can offer even more to youth in Manitoba by continuing to support CPF-MB activities at the Board level.

Hannah Bolisay

Youth Director, nominated for a 2-year term (2022-2024)

Hannah is currently a university student at the Université de Saint-Boniface in the Faculty of Education. She is interested in joining the CPF-MB Board as a Youth Director because she would like to be more involved in promoting the French language and bilingualism in Canada. Hannah has some previous board experience with Youth United Way Winnipeg and, as a French Immersion graduate, she would like gain more experience and collaborate with people involved in this kind of work.

Hannah has a special connection to CPF-MB, having participated in, and winning at the Concours d'art oratoire throughout her early years and high school education. She believes her strong interpersonal skills would be a great benefit to the organization. Hannah can easily adapt to many situations, is productive, proactive, passionate, responsible and gives her very best in everything she does.