



**Annual Conference
Canadian Organization of Faculty Association Staff
Hôtel Château Laurier Québec
June 4-7, 2015**

Agenda

Welcome to Québec City.

Hôtel Château Laurier Québec
1220, Place George-V Ouest
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Check-in 4:00 pm
Check-out Noon



Breakfasts will be served at the St-Hubert restaurant inside the hotel and are included with the hotel reservation.

Thursday, June 4, 2015

4:00 to 5:30 Executive Committee Meeting
This meeting is just for the 2014/15 officers of COFAS as well as the elected site and agenda coordinators of future conferences.

6:00 to 8:30 Registration and Welcome Reception
Join us for food, refreshments, and great company!



Friday, June 5, 2015

8:00 - 8:45 am	Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00 am	Registration continues
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome and introductions
9:15 - 9:45 am	COFAS Constitution Presentation and discussion of proposed revisions.
9:45 - 10:30 am Panelists:	Getting the most from your Association's Website Vanessa Brown (UWOFA), Michel Desjardins (APUO), Daniel Draper (CUASA) Topics to be addressed include: web design, content management and updating, archiving, accessibility and legal compliance.
10:30 - 10:45 am	Coffee break
10:45 to Noon Demonstrator:	Workshop offered by Coeur à l'ouvrage – Au-delà de l'entraînement Marie-Claude Bleau, Massage Therapist, Speaker, Yoga Instructor. Static postures, repetitive movements, and stress are often the cause of discomfort. In fact, many of our colleagues complain that work gives them a pain in the lower, lower back. Fear not, however, relief is at hand! During this 50-minute workshop, you will learn different techniques to soothe tensions and increase your vitality. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.
Noon to 1:45 pm	Lunch on your own
1:45 to 2:45 pm Presenters:	Salary Survey Roxanne Rowe (AASUA), Brigitte Schotch (DFA retired) ✓ Learn the results of our annual survey of wages and other terms of employment. One lucky survey respondent will walk away the winner of a \$100 gift certificate from Chapters.
2:45 to 3:30 pm Presenter:	Mental illness and the workplace Lorral Deline, Mental Health Therapist Association staff are occasionally required to deal with individuals suffering from mental illness. This session is intended to provide practical information and advice to help members with this aspect of their work.
3:30-3:45 pm	Coffee Break

3:45-5:00 pm **Panel: Things you always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask . . . a lawyer.**
Panelists: Barbara MacLennan (DFA), Brygeda Renke (AASUA), Geneviève Robichaud (CUFA)

This should slake your unquenchable thirst for Justice. Having received our questions in advance, the panelists will riff on your most interesting queries, but will not provide advice on specific cases.

6:30 to 10:00 pm **Reception and Group Dinner**
Restaurant Le Louis Hébert - 668 Grande Allée

Saturday, June 6, 2015

8:00 to 9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00 to 10:30 **Roundtable Discussions**
Discussion Leaders: Chantelle Anderson (MRFA), Lori Morinville (CAFA), Debbie Noble (WUFA), Brygeda Renke (AASUA), Linda Wagner (AASUA)

10:30 to 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 to 12:00 **Panel: [Non] Dangerous Liaisons**
Panelists: Kimberly Benoit (CUASA), Andrea Calver (OCUFA), Don Kozak (TUCFA), Kristin Skinner (YUFA)

As the staff of advocacy organizations, it is helpful to be reminded of our commonality with student and other employee organizations (on-campus and within the broader community). Panelists will consider such relationships and some of the ways that they may be deepened.

12:00 to 2:00 **Lunch on your own**

14:00 to 15:30 **Business Meeting – Open to all attendees**

3:30 to 3:45 **Coffee Break**

3:45 to 4:00 **Mug exchange**

4:00 to 5:00 **Voluntary breakouts**
Discussion Leaders: TBD

These breakout groups, more loosely structured than the morning roundtables, will be based on the affinities identified by our members.

5:00 - **Dinner on your own**

Sunday, June 7, 2015

8:00 to 9:00

Breakfast

9:00 to 10:45

Panelists:

Panel: What the Future holds for post-secondary education's advocates

Marcus Harvey (TUFA), David Robinson (Executive Director of the CAUT), Pat Shaw (former Director of Organizing and Services of the AAUP)

Association staff will be on the frontlines reacting to changes in our sector as politicians and administrators reshape the academy. What changes are designed and which are accidental? What should we embrace and what should we resist? What can we delay; what can be defeated?

If questions like these don't get your activist blood pumping, we don't know what will!

10:45 to 11:00

Wrap-up – See you all in Halifax!