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Highlights from the CSPNE Organizational Meeting The Board's Executive is elected

North Bay, December 8, 2015 – *Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario* (CSPNE) held its organizational meeting on December 4 in North Bay.

During the inaugural meeting, Board members elected the executive which is comprised of the Chair and Vice-Chairs. The outgoing Chair, Mr. Denis Labelle, was re-elected Board Chair. Mr. Labelle, a trustee representing West Nipissing, was very pleased to have the support and recognition of his colleagues who have entrusted him with his fifth mandate as Chair of CSPNE.

He will be supported in his duties by first Vice-Chair for CSPNE's northern jurisdiction, Mrs. Nicole Arcand who represents the Timmins area. This is Mrs. Arcand's second mandate as Vice-Chair who held the position last year.

Mr. Henri Ménard was re-elected second Vice-Chair for CSPNE's southern jurisdiction. This will also be the second consecutive year as Vice-Chair for Mr. Ménard, trustee representing North Bay.

The involvement and commitment of the school board trustees play a significant role in developing various initiatives for CSPNE, its schools and school communities.

Promoting universal values, CSPNE covers an area of 46,453 km² and offers quality, French-language education to the communities of Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay. More than 2,050 students have chosen to attend a French-language public school in Northeastern Ontario.

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