

## **OTTIAQ moves its strategic vision forward with a new Board of Directors**

### **Donald Barabé, Certified Translator, elected as Chair of the Board**

Montreal, June 22, 2018 – The Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec (OTTIAQ) today announced the new composition of its Board of Directors.

Donald Barabé, a certified translator with an impressive background in the field, is taking over as chair, succeeding Réal Paquette, who is also a certified translator and held the position for six years. After completing specialized studies in translation, Donald Barabé was hired by the Government of Canada’s Translation Bureau, where he worked first as a translator, then as a reviser. He then went on to acquire a vast array of management experience, notably by managing translation services for the Government of Canada’s departments of Justice and Foreign Affairs. For the last 10 years of his career, Mr. Barabé held the position of Vice-President of Professional Services. In this capacity he was responsible for translation services provided to all Government of Canada departments and agencies.

Mr. Barabé was first a member of the Société des traducteurs du Québec, then of OTTIAQ. He taught translation at the University of Ottawa’s School of Translation and Interpretation for nearly ten years and has given many presentations about the translation profession. Mr. Barabé has also authored or co-authored a number of articles about the field and its evolution.

“The three professions represented by OTTIAQ play a central role in today’s interconnected world, although that role is all too often underappreciated. My career has given me the opportunity to see firsthand that OTTIAQ is without question the leading association of translators, terminologists and interpreters in Canada and around the world, particularly with regard to its legal, professional, organizational and financial foundations. I am deeply honoured to have been elected Chair of OTTIAQ’s Board of Directors. I will build on its foundations to bolster our mandate to protect the public and to enhance the visibility of OTTIAQ and its members,” stated Donald Barabé, Chair of the Board.

Chief Executive Officer of OTTIAQ, Diane Cousineau, Certified Translator, MBA, thanked the outgoing Chair and welcomed Mr. Barabé: “Over the past six years, Réal Paquette has led OTTIAQ to new horizons. I offer him my sincere thanks for his unflagging dedication. Looking to a bright future, I warmly welcome our new Chair, Donald Barabé, and I look forward to working with him to help OTTIAQ face the challenges that lie ahead.”

The following directors will support Mr. Barabé during his term:

Meaghan Girard, Certified Translator, First Vice President  
Sébastien St-François, Certified Translator, Second Vice President  
Ghislaine Brosseau, Appointed Director  
Maria Duarte, Certified Translator  
Claude Dutil, Appointed Director  
Grant Hamilton, Certified Translator  
Hélène Michon, Certified Terminologist  
Marie Poitras, Appointed Director

**About OTTIAQ**

The Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec has approximately 2,100 members. As part of its mandate to protect the public, it grants its members the titles of certified translator, terminologist and interpreter, ensures compliance with its Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Practice, and applies the provisions of the *Professional Code*.

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