

# Coaches' Clarion

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**FCC Management Council for 2009-2010:** Please note that there was no need to hold elections this summer because only two members were nominated for the two vacant positions. I am pleased to announce that Lynn Seguin from Saskatchewan will begin her second term on the Council. I would also like to welcome a new Management council member, David Howes from Ontario. Jean-Marie Banos, Victor Gansevitch and Barbara Daniel will continue the second year of their term.

**New Council Member, David Howes:** David is a Maitre d'Armes & NCCP Level IV certified in all three weapons. He is currently head coach of Cutting Edge Fencing Club in Kingston and assistant coach with the Royal Military College fencing programs. He has a strong background in training, not only in fencing but within the Canadian Forces and as training coordinator for the Canadian Yachting Association.

**Year end Report:** With the completion of our first year, the attached report provides our members with an overview of the activities of the FCC.

**Volunteer Search:** Can you help or do know of someone else who can help? We need volunteers for:

1. translation of documents – primarily from English to French
2. recording Secretary – to take minutes of teleconference meetings (usually a weekday morning) about once every six weeks.

**PASO Coaching Course:** We are pleased to announce that Guy Boulanger, Charles St. Hilaire and Lynn Seguin were approved to attend a High Level Coaching Course in Colorado this summer. We will ask them to provide a report of their experience to share with other members.

**Coaches' Sessions at CSCs:** The coaches' sessions offered at the CSC/Nationals in June were very well received by the coaches who attended. We recognize that, in future, there is a need to offer some sessions in French. If you have suggestions for topics and good presenters for the upcoming season, please send your ideas to Lynn Seguin: [salleseguin@shaw.ca](mailto:salleseguin@shaw.ca)

**Club Development Presentation:** One of the sessions presented in Saskatoon was a very interesting description of the development of the Brebeuf Fencing Club in Montreal by founder and head coach, Jean-Marie Banos. The power point version of this presentation is attached. We encourage other coaches from different clubs will take their turn to share their experience in club development.

**FCC priorities for 2009-2010:** Our strategic plan calls for major progress in the development of NCCP coaching certification, LTAD initiatives and work to improve delivery of the National Skills (Armband) program in partnership with provinces. We also aim to significantly increase the number of coaches affiliated with the FCC and improve services to our members.