

Chronicle for the Canadian TCSL Association (2020-2025)

Based on the 2021-2025 AGM Minutes

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Preface: At the Board meeting held on Oct 18, 2025, the Board came to a consensus that the Association's Chronicle will be updated every four years at the end of each Board. The updates will be based on the Minutes of each of the 4 AGMs held over the term. This new initiative will hopefully increase the work efficiency of the Board and the Association, align the facts in the Chronicle with the AGM minutes to ensure accuracy and conveniently serve as an End-of-the-Term Report for each Board.

2020-2021 (Special AGM held online on May 1 2021)

1. The 5th Executive Board was elected and three Maple Leaf Awards were conferred for the three members' 25 years of service of teaching CSL in Canada.
2. The Shanghai Scholarship Program, which enjoyed four years of strong participation and success from 2016 to 2019, was discontinued in 2020 due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. A resource bank was created on the Association's website.
4. The Association's WeChat was established in 2020 and was administered by VP General Affairs. 91 participants signed up for it.
5. A Chronicle page was created on the Association's website. Currently, there are six categories documenting events the Association has been hosting, organizing, or actively involved in from 2001 up to 2019.
6. The annual conferences for 2020 and 2021 pivoted to online due to the Pandemic and they were well attended.

2021-2022 (AGM held online on April 30, 2022)

1. Several newsletters were created and sent to the members as a new communication approach to keep the members informed about the Association's activities.
2. The Association successfully held several Zoom "Tea Gatherings" in 2021 for team building and for mutual support in their joint efforts to cope with the Pandemic challenges.

3. The Association successfully held an online workshop on Book-Creator in 2021.
4. The Association worked on the History Documentary project. Its purpose was to commemorate the 25-year anniversary of the Association and to record its history and achievements for the future generations (继往开来). 7 board members volunteered their time and energy for the project, each with assigned topics on chronicles of the Association, annual conferences, teachers PD, student programs, data collection, publications, etc. The abstract was in both languages, but the main text was in Chinese. An e-book was envisioned as it was not costly and easier to edit.
5. The Association continued to build online resources for teaching and to maintain and update the database.
6. The Association's work was reported twice in Sing Tao Daily in June and September 2021: “加拿大中文教学学会第五届理事会第一次会议圆满结束”and “中文教师网上茶聚共商教学发展大计”.
7. Chinese language teaching data of over 10 Canadian post-secondary institutions were updated through online searching, phone calls, WeChat and emails.

2022-2023 (AGM held at Crofton House on April 29 2023)

1. The 2022 conference was held online, with 21 presentations in total with presenters from across Canada and a few from the United States. Over 50 people attended the conference, and at one point there were more than 60 attendants online. Enthusiastic discussions ensued after the presentations as well as during the workshops.
2. The Board approved a Student Activity Fund of \$200 to be awarded to up to 10 k-12 member institutions each year to support student learning initiatives.
3. The Board agreed that it would be more practical to “publish” an annual chronicle on the association's website. The VP Secretary will be responsible for the annual memorabilia, and the VP External will be responsible for overseeing the association's website.
4. The Association adopted EasyReg for the first time to set up an online registration system for the 2023 in-person conference, the first in-person one after the Pandemic. This was an innovative initiative that would benefit the future operation of the Association and increase its efficiency.

2023-2024 (AGM held online May 4 2024)

1. The Board approved the extension of the Student Activity Fund to post-secondary students at member institutions to support their student learning activities.

2. Workshops were planned after the 2024 conference, centering on the theme “Experience Sharing: Developing Chinese Language Teaching Materials for Canadian Universities.”

3. To continue the success of the Study-in-Shanghai program which lasted 13 years before the Pandemic, the Board began to explore the possibility of a study-in-Taiwan program. It would be a 2 to 3-week program for college and university students.

2024-2025 (Special AGM held at Crofton House May 3 2025)

1. The 6th Executive Board was elected and one Maple Leaf Award was conferred for the member’s 25 years of service of teaching CSL in Canada.

2. The Board assessed and approved post-secondary and K-12 student filed trip grant applications and reviewed student learning evidence before issuing grants. The grant increased from \$200.00 to \$300.00 per application.

3. The Food Culture Workshop was held on January 4, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM via Zoom. It was a great success, with approximately 160 participants from around the world attending the workshop.

4. Following the successful launch of the online conference registration in 2023, the Conference Organizing Committee improved the system by adding comprehensive refund policies and adopting a new practice of post-conference receipt distribution as a way to enhance efficiency.