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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Virginia thanked board members for their unstinting support and noted that, through their work and the generosity of Canadian donors, CANFRO was able to distribute nearly 43,800 CAD (640,000 MXN) during the past fiscal year. All of CANFRO's projects at CEI, TOLC and FONDO are working well and providing much needed assistance in Oaxaca.

The breakdown of donations disbursed through projects is as follows:

CEI (the School Sponsorship Project and the Food Project): 21,000 CAD

LPP (the Book Project): 13,500 CAD

TOLC (the Tutor Project): 1,900 CAD

FONDO (the High School Project for Girls): 7,400 CAD

Virginia then gave the board the welcome news that she had that very morning spoken to a representative of the CRA about CANFRO's request to have its proposed project with CORAL approved. The CRA representative read aloud to her portions of a letter that was to be mailed immediately. The letter provided that the CRA approved of the proposed project. CANFRO can now move forward to work with CORAL on The Speech and Signing Therapist Project.

Finally, Virginia reported that she had received a number of contacts from people who learned about CANFRO through its Facebook page. People who made contact were anxious to help generally with CANFRO's projects or to help specifically with relief efforts after the recent earthquakes in Mexico. The Facebook page is clearly an effective tool, and board members unanimously agreed that the Facebook coordinator, Jo-Anne Vandierendonck is doing a wonderful job, as is the Website coordinator, Kim Cable. The board expressed its thanks to both of them.