



## President's Report to the Annual Meeting September 26, 2015

August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015 marked our first full year of operations as a registered charity. I offer this report outlining some key events of a very successful year:

1. 5 of our 7 approved projects are fully up and running:  
The *Food Project* (CEI)  
The *School Sponsorship Project* (CEI)  
The *Book Project* (LpP)  
The *Tutor Project* (TOLC)  
The *Women's Project* (FONDO)
2. A sixth project, The *Hearing Aid Project* (CORAL), is scheduled to begin operating this year.
3. Students who received support through our seventh project, the *Advanced Education Project* (TOLC), were able to provide receipts for most, but not all of their expenditures. The board has put this project on hold until we can find a way to both support the students, and comply with CRA reporting requirements.
4. We are sorry that illness has caused Doug Harmon to leave his role as the LpP liaison on the *Book Project*.
5. John Rollins (founding treasurer) completed his 3-year commitment to get CANFRO's financial operations set up. We thank John for his contributions and welcome our new treasurer Barb Royce-Payne.
6. Alvin Starkman decided to leave his role as project manager for the *Women's Project* (FONDO) and the *Hearing Aid Project* (CORAL). Sandra Thomson will formally join the board at the Annual Meeting and will then manage these 2 projects.
7. Following our regular board meeting in Oaxaca on February 9, 2015, the board participated in its third planning workshop facilitated by Sandy Thomson.
8. Our webmaster, Kim, ([www.keyboardandcoffee.ca](http://www.keyboardandcoffee.ca)) has dealt with an unprecedented number of hack attempts on our website – over 1000. She says there is no particular reason why we have been targeted, but hacking danger is a reality for all organizations with an online presence.

Thank you to board members, our partner NGO organizations in Oaxaca, volunteers and donors for helping CANFRO fund and implement projects that help Oaxacan people in need live better lives.