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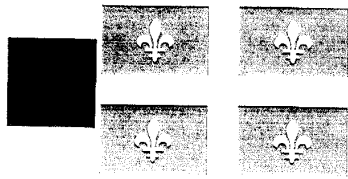
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Quebec Regional Council

Creation of the Quebec Regional Council

The Quebec Regional Council of the Association of Canadian Pension Management was established in 1996, through the efforts of ACPM members from the Ontario region and Mr. Claude Reny, who joined the Association in 1994. With the help of members from the Toronto region, volunteers in the Montreal area organized the first regional activity in Quebec in April 1995.

Following a series of activities in Montreal, the Quebec Regional Council was officially created in November 1996. The Quebec Chapter of the ACPM is the product of the efforts of a number of volunteers as well as of the dedication of Claude Reny and André Pelletier. Barely one year later, the Quebec Regional Council already had eight members.

Proactive at the national and regional levels

The Quebec Council works to promote the general mission of the Association at the national level. The Council promotes pension plans that reflect its members vision. Concretely, the objective is to foster a vigorous membership and a representative Council, to share common responsibilities at the national level and to ensure efficient advocacy efforts aimed at legislators and regulators.

The Quebec Council also has specific objectives and responsibilities. In Quebec, the Council plays an advocacy role to the government and the Régie des rentes. Since its creation, more than one hundred members from various industries have joined the Association, consolidating this crucial advocacy role. This function is especially important since, according to Mr. Michel Méthot, current Council President, "In Quebec, except for actuarial consulting firms, there are few organizations that play an advocacy role. The ACPM is one of them and presents the viewpoints of its members regarding pension plans."

Specifically, the Quebec section of the ACPM makes submissions to parliamentary commissions at the drafting stage of pension legislation. The Council is a consultant to the Régie des rentes and has, over the years, developed a true partnership with the Régie. A regular dialogue, including at least one annual meeting, allows both parties to share their concerns regarding pensions.

The Council is also charged with explaining questions specific to Quebec to the membership at large, both at the provincial and national levels, at the annual Conference in September. The Quebec Regional Council develops and presents issues specific to Quebec within the general framework of national concerns.

Solidifying existing assets

In the medium term, the Quebec Chapter of the ACPM wishes to focus on two major challenges, in addition to its advocacy role. First, the Council aims to increase its membership and reinforce the active involvement of its current and future members. This requires recruiting new organizations in addition to fostering awareness among current members on the importance of playing a proactive role within the Association. This can be achieved through the establishment of an efficient network of contacts. The Council hopes to recruit some twenty new members over the next two years.

In summary, the Council wishes to increase the visibility of the ACPM in Quebec and in Canada through an increased and reinforced membership, the assumption of its responsibilities at the national level and the continued advocacy of its members' vision to the Quebec government and to provincial regulatory bodies.

Mr. Michel Méthot, current President of the Quebec Regional Council, is Chief Actuary of Alcan and Vice-President of the Alcan-Adminco division. Mr. Méthot has been President since October 2002, at the invitation of Mr. Claude Reny, founder and first President of the Quebec Regional Council.

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