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From the Bottom Up

A Newsletter for CSIC members about their issues.

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*Welcome to our Newsletter **From the Bottom Up**. Our articles and postings will cover immigration matters that affect your business and lives.*

In this issue:

Business as Usual?

Dear CSIC Members:

Saturday, June 12, 2010 was an historic day for the immigration consulting profession.

CIC published a Notice in the Canada Gazette Part 1 to initiate the process of selecting a new regulatory body for immigration consultants. It is moving quickly - input on the selection process is requested by July 2.

The Government took this step unilaterally, without consulting CSIC. That alone speaks volumes about the Government's lack of faith in CSIC.

Minister Kenney was quoted in the Toronto Star as saying:

"The concerns about the status quo (of the existing regulator) have been very clear in terms of accountability."

"We want the regulatory body to be professional, transparent, accountable, focused on enforcement and have the respect and support of legitimate practitioners . . . We are going to require they share information on their books and their financial situation."

The Gazette notice also referred to the two reports of the *Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration* which pointed to a lack of public confidence in the current regulator and the concern this generates: "A lack of public confidence poses a significant threat to the immigration system, given the regulator's role with respect to the integrity of the system as a whole."

These are very serious matters - and ones that CAPIC has raised repeatedly for the past several years.

[CSIC's Response: Business As Usual](#)

Despite all of this, Board Chair Nigel Thomson insists it is "Business as Usual" at CSIC. Hardly.

The Minister's statements amount to a clear vote of non-confidence. Mr Thomson's response does not bode well for the interim period. The Board has been effectively fired from its job. But, according to Mr Thomson, they intend to apply for their old job back! In the meantime, says Mr Thomson, it's business as usual.

Unfortunately, CSIC members know what business as usual means at CSIC.

It means that CMI Inc will continue to lose money at \$1,000,000 per year.

It means that John Ryan will be the Acting CEO and a Director contrary to the bylaws.

It means that members in good standing will be refused the right to run for Director positions.

It means double, triple, and quadruple dipping because CSIC/CMI/ImmFUNDS/e-academy Directors will continue to get paid for meeting with each other.

It means the Complaints and Discipline Department will continue to harass members who disagree with the Board.

It means that hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent unwisely on the shark ad campaign.

It means that the CSIC Board has to pretend that it has a mandate even when the Honourable Minister Jason Kenney has publicly moved to replace the regulatory body.

Mr. Thompson, wake up and smell the coffee. Business as usual is not in the cards!

Next: How to get involved! Stay tuned.

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