

JACQUES CHAGNON

PRESIDENT OF COPA

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC



Born in Montreal on August 28, 1952, Jacques Chagnon has a Bachelor's degree in political science (public administration) from Concordia University (Montréal) and has completed his graduate studies in political science and law at the Université de Montréal.

While completing his studies, he became Commissioner at the Saint-Exupéry school board. From 1982 to 1985, he was executive director of the Québec federation of Catholic school boards. During that same period, he sat on executive committees of different school boards.

Member of the Québec National Assembly representing the riding of Westmount - Saint-Louis for the past 25 years, he was first elected in 1985.

Mr. Chagnon was Minister of Education (1994) and Minister of Public Security (2003-2005) and chaired the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada (CMEC) in 1994.

President of the National Assembly since his election to that position on April 5, 2011, Mr. Chagnon has acted as Second Vice-President of the Assembly since May 2007.

He has always been implicated in interparliamentary organisations. In addition to his participation in the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA), he is member of the Québec Section for the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) and for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). He is recipient of the Commandeur of the Order of La Pléiade honouring achievement in La Francophonie and dialogue among cultures of the APF.