

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE
DECEMBER 4, 2014 OASBO BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING**

Greetings to All,

The OASBO Board of Directors met on December 4. Highlights from the meeting follow.

The **Financial Statements** ending August 31, 2014 were presented by a representative from Gilmore and Company. Membership and PD event revenues have increased due to higher attendance. General expenses have increased slightly due to presenter's fees for PD sessions, workshop presentations at the ASBO International Convention, and purchasing of additional office software. OASBO has realized a budget surplus and is in a solid financial position.

Plans continue for the **2015 OASBO Annual Conference** to be held May 6-8 at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood. The theme is focused on "Mentoring: Pay it Forward.....Mentorat: payez au suivant". Joe Roberts will deliver the keynote address "from Skidrow to CEO" and share his amazing story.

Paul Bridle, leadership methodologist facilitated a PD session on **Mentoring** at the Board meeting. The focus was on the definition of mentoring, personality traits of a good mentor and what individuals wants from a mentor. Discussion also took place on discovering one's learning style. He went on to say that "just in time learning" has been embraced by the new generation. People want to learn on the go, rather than sitting through a course that may quickly become obsolete. Paul will follow up this session at the February 2015 Joint Meeting of Directors and Committee Chairs and at the Annual Conference.

The Board approved the hiring of a communications consultant to develop a plan to improve internal communications and to develop a marketing/advocacy strategy that highlights OASBO's importance, objectives and goals to school boards, the provincial government and other education sector partners. Several PR companies will be researched.



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OASBO PRESIDENT**

The **School Board Administrative Staff Conference** (formerly Support Staff Conference) will be held April 22-23, 2015 in Niagara Falls. The target audience is school board and school-based administrative staff. Brochures have been sent to past delegates and will also be sent to Senior Business Officials and others to publicize the event.

Child care will continue to be a prominent provincial government priority.

Discussion took place regarding Bill 10, **Child Care Modernization Act, 2014** which received Royal Assent Dec.4, 2014. This Act repeals the Day Nurseries Act and replaces it with the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. It also amends the Education Act to:

- make schools boards directly responsible for child care programs for children in kindergarten to grade 6 (boards may continue to operate programs directly or use third party providers)
- gives the province the right to govern fees charged by school boards to third party providers
- have child care agencies assign, validate and update Ontario education numbers (OENs).

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Associated regulations, policies and procedures are being developed by the Ministry. They are also determining priorities for actual implementation of the new legislation, with some or all parts to be in place for September 2015.

This legislation will have broad impact, extending across and perhaps beyond many Standing Committees. It was suggested that a OASBO 'multi initiative task force' be created where a number of committees cooperate from numerous school boards to provide input to the province. This option will be further discussed at the February 2015 Joint Meeting of Directors and Committee Chairs.

As previously reported, the Board passed a motion that the 2016 Annual Conference will be held in Windsor and the 2017 venue be in Niagara Falls. A further motion was passed that the 2018 Annual Conference be held in Kingston if feasible (with Ottawa as the alternative). As the latter event will mark OASBO's 75th anniversary, it was suggested that a steering committee be set up to plan celebrations. This item will be discussed further at the Joint Meeting of Directors and Chairs in February 2015.

Discussion took place regarding benefits of **Business Associate membership** (vendors). A suggestion was made to include a rolling ad on the main website www.oasbo.org. The logo and vendor name of each Business Associate could be included but it would not include any specific advertising. A designated area will be created on the OASBO website to include this information.

It was brought to everyone's attention that **ASBO International has 'Emerging School Business Leaders' Scholarships** available to encourage those with five years or less experience to attend the ASBO Annual Convention. Applicants do not have to be an ASBO member. Submissions are due May 1, 2015. A suggestion was made that perhaps OASBO could consider offering something similar for the OASBO Annual Conference.

This will be included on the agenda of the February 2015 Joint Board and Committee Chairs' meeting.

An update was given on the recent **Canadian Affiliates Meeting** held November 1-3 in Edmonton that OASBO Past President Russ Coles and Vice-President Paul McMahon attended, along with representatives from ASBO International. The goal is to formalize a Canadian association of school business officials. ASBO International offered to enable information to be posted on the "Oh Canada" section of its website. All OASBO members and other Canadian affiliate ASBO members will have access to the ASBO Global Network, including the "Oh Canada" section. The OASBO Board of Directors passed a motion to provide the emails to ASBO International for the purpose of access to its Global network and OASBO members will be alerted about this action. The next CanASBO meeting will be held February 28 to March 2, 2015 in New Brunswick.

After some discussion concerning the sustainability of the **PIM Network**, it was suggested that the Board Liaison Director to IMPAC and to ICT be asked to co-chair the PIM Network moving forward. While the option of assigning the task of chairing this committee to the standing committee chairs was considered, a motion was ultimately passed that the Liaison Directors take on this added responsibility.

A suggestion was made that OASBO advise the appropriate School board supervisory official when a Committee Chair is assigned. This would make school boards aware when certain OASBO members take on the task of Committee Chairs. This may need further discussion as well as obtaining the Chairs' agreement to this process. If Chairs agree, a list of the OASBO Board of Directors and Committee Chairs could be sent to the Directors of Education for information each year.

The province has invited OASBO to sit on a new Provincial Adult Education Strategy Advisory Committee that will give advice on ways to provide adult learners with a range of programs and services to improve educational outcomes. Bill Blackie and I will represent OASBO on this Advisory Committee.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Nancy Tallevi
OASBO President