

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE
FEBRUARY 5-6, 2015 OASBO BOARD & JOINT
MEETINGS

Greetings to All,

The OASBO Board of Directors met on February 5-6. Highlights from the meeting follow.

The Board approved the **Proposed Operating Budget** for 2015-16. The budget reflects the direction that the Board had previously established including no increase in membership fees, no change in Committee budgets with an emphasis on the availability of Special Projects funding.

Nominations are open for **Board of Director** positions and information has been sent to Committee Chairs. There are 3 vacancies open for a 2-year term. Each Standing Committee may submit nominees to the Nomination Committee who will make recommendations to the Board. OASBO members are encouraged to put their name forward. The new Board members will be announced at the May 2015 AGM.

The call for nominations for **Vice President** has been distributed. Eligibility includes membership in OASBO for 7 consecutive years, individual must be in good standing, and must have served as a Standing Committee Chair. Nominations must be received by the end of March.

Plans are in place for the **72nd Annual Conference** and Education Industry Show to be held May 6-8, 2015 at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, ON. The theme is "Mentoring: Pay It Forward....Mentorat: Payez au suivant". Registration information will be posted on the OASBO website www.oasbo.org under "Events". We invite you to participate in this outstanding professional development event.

In order to engage news members to attend the AGM, the Board agreed to offer **5 free conference registrations** to those who signed up for an OASBO membership since September. These names have been randomly selected and individuals have been notified of this opportunity.



Discussion took place on the **role of French in OASBO communications**. Although OASBO is not defined as bilingual in the By-laws and Letters of Patent, nor does OASBO have the resources to become a bilingual association, documents which would be significant to OASBO's French members would be considered for translation. Guidelines will be set as to what items will need to be consistently translated.

After a 2-year hiatus, the **School Board Administrative Staff Conference** (formerly Support Staff Conference) has been reinstated and will be held April 22-23 in Niagara Falls. Information has been forward to the OASBO membership as well as to past participants Registration is open on-line www.oasbo.org under Events. The conference program will cover such areas as mentoring, mental health, balance, social media and balance. Several OASBO Standing Committees have been supportive in offering to make presentations at the breakout sessions.

OASBO has continued to pursue **partnerships and collaboration** with other organizations. The CEO/CFO annual conference each January brings together Directors of Education and Superintendents of Business to share information and engage in networking.

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Attendance at a recent Ontario College of Teachers' consultation re teachers' learning and ethics framework provided OASBO the opportunity to bring the business perspective to the discussions. A meeting has also been held with John Malloy, ADM of Leadership and Learning to discuss OASBO's role in future initiatives. OASBO has also been invited to participate on the provincial Advisory Committee related to Adult Education Strategy. OASBO representatives will be determined at a later date. OASBO is also represented on several Expert Panels and Workgroups.

OASBO continues to strengthen relationships with counterparts in other Provinces through the CANASBO (Canadian ASBO Association) partnership. This group meets twice annually to exchange information and investigate possible opportunities for collaboration. ASBO International often participates in these meetings and has been supportive of ways to move the CANASBO initiative forward.

Committee Chairs joined the Board meeting in the afternoon. Updates were given on OASBO's plans to hire a **communications consultant** to better publicize the association and raise its profile. One issue under communications to keep in mind is that OASBO expects certain items to be standardized. OASBO has one formal logo and this is to be used by all Committees. Chairs were reminded that all communications sent to outside groups must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.

A **PD session on "Mentoring for Success"** presented by Paul Bridle, who will be the keynote speaker at the May 2015 OASBO Annual Conference. Emphasis was on the difference between coaching and mentoring and how to determine how the process gets put into place at the

school board and association level. It was pointed that efficient boards have a good understanding of strategic relevance, sound governance, leadership principles and succession planning. Discussion took place among the group on what makes a good mentor and a good coach. A mentor can provide answers while the coach draws the information from the individual.

Comments and feedback from OASBO members are always welcome. Please feel free to contact any member of the OASBO Executive with concerns.

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Best wishes,

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