



Greetings OASBO Members

Items of interest from the December 2017 OASBO Board of Directors' Meeting:

The **Financial Statements** ending August 31, 2017 were presented by Sean Riley of Gilmore & Co. Although there was an increase in Revenues (Annual Conference, OMC Annual Workshop, Membership fees), there was a net loss this year due to the cost of the production of the new Communications Plan and general Operating Expenses. However, OASBO continues to be in a solid financial position.

A brief update on the **May 2018 Annual Conference - "A Celebration of Success - Leaders of Tomorrow - Celebrons nos succès – Leaders de demain"** was made. The event will be held at the Westin Hotel, Ottawa. Since this will be OASBO's 75th Anniversary, some special events will be planned such as including a greeting from a First Nations Elder, acknowledgement of new OASBO members and expanding the special guest invitation list. The list for contacting vendors will also be broadened. Mobile apps will also be considered to assist with registrant check-in and posting last minute announcements and program changes.

Discussion also took place on future **OASBO Annual Conference** venues and the following locations were approved: 2019 - Blue Mountain Conference Centre, Collingwood; 2020 - London Convention Centre, London; and 2021 - Niagara area.

An update on the **CANASBO Meeting**, held December 2-4 in Winnipeg was shared with the Directors. Discussions included the creation of a website or adding anew tab to an existing website where members can share information such as best practices that would be beneficial to all provinces. The next CANASBO meeting will be held in March 24-25, 2018 in Edmonton.

The **OASBO Communications Plan** was briefly discussed. Standing Committees will be asked to prepare a short description of the committee, its purpose/goals and the value of joining. This information, along with OASBO's last 15-20 year achievements, will be included on a standard template promoting the Committees.



**MARK CONNORS
OASBO PRESIDENT**

A brief update was given on the **"Bring IT Together"** Conference held on November 8-10, 2017 in Niagara Falls. The conference attracts many individuals from various sectors and it was suggested that OASBO become more involved in the event.

Best wishes to all OASBO members for a very Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Mark Connors
OASBO President

OASBO is a member-driven organization, committed to building Ontario's provincially-funded education system through strong and efficient administration.

L'OASBO est un organisme piloté par ses membres et engagé à bâtir le système d'éducation financé par la province de l'Ontario à l'aide d'une administration solide et efficace.