



BOARD MEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

School Board members are encouraged to keep themselves informed of current educational thought and practice by study, by visiting other school systems, by attendance at educational conferences and conventions and by such other means as may be appropriate.

It is the intention of the Board to have Trustee representation at major national and international conferences such as those conducted by:

1. AASA – American Association of School Administrators
2. ASBO – Association of School Business Officials
3. CASA – Canadian Association of School Administrators
4. CEA – Canadian Education Association
5. CSBA – Canadian School Boards Association
6. NSBA – National School Boards Association

A calendar of conferences, conventions, workshops and meetings will be maintained for the information of the Board.

An annual budget comprised of three categories will be established to support Trustee professional development.

In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes the following principles and procedures for each Trustee's guidance:

1. Provincial Meetings and Workshops:
Each Trustee will decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing benefits for the Trustee in relation to his/her responsibility. Each Trustee will be able to register at the meetings of his/her choice without further Board approval.
2. Annual MSBA Convention and School for New Trustees:
There will be an annual allocation sufficient to support the attendance of each Trustee at the annual MSBA Convention and the attendance of new Trustees at the School for New Trustees.
3. Major Conference Attendance:
There will also be a per Trustee budget allocation to support attendance at major conferences. (Up to two major conferences for 4-year term).
4. In the event that a trustee is unable to attend any of the above opportunities for professional development, another trustee may be assigned in their place by mutual agreement.

The maximum expenses that can be claimed by a Trustee will be the amount budgeted for each Trustee in each of the three categories. [PSA 56(2)(3)] See also: DLD, BGF