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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE APRIL 4, 2008 BOARD MEETING

The Board approved the **Proposed Budget for 2008/09** which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on May 9. There is recognition that revenue from workshops has declined with the exception of the Annual Conference. Membership has been constant and there is a recommendation that no increase be made to the annual membership fee. There is an increased allocation to committee expenditures and as a support for the work of members, the \$10,000 special projects budget has been continued. The budget also reflects expenses related to updating office equipment and software.

An update on **Governance** was presented and suggestions made by the Rep Team at its recent meeting were shared. It was agreed that the present number of 9 on the Board was suitable, rather than increasing representation. The Rep Team recommended that each committee nominate a representative and that the Directors then be selected by lottery. The Vice President would continue to be elected as it is currently done. There is an article on Governance in The Advocate (Spring/Summer 2008 issue) and there will be presentation on Governance Models at the Annual Conference.

The sub-committee set up to examine **future venues for the Annual Conference** presented its report. It was agreed that criteria regarding location should be reflective of the needs of the membership and there should be a balance between the needs of vendors and the PD program offered. While there is a role for the trade show, the

conference content should be the main focus. It was suggested that the membership should be surveyed regarding future venues and what they seek as far as quality PD.

Discussion took place on **Business Associate** membership. It was agreed that the predominant benefit is networking and exposure to the OASBO membership through the OASBO website, the Advocate and the Membership Directory. Suggestions presented were: identifying Business Associates at the trade show by signage; sending advance notice of the trade show to Business Associates and listing Associates in very issue of The Advocate.

May is fast approaching and all plans are in place for OASBO's **65th Annual Conference and Education Industry Show** to be held May 8-9 at the London Convention Centre. Dr. Lauren Woodhouse will give the keynote address entitled "Riding the Wave with Power and Purpose". The Friday plenary session "What Up with the Weather?" will be presented by David Phillips from Environment Canada.

The University of Guelph will have a display (Booth #1) at the Education Industry Show on May 8 to provide information on the new "**Diploma in School Business Administration**" program which is being offered commencing in September 2008.

A brief report on the **OASBO website** was provided. The on-line membership

registration has been streamlined and secure on-line credit card submission has been established. The survey function will also be fine-tuned. The process for the "Forums" section of the OASBO website needs to be re-examined and further work will be required to complete this function of the website.

The call for nominations is complete and there is no **Election** this year. However, there is still a vacancy that the Board of Directors will need to fill. The report of the Nominating Committee is included in the Annual Reports Package which has recently been distributed to the membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 8-9 , 2008 Annual Conference in London.

Brian Greene
OASBO President

