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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 2009 BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors met on May 6 in Alliston prior to the OASBO 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

The offer of **one complimentary OASBO membership per school board** for the 2009/10 year is beginning to show results and OASBO has received nearly 20 requests. It was suggested that the names of the new members be submitted to Committee Chairs for attendance at future Committee meetings.

**Teleconferencing** options were reviewed and the Board agreed to pursue an agreement with **Mercuri**. This vendor has been used by OPSOA for several years and services, features and cost seem to fit OASBO's criteria. The appropriate access numbers will be shared with all Standing Committees and the service will take effect for the Fall of 2009. Initially costs may be covered by a central budget and tracked for a period of one year. Committees would be asked to report on effectiveness and whether the teleconferencing service is providing time and cost saving results to members. At the September Joint Meeting, details will be provided to Chairs in preparation for the 'roll out' on use of the teleconferencing system.

Work has progressed on the design of a **new OASBO logo**. The Board agreed that it is important for the Association to establish its corporate branding. The use of the trillium will be incorporated into the design and some

suggested colours include red and white with black offsets. Introduction of the new design will be made in the next issue of The Advocate and also on the OASBO website.

The Board reviewed the **potential By-law changes** which were recently sent electronically to the OASBO membership. The significant item is 5.01 of the By-laws whereby there would be an increase of Board members from 6 to 7, plus the Executive which would bring the total members on the Board to 10 (an increase by 1). By-law 5.01b) clearly states that one member of the Board will be a Senior Business Official. The By-law was approved at the AGM and is effective immediately.

Discussion took place on Business Associate membership and potential benefits. Some suggestions included the opportunity to: submit articles of a business nature for inclusion in The Advocate; provide web casts on generic topics as well as first opportunity to sponsor.

The **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** registration once again has reached over 300. Fraternal guests from British Columbia, Manitoba and New Brunswick, as well as numerous Ministry delegates were included in the attendance numbers. Much appreciation goes to the conference planning committee for putting together an outstanding program, for development of the conference logo and

looking after the local arrangements.  
Congratulations to all for a job well done!

The request submitted by the **Freedom of Information/Records Management Committee** for a name change was received by the Board. The present title no longer reflects the mandate of the Committee. The Board approved the new name as follows: **Information Management Privacy and Access Committee** or IMPAC for short.

Bruce Thomson expressed his pleasure as serving as OASBO President and thanked Directors for their support during the 2008/09 term. **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to **retiring Board members** Past President **Brian Greene** (Thames Valley DSB) and Directors **Kathy Czackowski** (Greater Essex County DSB) and **John Neville** (Thames Valley DSB). He thanked them for their service and commitment as well as their valuable contribution to members and to the Association.

Bruce Thomson  
OASBO President