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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 2008 BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors met on May 7 in London prior to the OASBO Annual Conference.

The existing vacancy on the OASBO Board was discussed in length. Several options were suggested including seeking volunteers from the Membership, appointing a previous Board member or seek nominations from the membership in the fall and hold an election. A fourth option was to ask the Rep Team to select a candidate from their respective Committee to serve on the Board. A suggestion was made that a representative should be chosen whose business function is not represented on the existing Board. The Board agreed on the following process for seeking candidates to fill the vacancy: 1. Make announcements at the Annual Conference opening ceremony and AGM;

2. Committee Chairs to be advised of the vacancy; 3. Interested candidates to email their bio's to [office@oasbo.org](mailto:office@oasbo.org) by the end of May 2008; 4. Recommendation will be made by the Rep Team; 5. Selection will be made by the new Board of Directors at its June 12 meeting.

Discussion took place on benefits of Business Association membership and what OASBO could offer to our business partners. Suggestions included publishing the list of Business Associates in every issue of The Advocate, identifying Business Associates by signage at the Education Industry Show and offering discounts for exhibit space, and including links to their websites.

An update on future venues for the OASBO Annual Conference was presented in particular for 2010. Deerhurst seems to be a good possibility. The facilities can accommodate both the conference and the Education Industry Show. Accommodation and meeting room rates are comparable and meal packages are also within the standard range. A comparison chart on Hamilton, Deerhurst and Blue Mountain will be presented at the June Board meeting to determine the venue for 2010. A survey will be forwarded to membership to obtain input for further suggestions on future conference venues.

The Board agreed to recommend to the membership to amend the resolution pertaining to the OASBO membership fee. In its present format the motion needs to be passed each year even if there is no change. However, the suggested wording change leaves the fee at a fixed amount until the Board recommends a change to the fee.

A brief update on the Forums section of the OASBO website was presented. It was noted that the Forums section requires member to be registered before it is functional. This task could be assigned to a co-op student. Forums will be a repository of discussions held by Committees on various topics. At present the discussions are held by a series of emails. Members will be required to register to use the Forum. The following Committees agreed to take part in the pilot project: FOI/Records Management, Information & Communication Technology and Health & Safety.

A feature which could be added is 'notification' of any newly posted topics of discussion. The topic of Forums will be brought to the attention of the Rep Team at its next meeting.

Suggestions were received from members for improving the McCordic Award process selection. The main item for consideration is to advise members of their nomination to better prepare them if they were declared a winner. The presentation would also be enhanced if the previous year's winner was present during the ceremony. The Board agreed to establish a committee to review the process of selection and announcement of the McCordic Award.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference registration was very successful with attendance at over 300 delegates. Fraternal guests from ASBO International, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick attended the event. Ministry representation was also at an all time high. Many positive comments were received from attendees and the conference planning committee is to be commended for putting together an outstanding program.

Bill Blackie thanked Brian Greene for his work over the past year in providing strong leadership especially in the area of Governance. Brian thanked the Directors for the support he received during his term as President.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Past President Lori Haley for her long service to the Association over the past 7 years. A special thanks was expressed for her dedication to the Association and for her guidance on the development of the OASBO website.

Brian Greene  
OASBO President