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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE JUNE 2007 BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors met on June 15, 2007 at the Toronto DDSB in Etobicoke.

The role of the Advisory Director is to provide the link between the Board and the Committee as well as an additional support for Chairs. Committees can request their Advisory Director to bring forward committee items for consideration by the Board.

Advisory Directors for Committees

were identified as follows:

Tom Pechkovsky (York Catholic DSB)

Admissions/Enrolment & Planning;

Kathy Czackowski (Greater Essex County DSB)

Disability Management & Health & Safety;

John Neville (Thames Valley DSB)

Operations, Maintenance & Construction;

Joel Sloggett (Student Transportation Services of Eastern Ont.)

Finance;

Lori Haley (Toronto DSB)

FOI/Records Management & Information & Communication Technology;

Karen Fox (Hastings & Prince Edward County DSB)

Human Resources & Payroll/Benefits;

Bruce Thomson (Hamilton Wentworth DSB)

Purchasing;

Cathy Modesto (Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel Ontario)

Council of Senior Business Officials

(COSBO);

Brian Greene (Thames Valley DSB)

Transportation.

The **post 2007 Annual Conference review** was very positive. Over 300 delegates and 69 vendors attended the event. An exceptionally high number of evaluation forms were returned and scores for the keynote speakers (Michael Clemons and Marc Kielburger) were overwhelmingly positive. Vendors were especially pleased with the extra dedicated time for participants to view the exhibits. The Goldmine sessions were also well received. One suggestion which will be considered is the mounting of workshop presentations on the OASBO website.

A training session for new Chairs and website administrators was held on June 12 to assist Committees to enhance and maintain their individual web pages. The site features were reviewed, how to edit text, post files and add hyperlinks.

The initiative at the University of Guelph on the proposed '**Business Diploma Program**' is under way and will be presented to the University senate for approval. There are 10 courses proposed for the program and OASBO would like the following areas to be included: Human Resources, Payroll, Transportation, Information & Communication Technology and FOI/Records Management. The target date to commence the course is summer 2008. The business content in the current S.O. Certificate Program is not well represented. This program may help close the gap.

President Brian Greene presented a status report on **Governance** and recommended that the Board consider the process to review the current governance model. The Board has specific duties to fulfill as outlined in the By-laws and the operations of the Association are carried out by the Executive Director and staff. The key components of the model are to represent the membership requirements, continue to focus on strategic leadership and provide fiduciary stewardship. A workgroup of Board members, the Executive Director and chaired by the President was established which will review governance issues, provide a discussion item at each Board meeting, consider an on-line survey of members, consider recommendations from members by the Board and present these recommendations at the May 2008 AGM.

Two school boards were drawn for the **2007 Athletic Award**. The Men's Athletic Award will be offered to a student at the Moosonee Catholic DSB and the Women's Athletic Award will be available to a student at the Toronto DSB. Letters will be forwarded by OASBO to the boards regarding the criteria for selection and the process.

The **Joint Meeting of Directors and Committee Chairs** is scheduled for **September 21** at the Toronto DSB in Etobicoke. Further details will be sent to Chairs in early September. Items such as OASBO's Strategic Directions, Budget Guidelines, Role of the Chair and liaison with Advisory Directors, Timelines and the OASBO website updates will be discussed.

Plans are in place for the upcoming **ASBO International Conference** which will be held in Toronto on October 12 to 15, 2007. The OASBO host committee has been hard at work to arrange numerous activities such as the opening social "Friday Night in Canada" to be held at the Steam Whistle Brewery. A 5K Run has been organized along the Toronto waterfront trails with awards to be given to each of the top 3 male and female

runners. An ASBO Golf Tournament will be held at the Lions Head Golf Club on October 12 for approximately 120 participants. The registration form is posted on the OASBO website (www.oasbo.org) under the "Events" section. Considerable work has also been done on the creation of an OASBO lapel pin which recognizes the year and location of the event. The design will attempt to capture the logo used on the vests to be worn by volunteers. Sandra Quehl from the Waterloo Catholic DSB is heading up the volunteers and over 90 members have signed up. Volunteers will take on assignments as greeters (provide directions to registration desk, meeting room locations, etc), ushers (provide assistance in distribution of daily ASBO newsletters) and assistants to ASBO staff for pre-annual meeting workshops. Sponsorship opportunities are available for companies to be recognized on the national level.

The **2008 Annual Conference** will be held May 8 and 9 at the London Convention Centre in London, Ontario. Karen Fox and Kathy Czaczkowski volunteered to coordinate the workshop session topics. John Neville and Tom Pechkovsky agreed to continue to assist in the coordination of the education Industry Show. Host boards (Thames Valley DSB, London District Catholic SB, Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest and Conseil scolaire de district du Centre Sud-Ouest) have been contacted for representatives to participate on the local arrangements committee. The first meeting will be held in the fall.

The next issue of the Presidents' Update will be available in September. Until then, best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Brian Greene
OASBO President