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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 2007 BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors met on May 2, 2007 in Niagara Falls prior to the OASBO Annual Conference.

As we proceed with insuring the consistency of our documents, the Board reviewed and approved the sections on "Awards" of the OASBO **Policies and Practices Manual**. Discussion took place on the Membership Directory area on the website, and it was agreed that further review will be needed before changes are made, including the exclusivity side of membership.

I am very pleased to report that the 64<sup>th</sup> **Annual Conference** registration was at an all time high of over 300 delegates. Fraternal guests from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and New Brunswick were in attendance as well as a large representation from the Ministry of Education. We received many positive comments from our attendees on the keynote speakers and workshops. The conference planning committee is to be congratulated for putting together an outstanding event!

The local host committee continues to prepare for the **ASBO International Conference** to be held in Toronto on October 12-16, 2007. Approximately 2000 delegates are expected to attend from across Canada and the U.S. The call for volunteers has been distributed to OASBO members and tasks will be coordinated by Sandra Quehl from the Waterloo Catholic DSB. Information on volunteering for the event is posted on

the OASBO website ([www.oasbo.org](http://www.oasbo.org)) under "Events".

Much progress has been made on the **OASBO website** and features have been added such as on-line voting. The translation of the content for the public section of the site has been completed and OASBO is working closely with Danima Technologies to have the menus adjusted to include French titles. Testing will take place by the end of May on the "Forums" section of the site. The Freedom of Information /Records Management and Information & Communication Technology Committees have volunteered to test this function of the site.

There may be an opportunity for OASBO to participate in a **joint workshop with OPSBA** in the future. A planning meeting will be held in mid May to discuss the event and how the information can be included in a wider distribution with assistance from OASBO. Input will also be provided by OASBO regarding workshop content.

Special appreciation was extended to John Cuddie who filled in and took over the tasks of the Past President for the remainder of the term. Lori Haley **expressed thanks for the Board's support** during her term as President and the spirit of cooperation that was demonstrated by Directors.

Lori Haley  
OASBO President