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PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUÉ

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 5, 2010 BOARD MEETING

Hello OASBO! Well it is that fateful time, my last Communiqué as President and my last chance to give you my slant on Board business.

The highlight of this edition is an update on the Association Board's last meeting and the business conducted at that time.

The Board met in Huntsville prior to the May 5-7, 67th Annual Conference.

With the help of Danima Technologies, the **new OASBO website** was launched on May 4. Much work has been devoted by various OASBO committees and Association members to develop the contents and functionality of the redesigned site. Next steps will involve a review to assess any what may have been missed and what should be included in the next phase of the site's makeover.

At the Board meeting, discussion took place on the new **Governance** process and how members are selected to serve on the OASBO Board of Directors. A Governance Review Steering Committee was established to capture the selection process in writing and guide how it is communicated to the membership.

The Board approved full Standing Committee status for the **Professional Development Group** beginning in September 2010. This committee will handle such events as the annual Support Staff Conference, provide forums for

information sharing and also develop topics for the OASBO Annual Conference.

The Board reviewed a draft submission from the HR Committee (in collaboration with OCSBOA, CODE and the Human Resources Professionals Association). The report proposes that the Ministry of Education recognize the **CHRP designation** for acceptance into the SOQP (Supervisory Officers Qualifications Program). The Board approved OASBO proceeding with the next step for submission of the proposal to the Ministry of Education.

The OASBO Executive has been offered the opportunity to **meet with the Minister of Education** in late June. The Board at its next meeting will finalize the topics for discussion with the Minister. The areas of main focus will be:

- increasing the profile of OASBO as a partner in education;
- emphasizing the ongoing PD offerings through the current certificate programs at the University of Guelph;
- highlighting current Issues Management topics; and
- offering assistance with ongoing Ministry initiatives.

350 delegates attended the **67th Annual Conference** and this is the highest registration number ever! Fraternal guests from ASBO International, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan

attended, as well as numerous Ministry attendees took part in the event. We also had a great turn out from our Business Associates and vendors who hosted a great tradeshow. Bravo to all those who helped organize the successful, informative and fun filled event! Particular thanks to the conference planning committee and local arrangements committee for all their hard work. Congratulations to all!

Joel Sloggett expressed thanks to Directors for their support during the 2009-10 term. **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to retiring Board members Past President **Bruce Thomson** (Hamilton Wentworth DSB) and Director **Mario Nantel** (CSDC Centre-Sud).

Well folks, this is it! Time for me to say good bye. Serving as your President for the last year has been an exciting and fun experience. I enjoyed meeting many new people and I found it very easy to trumpet the accomplishments and role of OASBO as an Association of dedicated professionals supporting the business of education in order that educators can focus on what is really important: the success of current and future generations of students in this wonderful Province of Ontario!



Trilliums in bloom at 67th Annual Conference

Many thanks to each of you, keep all your good work going and have a safe and enjoyable start to your Summer!

Joel Sloggett
OASBO President