

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 4, 2011 BOARD MEETING

The Board met in Niagara Falls prior to the OASBO 68th Annual Conference. What a great conference we experienced this year! The keynote speaker, Bill Strickland, is a true inspiration for us all as we strive to make our places of learning and working environments the best they can be. The conference planning and local arrangements committees worked hard to organize this event and their hard work generated a great success. A sincere **thank you** to all involved! We had over 360 delegates in attendance including fraternal guests from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan as well as numerous Ministry representatives.

Unfortunately, during the on-line voting process for Vice –President a technological error occurred that led to the loss of votes cast on April 26 and 27. This loss of votes resulted in a compromised voting process which could not be resolved prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board felt the integrity of the voting process is of utmost importance and as a result passed the following motions: That the size of the Board be increased by one position for the 2011-12 year and that a president-elect and vice-president be appointed from the two candidates and selected for succession by lot. As a result of the tie-breaking process, Shesh Maharaj is appointed as President-Elect and Russ Coles is appointed as Vice-President. Both individuals will bring strong leadership to the association and we are fortunate to have them step into these roles. The next election for VP will be in 2 years' time. As a Board, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience the technological error may have caused our members.

Approval was given to amend Policy BCA7 to read "Formation of Special Interest Groups and Standing Committees" as the title. The policy sets out the criteria to be used by the Board in determining the status of a group requesting full committee status.



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OASBO PRESIDENT**

A presentation on behalf of the Information & Communication Technology Committee was made by Matt Norton, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB and John Shanks, Upper Grand DSB. The goal was to seek endorsement by the OASBO Board for the document which outlines the Leadership Framework for Information Technology Leaders. This governance model could be utilized beyond the CIO leader and will lead to succession planning across the Province for IT leaders. The Board approved forwarding communication to the ICT Committee endorsing the work on the CIO Leadership Framework.

Discussion took place regarding Adobe Connect licensing. Inquiries were made as to whether OASBO could connect with the Province on this project but received a negative response. At present the cost for OASBO to obtain licensing is prohibitive. Leveraging with school boards for future use could be a possibility.

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Some discussion took place regarding the letter forwarded by the Planning Committee to the Minister (with a copy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing) related to the section of the Planning Act on site acquisition for schools. A request was made for OASBO to be included in the consultation process.

In closing, another year has flown by with a flurry of activity and I feel good about what we have accomplished collectively as I end my term of President. To the Board of

Directors...Nancy, Kathy, Russ, Shesh, Joel, Lori, Debra, Paul and Tom...you are very skilled and knowledgeable business professionals who have provided me with inspiration, and I truly valued your ongoing support. To the OASBO staff...Bill, Suzanne and Ljiljana...your dedication, loyalty and hard work are exemplary and made my role a pleasure to fulfill! As I hand over to Tom, I know that we are in good hands and I look forward to what the future will bring.

Kind Regards,

Karen

Karen Fox, OASBO President