

CONVENTION FOLLOW-UP

Our 2014 Convention [Record of Proceedings](#) has now been posted to our website. The Record of Proceedings includes the full text of the president's report to the membership, disposition of all resolutions, a list of all award winners, and more. We have also posted [highlights](#) of this year's event on our YouTube channel, including the Celebration of Success award ceremony, keynote speakers, and the President's Party. If one of these images has special meaning for you or your school division and you would like your own copy, email your request to Communications Officer [Karen Harrington](#).



CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

This week's divisional email includes [notice](#) of three upcoming information sessions for potential school trustee candidates. Two of these sessions will be held in-person—on June 9, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, and on June 10, at the Norwood Hotel in Winnipeg—and one will be held via webinar, on June 17. All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the webinar will be recorded for future viewing by those unable to participate at the scheduled time. No registration is required for the in-person sessions, but webinar participants will need to request the session link by emailing [Janis Arnold](#). We will be publicizing these sessions via local media closer to the date, but for now, we would appreciate school divisions' help in getting the message out!

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AND IN OTHER ELECTION-RELATED NEWS

The City of Winnipeg has launched a new [election mobile app](#). The free app is available for download on iOS, Android and BlackBerry devices in both English and French, and mirrors [information](#) offered on the city's website about municipal and school trustee elections. It currently contains information about poll locations and voter eligibility and identification requirements; information such as advanced voting locations

and candidate lists will be added as it becomes available. The election app will also be useful for candidates who have campaign-related questions.

ARE YOU ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS?

Join Board Development Consultant Janis Arnold at noon on Wednesday, April 30, for a 45-minute [webinar](#) that will explore the topic of asking the right questions to focus discussion at the board table. This session will help board members gain the confidence they need to pose the questions they have. It will also offer some guidance to help ensure that questions are focussed appropriately, and provide some tips about how to best formulate those questions. To register and obtain the necessary link, email [Janis Arnold](#). And don't forget—you can use your smartphone to participate by using the [Adobe Connect mobile app](#), or you can tune into a recording of this webinar after the event.



FROM AROUND THE WEB

School board effectiveness was the focus of a U.S. study undertaken by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, in collaboration with the Center for American Progress. The main focus of the study is captured in the report's title: [Does School Board Leadership Matter?](#) The ultimate answer to that inquiry was "yes," with some caveats that were revealed through a closer examination of the specific questions asked. Among those questions were the following:

- Do school board members have the capacity to govern effectively?
- Do districts with higher-capacity board members "beat the odds" and excel academically, despite district characteristics?
- What characteristics of board members are associated with greater capacity?

For an overview of the study's findings, check out [this article](#) in *The Atlantic*. To learn about reports like this and other breaking education news as soon as we do, follow us on Twitter [@MBSchoolBoards!](#)

