

MANITOBA PRIVACY CONFERENCE

Information access, privacy, security and management challenges are intertwined with almost everything that Manitoba public bodies—including school divisions—do, whether it is general information, personal information governed by *The*



Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), or personal health information governed by *The Personal Health Information Act* (PHIA). To help them meet these challenges, the office of the Manitoba Ombudsman is hosting [2014 Manitoba Connections: Access, Privacy, Security and Information Management Conference](#). Through a series of plenary, breakout and workshop sessions, this two-day conference will help participants gain a clearer understanding of access to information, privacy, security and information management issues that arise in organizations subject to FIPPA and PHIA. The conference will be held on October 6 and 7 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Program details will be posted to the conference website as they become available, so check back often.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on a number of internal and external committees. To find out what's currently available, scroll down through the on-line [committee listing](#). Find something that captures your interest? Fill out the [Committee Volunteer Form](#), and return it to Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](#). And remember—you can volunteer for any committee, at any time. When a vacancy does become available on your preferred committee(s), we'll contact you to see if you're still willing and able to serve. Committee appointments are made as the need arises, by motion at a provincial executive meeting.



DATE BOOK DATA

We're in the process of putting together our 2014-15 trustee datebook, and we're asking for your help in ensuring we get everything right. Secretary-treasurers will be receiving information for their own divisions—addresses, phone numbers, administrators and board members—which we ask them to double-check for accuracy. So if we've misspelled someone's name, or your web address has changed, now's the time to set us straight! One change we will be making this year is the reporting of divisional student enrolment as both full-time equivalent (FTE) and headcount (i.e. actual number of students, whether full- or half-time). And because this is an election year, we will be publishing an insert in late fall to reflect post-election changes in board composition.

NEW FROM THE PROVINCE

Several interesting additions were recently made to the K-12 section of the Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning website. These include:

- [Safe and Caring Schools: A Resource for Equity and Inclusion in Manitoba Schools](#);
- Information about the Manitoba Celebration of Excellence in Teaching: [Minister's Awards 2013-14](#) recipients; and
- [Schools In Manitoba 2013-14](#).



Want to be among the first to find out what's new from the province when it comes to education? You can receive a weekly email by subscribing to [K-12 Website Updates](#).

A WELL-DESERVED HONOUR

Congratulations to Manitoba School Boards Association Executive Director Carolyn Duhamel on being named recipient of the 2014 Friend of MAPC Award! The Friend of MAPC Award was established in 2012 as an opportunity for the [Manitoba Association of Parent Councils](#) Board of Directors to recognize an individual who has demonstrated and provided exemplary support to MAPC, understanding of its aims and goals, support for the organization and parental voice in public education, and meaningful input to MAPC through collaborative work. The award was presented on April 25, in conjunction with MAPC's AGM.