

FALL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Are you looking for any of the presentations from our November 29 new trustee orientation and professional development day? We've posted them [all](#) under the [trustee education](#) tab of our website. Topics covered that day included trustee code of conduct, risk management issues, whistleblower legislation, and the implications of legal cannabis for school boards. We also want to hear your thoughts about the scheduling and format of future association meetings and events. Watch for a survey that will be coming your way soon!

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE UPDATE



Congratulations to Interlake S.D. trustee [Alan Campbell](#), elected in the November 30 by-election to serve as association president until March 2019. The position of president was vacated when former president Ken Cameron did not seek re-election in the October 24 school trustee elections. In accordance with association by-laws, Alan's former position of vice-president from boards serving fewer than 6000 students will remain unfilled until our March convention. And congratulations also to past president Floyd Martens, who returns to the executive to fulfill that role until the close of convention 2019. Floyd did not seek re-election as a trustee in October, but was subsequently appointed to fill a post-election vacancy on the Mountain View S.D. board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This February, we will be offering a workshop specifically geared to assist school board chairs, both new and experienced, fulfill this important and sometimes challenging role. The session will be offered on two occasions: February 6, 2019, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, and February 8, 2019, at the Norwood Hotel in Winnipeg. The day will include information about legal and procedural issues related to chairing a board meeting, and a look at managing some of the interpersonal challenges that can come with the role. It will also include opportunities for participants to learn from the experiences of their colleagues through informal discussion. Registration is limited, and will be restricted to current school board chairs and vice-chairs, or their designates. Watch for program and registration details in January.

CONVENTION 2019 UPDATE



The 2019 Convention Planning Committee is pleased to announce [Mike Lipkin](#) as our opening keynote speaker on Thursday, March 14. Mike is the author of nine best-selling books on personal leadership and effectiveness, including *Dancing with Disruption* and *The Checklist of Champions*.

He is also the founder and president of EnviroNics/Lipkin, where he uses social values research to offer a powerful blend of ideas and principles that help clients achieve remarkable results.

Convention will wrap up on March 15 with our banquet and entertainment by "The Wonderist" [Chris Funk](#). Chris has taken his acclaimed comedy-magic show to the Las Vegas strip and across the globe. He has performed on Penn and Teller's "Fool Us", "America's Got Talent", and "Masters of Illusion," but on Friday evening, he is performing just for us!



In other convention news, we still have a few openings for Thursday workshops. Why not take this opportunity to share with your colleagues success stories from your own division that speak to our central convention theme, local voices, local choices. Simply complete and submit a [workshop proposal form](#), or email [Heather Demetrio](#) with your ideas.

For all the latest convention developments, or to find information about nominations, awards, the charity raffle and more, visit our [convention page](#), and watch for the program and registration package in January.



Leadership, Service and Advocacy:
Local Voices, Local Choices

Convention 2019, March 14 - 15, Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue

SURVEY REMINDER

If you haven't already completed our 2018 [school board member survey](#), please do so as soon as possible. The information you provide helps us advocate for you, by demonstrating that school boards truly are comprised of local voices, making local choices.



LOCAL VOICES, LOCAL CHOICES 2.0

In response to some feedback, we've produced a [second version](#) of our local voices, local choices video. You can find both the new version and the [original](#) on our [YouTube channel](#)—just search @mbschoolboards. Decide which one you prefer, and then share the video with your colleagues, friends and neighbours . . . because schools belong to communities. #LocalVoicesLocalChoices

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