

NOMINATIONS UPDATE

To date, three [nominations](#) have been received for positions to be elected at the association's March convention. Sandy Lethbridge has been nominated by St. James-Assiniboia S.D. for Vice President (Boards with 6,000 students or more), Paul Magnan has been nominated by Sunrise S.D. for Director, Region 3, and Craig Glennie has been nominated for Director, Region 5 by St. James-Assiniboia S.D. No nominations have been received for the Director position in Region 1.



The first call for nominations was made in writing. The second call was made on Saturday, November 27, at the association's Fall General Meeting, while the third and final call will come at the call to order of the Annual Convention, on March 11, 2022. Nominations may also be made at any time by submitting them by [email](#) to the Nominating Committee, c/o Andrea Kehler.

BUDGET DISCUSSION TIPS

Is your board providing for virtual participation in your upcoming budget discussions? There has been an exponential increase in virtual communication options over the past two years, as well as the familiarity and comfort people now have in using these options. Boards, in response, have used electronic survey and a myriad of discussion platforms to connect with their communities. Budget discussions are yet another option to enhance and increase community input. Consider tapping into some ideas presented in MSBA's video series "Getting Your Message Out" and specifically the video ["Going Social"](#).



AWARD DEADLINE EXTENDED

Do you know an outstanding educator? Nominations have been extended to **December 21** for Manitoba's Excellence in Education Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement by educators. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Teaching Excellence (three awards);
- Outstanding New Teacher (one award);
- Outstanding Team Collaboration (one award);
- Outstanding School Leader (one award); and
- Premier's Award for Excellence in Education (one award).

Full details, including necessary forms and selection criteria, are available [online](#).



PHE CANADA YOUTH COUNCIL

Help spread the word to students aged 15-19 in Canada! The PHE Canada Youth Council is recruiting [new members](#). This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and participate in creating meaningful changes, while receiving community service credits. Apply by January 14, 2022.



NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

January is National Mentoring Month and this year youth mentoring is needed now more than ever! Marginalization, social isolation, and adversity, it's hard to see it, but millions of young Canadians face it every day. When young people have a positive, supportive mentoring relationship, they're happier, do better in school, and experience better mental health.



During Covid-19 young people are more isolated than ever and the need for mentoring has only increased. Mental health issues are growing. But virtual mentoring is available in your community. Visit the United Mentoring Network [website](#) and sign up to be a volunteer or to enroll for mentorship. Find a mentor, be a mentor, join the network!

THE FIRST PAGE WRITING CHALLENGE

The First Page is a national writing competition for Grades 7 to 12 students in Canada. Students are invited to write the first page of a novel, imagining how present-day issues and trends have played out 150 years in the future.



The prize will be open for submissions from Feb. 1, 2022 at 9 a.m. ET to Feb. 28, 2022 at 9 p.m. ET. To learn more visit the [contest website](#).

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