

## RESOLUTIONS ARE IN THE MAIL

Check out today's divisional email for the complete package of resolutions which will be considered at our upcoming convention. This includes proposed executive resolutions in the areas of a vision for public education, the role of trustees and school boards, and transportation, each of which synthesizes existing resolutions in these areas. The package also contains those resolutions adopted at January's regional meetings, existing resolutions that are being recommended for reaffirmation or archiving, and the rules of procedure for debate on resolutions at convention. In a second document in this divisional email, a memo from president Floyd Martens explains some differences between the resolutions package considered at regional meetings and the version being distributed now, and follows up on a number of matters addressed at or arising from regional meetings.



## PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL AWARD

It's not too late to nominate a deserving individual for the 2014 [Presidents' Council Award](#). This award celebrates people who make a contribution to public education that goes above and beyond the requirements of their job, whatever that job may entail. To ensure that the award recognizes this full range of contributions, each year nominations are accepted in one of two alternating categories: professional educators or support staff and community members. In 2014, nominations are being accepted in the latter category; the deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, February 14.

## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

The Manitoba government has almost completed this year's round of pre-budget consultations, with the final in-person consultation taking place in Gimli on February 18. But even if you weren't able to make an in-person presentation, you can still make sure your voice is heard, either by making a written submission, or completing the online survey. For details and links, visit Manitoba Finance's [2014 Pre-Budget Public Consultations](#) page.



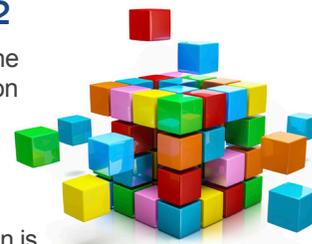
## OVERCOMING DECISION-IMPAIRMENT

Making decisions is a critical aspect of board governance—it's why trustees are elected! However, decision-making is not always easy. Sometimes, a board may find itself rehashing the same issue meeting after meeting, without reaching a decision. Maybe it's a lack of (or a never-ending quest for more) information, or maybe it's a function of board dynamics, but whatever the underlying cause, board indecision negatively impacts divisional operations. On February 27, join Board Development Consultant [Janis Arnold](#) for a 45 minute [webinar](#) that will examine the symptoms and causes of impaired decision-making, and offer some practical processes for helping boards get out of that rut. This webinar will be offered at two different times: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. To register, email Janis with your preferred time.



## SAVE THE DATE X 2

Members of MASBO, MASS and the Manitoba School Boards Association are invited to attend an intensive and consultative one-day workshop dedicated to examining and defining the ever-evolving role of secretary-treasurer. This invitation is directed at divisional teams consisting of the board chair, the finance committee chair, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, and superintendent (or designates), with a maximum of five participants per division. This session will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon. Full program and registration details will be available later this month.



Divisional teams are also invited to attend the Safe and Caring Schools Leadership Forum, [Prevention of and Response to Cyberbullying](#). This one-day session on Friday, May 9, is being offered by Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning, in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. It will be held at the Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent Hotel in Winnipeg. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the [Safe and Caring Schools](#) website.

