

COMMITTEE VACANCY AND VOLUNTEERS

There is currently one vacancy on the association's Resolutions and Policy Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](#). Interested in serving on a different committee? Why not complete and submit a [committee volunteer form](#). By doing so, we'll know which committees do interest you, and we'll contact you when a vacancy occurs. You can find a list of internal and external committees on which the association is represented on our [website](#), including the mandate and current membership of each.

PENDING AWARDS DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of nominations for all association recognition and awards programs is Friday, February 7, 2020. These include Student Citizenship Awards, the Presidents' Council Award, and long service trustee recognition. More information and the necessary forms to submit a nomination can be found [online](#). All awards will be presented over the course of the convention, March 12 to 13.



CONVENTION UPDATE

Thanks to all the school boards that responded to our call for workshop proposals, we are pleased to be able to offer a total of ten different concurrent sessions as part of our 2020 convention, [Leading Change with Courage, Clarity and Resilience](#). These workshops will be offered in two banks, on the morning and afternoon of Thursday, March 12. Framing these sessions will be exciting opening and closing keynote presentations. The day will be opened by [Julie Wilson](#), founder and executive director of the Institute for the Future of Learning, and author of *The Human Side of Changing Education: How to Lead Change with Clarity, Conviction and Courage*. Our closing speaker will be [Zaheen Nanji](#), author of *The Resilience Reflex: 8 Keys to Transforming Barriers into Success in Life and Business*. Zaheen is an in-demand speaker on resilience who has shared her content-rich, entertaining, and hard-hitting presentations to enthusiastic audiences across North America.



Julie Wilson



Zaheen Nanji



Other components of the convention will be elections for provincial executive positions, debate and voting on resolutions, and addresses from both the association's president and executive director. Pending confirmation from the Minister's office, we will also be holding our annual board chairs' meeting with the Minister again this year. Thanks to our partners at MASS and MASBO, all delegates are invited to attend the joint hospitality reception on Thursday evening. The convention will close with the banquet on Friday evening, with entertainment by comedian [Matt Falk](#). Watch for full program and registration information in next week's divisional mail!



Matt Falk

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for provincial executive positions to be elected at our 2020 convention. Those positions are Vice-President (6000+ students), and Directors, Region 1, 3, and 5. The final call for nominations will take place at the call to order on the morning of Thursday, March 12. [Nominations](#) received to date are:



- Vice-President (6000+ students)—Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel SD
- Director, Region 1—Craig Russell, Fort La Bosse SD; Sherilyn Bambridge, Brandon SD
- Director, Region 5—Sandy Lethbridge, St. James-Assiniboia SD

Nominations may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee c/o the association office, or emailed to Executive Assistant [Andrea Kehler](#).

FALL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Many of the [presentations](#) that were included at our Fall PD in November have been posted to our website. You can link to them from our [Trustee Education](#) page. While you're there, why not check out some of our on-demand learning opportunities? And while we're on the topic of our fall meetings, thank you to all the trustees who volunteered to be included in our latest [video](#) on local voices, local choices. The response was so overwhelming that we weren't able to include everyone, but we appreciate all volunteers!



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