

SPRING WORKSHOP IN BRANDON

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 one-day session will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon. Full [program](#) and registration details have been sent to all school board offices. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 17.

CONVENTION 2014 IN REVIEW

We are in the process of updating our website to reflect some of the happenings at last week's convention. You will already find a listing of the [newly elected provincial executive](#), including email addresses. You will also find a link to the [retrospective video](#), with images from 50 years of association conventions, which played on Friday evening. Within the next week or so, check back for the complete record of proceedings, which includes the full text of the president's address, plus the disposition of all resolutions. We will also be posting profiles and photos of our Student Citizenship Award, Presidents' Council Award, and Premier Award for School Board Innovation recipients on the [Awards](#) page in the very near future.



RAFFLE SUPPORT OVERWHELMING

A huge thank you to all those who supported our charity raffle, held in conjunction with last week's convention. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and ticket-buyers, not to mention the skill of the students who built some of our most popular prizes, we were able to raise a record \$3576. All proceeds have been donated to [TJ's Gift Foundation](#), which provides financial assistance to students participating in programs that promote peer-led drug abuse education.



Karen Wiebe,
TJ's Gift Foundation

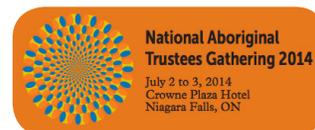
SEARCHING FOR THE NEXT GREAT MUSICAL TALENT!

CBC Music and CBC Radio are teaming up to find Canada's best emerging musical talent with Searchlight 2014, a Canada-wide contest that will give musicians local and national exposure. The prize is \$20,000 in music gear from Yamaha Canada Music, plus CBC Music will record a performance with the winning act. The winner will also score a spot on the bill at an upcoming music festival and get potential airplay on CBC Radio. All artists need to sign up is an artist profile with an original song that they've uploaded. The contest is open to anyone aged 13 or older, and last year's runner up was a group of high school students from Kelowna who are now recording their first album. Full [contest details](#) are available online. The entry deadline is March 23.

CSBA CONGRESS, NATG REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



The Ontario Public School Boards Association will be hosting the 2014 Canadian School Boards Association Congress from July 3 to 6 at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The theme for this year's event is Excellence: Reimagined. Keynote speakers include author, Canadian astronaut and former commander of the International Space Station Chris Hadfield, and Finnish author and educator Pasi Sahlberg. Program, registration, transportation and accommodation information is now available [online](#). The [National Aboriginal Trustees Gathering](#) will also be held in Niagara Falls, immediately preceding the CSBA Congress (July 2 and 3). This year's event, Walking the Path of Lifelong Learning, will feature an opening keynote by The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Other speakers include Cindy Blackstock, Darren Googoo and Gabrielle Scrimshaw.



ELECTIONS IN SEVEN!

Just over seven months until the October 22 school trustee elections! We've added the [City of Winnipeg election](#) link to our own school board [election page](#), and in the upcoming weeks will be adding new information for school divisions, potential candidates, and ultimately voters. We are also in the process of firming up dates and locations for both candidate information sessions (to be held this spring), and new trustee orientation sessions, to be held post-election. Watch for details!

Learning **Trustee Run!** Candidate **Vote!**
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