

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Information about and nomination forms for our awards and recognition programs is being distributed in today's divisional email. The package has also been [posted](#) to our website. The association sponsors three specific programs.

- Long service trustee recognition honours trustees who have served for 12, 16, or 20 years on a public school board in Manitoba.
- The Presidents' Council Award recognizes exemplary service and outstanding achievement, innovative thinking, personal initiative, and lasting and pervasive impact in the field of public education. In 2020, nominations for this award will be accepted in the category of community member or support staff.
- The Manitoba School Boards Association Student Citizenship Awards recognize six outstanding young people and one student group who are active participants in their communities and schools.



All awards will be presented at the association's March convention. The deadline for receipt of nominations for all awards is February 7, 2020.

ELECTIONS CANADA SUPPORTS

The federal election may be over, but there is no deadline when it comes to learning about Canada's democracy. That's why Elections Canada is offering a pilot program in Manitoba that includes in-person support for educators. Elections Canada will come to you for professional learning events, staff or departmental meetings, co-teaching or classroom demonstrations, or presentations. As well, their [Elections and Democracy](#) page includes a wealth of resources and tools for learning, teaching, and engaging about federal elections and democracy. Specialized educators can offer support in using Elections Canada's learning resources that are linked to curricula, and not just social studies, but also mathematics, Indigenous studies, language arts and more. To learn more, contact education@elections.ca.



NOMINATIONS FOR PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

To date, one nomination has been received for positions to be elected at the association's March convention. Sandy Nemeth has been nominated by Louis Riel S.D. for Vice-President (boards serving 6000+ students). Other positions that are up for election in 2020 are Directors for Regions 1, 3 and 5 (one of the two positions). The first call for nominations was made in [writing](#).

The second call will be made on the morning of Saturday, November 23, 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 12, 2020. Nominations may also be made at any time by submitting them in writing to the Nominating Committee, c/o the association office.



PROVINCIAL BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Manitoba government has released [preliminary information](#) about public consultations on the province's 2020 budget. Dates and locations of the first three consultations were included in a November 15 news release: November 25 in Brandon, December 11 in Winnipeg, and December 16 in Gimli. According to the news release, the province is planning additional sessions in Winnipeg as well as in Altona, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Gillam and Thompson in January. Telephone town halls, consultations with frontline government workers, and an online public survey are also planned as part of the consultation process, which is expected to run through February 2020. Additional details will be posted on the [government website](#) as they become available.



FALL PD AND CONVENTION

Following this week's professional development day, we will be posting as many of the presentations as possible to our website. Links will be provided from our [homepage](#), so please pay us a visit!

Instructions and forms for booking guest rooms at the Delta Hotel for our March convention were distributed to secretary-treasurers earlier this week. In this



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first round, all divisions are able to book a guaranteed five guest rooms, providing they return the necessary forms to the Delta by Monday, December 9. As of Monday, December 16, any remaining rooms in our block will become available for on-line booking through a dedicated link that will be provided to divisions prior to that date. Our block will be released after February 10, and any rooms cancelled after that date will incur a penalty of one night's room charge plus taxes and applicable fees.

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