

## CONVENTION 2015 IS REVVING UP!

The date and place are set, the theme has been determined, and the emails are starting to fly, so convention can't be too far off! Here are some things to note.



- The Convention will be held from March 19 to 21, 2015 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. The theme for this year's event is Building Partnerships for Student Success. Regular program updates will be posted to our [convention page](#).
- A memo will be sent to all board offices in the next couple of weeks, outlining the guest room booking process. Full program and registration details will be distributed early in the new year.
- The [Call for Nominations and Resolutions](#) was distributed in the October 15 divisional email, and is available on our website. The deadline for receipt of regular resolutions is December 12, 2014. Nominations may be made at any time up until the call to order on the morning of Friday, March 20.

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

A big part of convention is recognizing the people and programs that make our schools great. We do that in several categories—student citizenship, long service trustees, Presidents' Council, and school board innovation. An overview of these awards, along with the necessary forms to nominate an individual or program, are contained in the [Recognition and Award Programs](#) package that was distributed in today's divisional email. And in order to simplify matters for boards, this year we have introduced a common deadline for receipt of nominations in all award categories: January 23, 2015.

## LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

In recent years, one of the most popular aspects of convention has been the opportunity it provides for trustees and school boards to learn from each other. This year, we are once again facilitating this exchange of ideas by inviting school boards to submit workshop proposals



for sessions that speak to some aspect of the convention theme. The [call for proposals](#) was distributed in today's divisional email; the deadline for receipt of proposals is December 5.

## ELECTION HOUSEKEEPING

As a result of the October 22 school trustee elections, there are a number of vacancies on the association's provincial executive and committees that need to be filled. The executive vacancies—Vice-President (boards with 6000+ students) and Director, Region 3—will be filled via [by-elections](#). Information on the process we are following has been distributed to all boards, and posted to our website. The deadline for receipt of nominations is November 14; the voting deadline is November 21. The successful candidates will assume their positions at the December 1 executive meeting.

There are also vacancies on a number of both internal and external committees. You can find a brief description of these committees, as well as information about current membership (including vacancies), on our [committee page](#). You can also download a [fillable committee volunteer form](#) from there that will enable you to volunteer where a vacancy currently exists, or to advise us of your interest in serving on any committee when a vacancy becomes available.



## UPDATE—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

At its November 3 meeting, the provincial executive approved the terms of reference for the executive director search committee, and finalized the recruitment [advertisement](#). Both the terms of reference and ad are being distributed in today's divisional email. The ad will run in the November 8 and November 22 editions of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, and is also posted on our website. The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2014.

