

## YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

We have answers—at least if your questions relate to school board procedures! In our latest Practical Procedure Division Dispatch, we share ten of the most common procedural questions we receive at the association office, along with our answers. Those answers are based on requirements contained within *The Public Schools Act*, direction provided by Robert's Rules of Order (the parliamentary authority most commonly used by Manitoba school boards), and school board procedural by-laws.

[Part 1](#) of [Short Answers to Common Questions](#) focuses on matters related to voting. [Part 2](#) examines meeting and interpersonal dynamics in the context of school board meetings. Check them out, and remember: if you have an uncommon question related to school board procedure, you can always ask it of Director of Education and Communication Services [Heather Demetrio](#).



## RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Nominations are now open for the [Manitoba Excellence in Education Awards](#). Since 2006, these awards have recognized outstanding educators whose practices have a profound impact on student learning and engagement. The awards are presented in several categories:

- Teaching Excellence (three awards);
- Outstanding New Teacher (one award);
- Outstanding Team Collaboration (one award);
- Outstanding School Leader (one award);
- Premier's Award for Excellence in Education (one award, selected from nominees from the above categories).

The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 2, 2019. Award recipients will be invited to attend a reception at the Legislative Building and will be presented with a certificate and a monetary gift of \$500.



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## TICK, TOCK

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for receipt of resolutions to be considered at our upcoming fall meetings is Friday, November 1, 2019. Detailed information about resolutions can be found in the [Call for Nominations and Resolutions](#), which was distributed in September. That document also served as the first call for nominations for those positions on the provincial executive that are up for election in March 2020—Vice-President (boards with 6000+ students), and Directors for Regions 1, 3 and 5 (one position only). The second call for nominations will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 23, as part of the day's general meeting agenda, and the final call at the call to order of our annual convention, on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Nominations may also be submitted at any time between now and the final call, to the Nominating Committee c/o the association office.



The registration deadline for our fall professional development day and general and regional meetings is Wednesday, November 13, 2019. [Program](#) and registration material for these events was distributed in the September 25 divisional email; a more detailed program will be distributed by the end of October. These events are being held at the Victoria Inn on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23. A block of rooms is being held at the hotel under group number 867017.

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