

## Executive Highlights

Monday, November 14, 2011

**Robert Rivard**  
President  
878-2456

**Jacquie Field**  
Vice-President  
(6,000 students or more)  
269-7822

**Floyd Martens**  
Vice-President  
(fewer than 6,000 students)  
937-8968

**Hugh Coburn**  
Past President  
257-3921

**Ken Cameron**  
Director Region 1  
867-5569

**Norbert VanDeynze**  
Director Region 2  
744-2843

**Cheryl Zelenitsky**  
Director Region 3  
389-4200

**Vaughn Wadelius**  
Director Region 4  
623-3073

**Michel Boucher**  
Director Region 5  
237-6557

**Cory Juan**  
Director Region 5  
694-8517

**Rita Hildahl**  
Director Region 6  
414-7706

1. In an effort to ensure the Presidents' Council Award recognizes contributions made by individuals throughout the entire education system, the Executive passed a motion that beginning in 2012, nominations for the Presidents' Council Award will be recognized in two categories to be alternated from one year to the next:

- (a) professional educators, and
- (b) support staff and community members

Given that the 2011 Presidents' Council Award recipient was a professional educator, nominations for the 2012 award will be received for support staff and community members. Further details regarding these categories will be outlined in the 2012 Call for Nominations that goes out in December.

2. The Executive will request a meeting with the Minister at her earliest convenience to seek clarification around Government expectations of school boards with regard to Bill 13 – Learning to Age 18 and the class size reduction initiative.
3. MSBA has been invited to participate in a panel discussion around apprenticeship strategic priorities for 2012-2013 on December 2, 2011. Trustees selected to represent the Association at this consultation event will be notified by Friday, November 18, 2011.
4. Proposed 2012-2013 budget discussions are on-going and will be finalized at the December 5, 2011 Executive meeting. Budget documents will be included in the regional meeting packages that will be distributed to member boards prior to the Christmas break.
5. The President reported that CSBA appears to be making headway in an effort to clarify its goals and objectives for the organization into the future. Current CSBA priorities include aboriginal education, mental health issues, and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.
6. Vice-President Floyd Martens represented MSBA at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum in Banff, Alberta in October. He reported that some other provinces appear to be far ahead of Manitoba with regard to educational reform for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. This is an issue for further consideration among Manitoba's education stakeholders.

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*Should you have any questions about the items listed above, please feel free to contact any member of the MSBA Executive or Carolyn Duhamel, MSBA Executive Director. **The full (unofficial) minutes of the meeting will be posted to the MSBA Website November 21, 2011.***