



LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE FOR MANITOBA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

November 2, 2022

## MEMO

**TO: Board Chairs and Secretary Treasurers**

**FROM: Josh Watt, Executive Director**

**RE: PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE BY-ELECTIONS**

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As a result of yesterday's school trustee elections, there are now two vacancies on the Manitoba School Boards Association Provincial Executive: Regional Directors for Regions 4 and 5. We will be conducting by-elections to fill the position of Regional Directors for Regions 4 and 5 in conjunction with the December 1 and 2 General Meeting. The Directors will be elected for the purpose of filling the unfinished term of service of the current incumbent. Regular elections for these Regional Director positions will resume according to their mandated schedule once the unfinished terms of service are complete. This memo will outline the process we will be following.

*Please share this information with all trustees.*

### **Candidate and Voter Eligibility:**

Trustees from Regions 4 and 5 member boards are eligible to be nominated for Regional Director for those respective regions. Candidates may be nominated by any board or trustee in accordance with the process outlined below. The election for these positions will be conducted on the basis of individual ballots during regional meetings to be held on December 1, 2022.

### **Nominations:**

A trustee may be nominated for office:

1. By his or her school board by way of a motion duly passed by that school board, and submitted in writing to the association's office by the **nomination deadline: Friday, November 25, 2022;**
2. Alternately, a trustee may be nominated for office by submitting in writing an expression of intent, accompanied by the supporting signatures of five trustees from member school boards, by the deadline. Written nominations that meet the criteria outlined above may be emailed to Executive Director Josh Watt at [jwatt@mbschoolboards.ca](mailto:jwatt@mbschoolboards.ca).
3. For regional director positions, a trustee can also accept a nomination from the floor of their board's regional meeting as called for by another trustee.

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**Campaigning:**

The campaign period for Regional Directors begins with this call for nominations, and concludes at the close of balloting at the General Meeting on December 1, 2022. In order to support the campaign activities, the Manitoba School Boards Association will:

1. distribute, via email, campaign literature provided to the association in an electronic format to all member boards;
2. post on its website the same candidate information referenced in 1, above; and
3. post a video-recording of candidates' campaign speeches to the association's website. These speeches must meet the same criteria in terms of length as do speeches made during the election process at the annual convention, which is five minutes for regional director candidates. Alternately, we will produce the recording for any duly nominated candidate who requests this service and who is able to appear at the Association office at 191 Provencher Boulevard in Winnipeg at an agreed upon recording time.

**Elections:**

Elections for Regions 4 and 5 will be held at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg on Thursday, December 1, 2022, as part of the Association's General Meeting scheduled for that day. To facilitate voting, trustees in Regions 4 and 5 will sign for and receive an individual trustee ballot at the registration desk.

**Term of Office:**

In accordance with [Association by-law 8.7\(i\)](#), the persons elected to the Region 4 Director office and Region 5 Director office on December 1, 2022 will serve on the Provincial Executive until the next regularly scheduled elections for both of those positions. If any person wishes to continue to serve as Region 4 or Region 5 Director, they must be nominated to run for office in the election held in conjunction with their regional meeting as scheduled to be held during the Association's 2023 annual spring convention.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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