

CONVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

The online registration for our annual convention to be held March 16 and 17 at the Delta Winnipeg is open. Trustees are reminded that registrations **must** be handled through the secretary-treasurer's office.



Thursday's program will open and close with [keynote presentations](#) by Chief Cadmus Delorme and Natalie Bergstrasser. In addition, a selection of concurrent workshops will round out the day devoted to professional development.

A Schedule-at-a-Glance of the workshops is available [online](#). Full workshop descriptions will be available soon, so keep your eye on our [website](#) for updates. Your secretary-treasurer may indicate your workshop choices online, so be sure to let them know which workshops you would like to attend.

New this year: some workshops on Thursday will be assigned to meeting rooms in the RBC Convention Centre. A floor plan map will be included in your digital delegate kit, which will be distributed to secretary-treasurers in early March. MSBA registration and EventCamp staff will also be available to assist delegates in locating their workshop room assignments.

MSBA NEEDS YOU!

MSBA has a vacancy on the Pension Committee. This committee is responsible for the overall administration, maintenance and operation of the MSBA Non-Teaching Employees Pension Fund, the Plan and the Administration Account as a Board of Trustees. If you are interested on serving on this committee, or need more information, please email Executive Assistant, [Andrea Kehler](#).



WINTER CHALLENGE!

Take Me Outside is an event that encourages educators and students to get outside, no matter the weather. Check out all the submissions from across the country on social media through the hashtag #TMOWinterChallenge.

You can register for activities and a chance to win prizes by visiting the [Take Me Outside website](#). Sign up today!

FREE RESP INFORMATION SESSION

The Outreach Program at the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) would like to invite you to attend a virtual province-wide information session on Thursday, February 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CST or Thursday, February 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CST and it will be provided in English. French sessions are available on request.



Joining the session will be a speaker from Career Trek who will be talking about different benefits and credits that parents may be eligible for, as well as the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). Attendance is free, therefore please share this with whomever may benefit from it.

If you are interested in registering or would like to request a French session, please email outreachmbg@cra-arc.gc.ca for more information.

DIVERSE MINDS WRITING CHALLENGE

[B'nai Brith Canada](#) presents an exciting educational initiative that promotes diversity and teaches valuable lessons of inclusion to elementary and high school students. The Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition invites high school students across Canada to reflect on the values of diversity and inclusion by writing and illustrating a story for elementary school students (Kindergarten to Grade 5). Through peer-to-peer learning, students lead the way in creating communities where everyone is valued. The goal of Diverse Minds is to empower our youth to become role models for each other and understand that their impact reaches beyond their classrooms.



Imagine being a published author and illustrator before you graduate from high school! The winning book will be published as a hardcover, full-colour book and will receive a prize of \$5,000! 2nd prize: \$2,500. 3rd prize: \$1,000. The deadline for entries is April 16. For more information and to enter, visit the [Diverse Minds website](#).

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

February is I Love to Read Month! Check out the Manitoba Reading Association's [website](#) for book suggestions and to download their [calendar of ideas](#) today!



follow us [@MBSchoolBoards](https://twitter.com/MBSchoolBoards)

