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Incumbents in the following positions are in the first year of a two-year term; these positions will be up for election in 2025:

- **President:** Sandy Nemeth, Louis Riel S.D.
- **Director Region 2:** Ashley Lachance, Prairie Rose S.D.
- **Director Region 4:** Tim Davis, Flin Flon S.D.
- **Director Region 5:** Greg McFarlane, Seven Oaks S.D.
- **Director Region 6:** Jamie Dumont, Winnipeg S.D.



The information that follows was provided by candidates for Provincial Executive office.
The final call for nominations will be on the morning of **March 21, 2024**, at the Convention call to order.



Vice-President, >6000

Sandy Lethbridge—St. James-Assiniboia S.D

My philosophy regarding school boards remains that “local voices, local choices” is critical to maintaining individualism in our school boards.

I am currently MSBA’s representative on the 2024 Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence and the 2024 Manitoba Educator Excellence Awards. I am also on sub-committees, including review and revision of the executive manual, draft operation plan and strategic plan. My previously held positions include Region 5 Director, Manitoba Education’s Arts in Education Steering Committee and Conference Committee.

These roles have allowed me a deeper appreciation for our Association’s inside workings, where I have witnessed the untiring commitment of our Executive and MSBA staff.

As a school trustee in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division, I was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014, 2018 and 2022. This school year, I am the Vice-Chair.

I am retired, and to keep me from staying up all night watching Netflix, etc., I volunteer at the elementary school my daughter attended and do the daily breakfast program and three lunch hour supervisions!

I will continue to bring energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to my role as Vice-President of School Boards of over 6,000 students.

I am passionate about working with all school boards on the issues that affect us while serving our communities.





Director, Region 1

Nicole Chaske—Fort La Bosse S.D.

Hi, my name is Nicole Chaske and I'm from Canupawakpa Dakota Nation located in South West Manitoba. I've been a member of the Fort La Bosse School Division Board of Trustees for the past 16 years. I'm a graduate of Virden Collegiate Institute.

I currently work as the Medical Transportation Coordinator for Canupawakpa Health, before that I was a driver for the program. Previously I worked as a probation officer for 9 years whereby I worked with youth and adult offenders, I also facilitated court ordered domestic violence programs for male offenders. I've also volunteered as a board member for the John Howard Society for Westman.

I grew up in a large family with my mother, five siblings and my grandparents. I was very fortunate to spend a lot of time growing up with my grandma and grandpa. This is where I learned very good work ethics, they had years of wisdom and strong stories about life lessons. My family worked for local farmers around our community. My grandmother cleaned, sewed and watched over the grandchildren while they worked. I joined my grandfather and uncles working on a farm. I remember bringing home my first \$50 and giving it to my mother. I was so proud of myself. It was a feeling I will never forget.

I want all our children to listen to stories of years ago. To always remember the hard work our families went through, so our children may live a good life or could live a good life.

Taras Daneluk—Park West S.D.

Hello everyone my name is Taras Daneluk and I am seeking the nomination for Region 1 director for MSBA. I've been a trustee for Park West School Division for two years, and it has been an excellent learning experience for myself. We have a very strong board that it's been a privilege to be associated with.

I reside in the Local Urban District (L.U.D.) of Inglis, with my wife and one son. My other son is attending ACC in Brandon. I am employed with Mosaic Potash LP in Esterhazy Saskatchewan, where I am in loadout operations as a 1A operator. I am also on the occupational health committee. My wife is employed as an education assistant with Major Pratt School, a position which she has held for fourteen years. We are both heavily involved in basketball, baseball, and skiing. We were very honoured to host provincials AA basketball this year as well.

I was educated in Roblin, Manitoba and graduated from Dauphin. My post-secondary education was studied at ACC in Brandon. I had the honour of being a prefect of students at St. Vladimirs College in Roblin, Manitoba towards the end of the school's tenure. This is where my appreciation for the education system began to foster.

As a trustee I have seen some of the most rewarding times for our students. The great strides forward that they have made in their education shows us how rewarding being a trustee is. To know that we have helped the students is a very rewarding experience. To be able to share the ideas of the students would help us grow.

Thank you for the time and consideration for being Director of Region 1.

Crystal Erickson—Rolling River S.D.

No photo or bio available to date.





Director, Region 3

Paul Magnan—Sunrise S.D.

No profile provided to date.



Director, Region 5

Irene Nordheim—Louis Riel S.D.

My name is Irene Nordheim, and I am just as passionate about quality education for students today as I was 45 years ago. I am currently serving my first term as a school trustee in the Louis Riel School Division. However, I am an experienced educator and administrator, serving as Assistant Superintendent, Principal of Glenlawn Collegiate, Principal of Windsor Park Collegiate and worked as Vice Principal and as a teacher in several different schools in LRSD. I know that my ability to ask pertinent questions and advocate for relevant and practical change where needed will be of service to MSBA. I am very interested in learning from this experience to enhance my skills as a trustee and to give back to the provincial organization.

I am currently serving on the board of MHSAA as past president and am the current manager for Care for all in Education, a program for the education workforce in Manitoba supported by the Canadian Mental Health Association.



Rules of Procedure for Nominations and Elections

Nominations

1. In 2024, Vice-President (Greater than 6000 students), and one Director each for Regions 1, 3, and 5 will be elected at the Annual Convention of the Association.
2. Every candidate for office shall be a trustee of a member board at the time of being nominated.
3. No person shall hold the same Executive position for more than two, complete consecutive terms.
4. The Nominating Committee will ensure that there is at least one qualified candidate for each position up for election. None of the Committee's nominees shall be a member of the Nominating Committee.
5. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Annual Convention by a convention delegate with the consent of the nominee.
6. An individual trustee may submit their name to the Nominating Committee, in writing, with the support of an electorate of five (5). This will not apply to candidates nominated from the floor.
7. Nominations will be accepted by the Nominating Committee until the last call for nominations from the floor at the call to order of the Annual Convention.
8. If a candidate for Vice-President is not elected, that candidate is deemed to have been nominated for any other position for which they are qualified, if that candidate so desires.
9. Voting shall be by ballot. Voting for President shall be by board ballots, which will be distributed in such numbers as determined by Association by-laws to a trustee authorized by each board to receive those ballots. Voting for all other positions will be by individual trustee ballots, with the Vice-Presidents elected by trustees at large, and Directors elected by the trustees of each respective region. Every trustee of a member board is eligible to register as a voting delegate at a Convention and upon registration shall be given the right to vote. Only Convention delegates and members of the Executive present at the convention shall be entitled to vote at Convention, and no person or member shall vote by proxy.
10. Prior to the elections, the President shall appoint scrutineers, none of whom shall be voting delegates or staff, and in the event that a vote is required on any election, the scrutineers shall collect and count the ballots and declare the name of the successful candidate for each office.
11. Where one officer is to be elected, a candidate, in order to be elected, must receive over 50% of the votes cast. If on the first or subsequent vote no candidate receives over 50% of the votes cast, the name of the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be deleted and another vote taken.
12. Where two or more Directors are to be elected at one time, a candidate, in order to be elected, must receive over 50% of the ballots cast. In the event that more than one ballot is necessary, any successful candidate will be declared elected and the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot; except where this would reduce the remaining candidates to one, in which case only the successful candidate shall be removed from the ballot.
13. Should a tie vote occur during an election which would have the effect of no change in the makeup of the next ballot, a second vote shall be taken, where possible. If the second vote again results in a tie, the successful candidates shall be determined by lot.

The final call for nominations will be on the morning of March 21, 2024, following the Convention call to order. All elections will take place on Friday, March 22, 2024, in accordance with the Convention program.

