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TO: All Secretary-Treasurers

FROM: Janis Arnold, Director, Governance and Professional Development Services

RE: 2024 Annual Convention Program & Registration Information

This memo outlines program highlights and registration details for the Association's 60th annual convention to be held March 21 & 22 at the Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, located at 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg. The theme selected for this year's event is "Leading Forward for ALL Students". Visit our dedicated [webpage](#) often for the latest information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

[Darci Lang](#) will set the tone for the annual convention with an opening keynote address. Darci is the author of a "four-book 90% philosophy series that helps you focus, live, lead and embrace your life journey to the fullest. This one simple concept continues to keep her upright and grounded and has proven to be a life-changer, which she has shared with tens of thousands".

A variety of workshops will be offered on Thursday to round out the first day. Elections for provincial executive positions and the business of the Association will take place on Friday. The recipients of the Association's popular recognition and award programs (retiring executive, trustee long service, Presidents' Council) will be honoured at various points throughout the two days. Note: the Student Awards Program is now separate and awards will be presented in the spring.

The annual convention will conclude with an open forum with the **Hon. Nello Altomare**, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, followed by a closing blessing.

As with all MSBA events, the annual convention will be **paperless**; digital delegate kits will be sent to secretary-treasurers prior to the start of the convention.

MEET YOU AT 'THE NOOK'

You are invited to meet other trustees and MSBA staff at the **Networking Nook**, a new informal gathering spot open throughout the convention and offering information, conversation space, celebrating the convention's 60th anniversary and an open bar on Thursday afternoon. During both Friday health breaks, three regions specifically will be encouraged to gather in The Nook to meet up, but everyone is still welcome to enjoy the space. Name tags will be colour-coded to easily identify your region and others.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

The **President's Reception & Banquet** will take place on **Thursday, March 21**. The evening will include entertainment by Super Trouper, an ABBA cover band. Tickets for the banquet, if desired, must be purchased in advance – if not part of a delegate's registration package. ***There will be no ticket sales on site.***

CHARITY OF CHOICE

N.E.E.D.S. (Newcomers Employment & Education Development Services) has been named as the recipient of the monies raised by the Association's raffle held in conjunction with the annual convention.

PROMOTIONAL SWAG/STONE SOUP WEEK FUNDRAISER

The Association will make a donation to the [Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba](#) in support of its Stone Soup Week (March 11 – 17, 2024) fundraiser in lieu of distributing convention promotional swag.

REGISTRATION & FEE STRUCTURE

[EventCamp](#) is the Association's online registration platform for the event. With EventCamp, secretary-treasurers will reserve conference passes in advance and register names when confirmed. ***(NOTE: This would include any trustee who currently sits on the Association's provincial executive.)*** Workshop selections can be made when the choices become available. Email [Riel Dion](#) (C: 204.230.6330) at EventCamp should you have questions or need assistance.

The full registration package offers delegates the option of a registration fee that ***includes*** the President's Banquet or one that ***does not include*** the President's Banquet. Partial registration choices are also available.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/FOOD ALLERGIES

Please list (be specific as possible) any dietary restrictions for delegates when registering so that the hotel staff can plan meals and refreshments accordingly. The hotel will allow delegates with **severe** dietary allergies to bring their own meals onsite should they have any concerns regarding food safety. Past restrictions are **not** kept on file.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refunds will be given if notice of cancellation is received by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1**. Full refunds, less a \$50 processing fee, will be given if notice of cancellation is received after March 1, but prior to the start of the convention. No refunds will be available for cancellations received after the start of the convention, but substitutions will be allowed.

The final program along with full workshop descriptions will be distributed to member boards in late January. We look forward to seeing everyone in March.

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for ALL students



Program Overview

Some times may be approximate and are subject to change, with notice.

Thursday, March 21

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration and breakfast Networking Nook open
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Call to order Land acknowledgement Blessing O Canada Final call for nominations
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Keynote address— Darci Lang
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Health break
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent workshops A
12:00 noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Retiring executive presentations
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Networking Nook (staff Q & A)
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Concurrent workshops B
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Health break
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Networking Nook (staff Q & A, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent workshops C
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Networking Nook—cash bar open
6:30 p.m.	Banquet Presidents' Council Award Entertainment

Friday, March 22

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration and breakfast Networking Nook open
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Call to order Land acknowledgement O Canada
8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	President's address—Sandy Nemeth
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	CSBA greetings—Alan Campbell
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Elections—Vice-President (6000+) Resolutions
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Health break Networking Nook (Regions 2, 4 and 5)
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Regional meetings/elections
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Resolutions debate continues
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Trustee Long Service Awards
1:30 p.m.	Resolutions debate continues until complete
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Health break Networking Nook (Regions 1, 3 and 6)
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Association update
3:45 p.m.	Open forum with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, Nello Altomare
4:15 p.m.	Closing blessing



Supporting a Good Cause!

[N.E.E.D.S. Inc.](#) will be the recipient of monies raised by our very popular raffle.
Thank you to our member boards for their generous support of this endeavour.



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For more details about important dates, sessions, speakers, resolutions and elections,
and to register for the event, follow the convention links at mbschoolboards.ca