



June 2023

MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

2023 AGM & Conference

Our Annual Conference was held May 31 to June 2 in Brandon. It was great to have over 100 members and guests join to connect, learn, and network within the conference theme of 'Cultivating Leadership'.

The event started with a morning of golf and a wellness walk that was enjoyed by 35 participants. Our first speaker, Ryan Matishak, from MGI Consulting, led us through an engaging and experiential learning activity titled *The Power of People and the Science of Team*. It was a great way to start our learning together.

Our trade show was a success with over 30 vendors participating. Many opportunities to connect with vendors and colleagues.

The AGM portion of the event was held with several business items discussed and approved by the membership.

There were 8 breakout sessions for participants to choose from with varying topics and content. The sessions were:

- *Central Services Capital Program - Capital Planning and Project Delivery Unit (CPPD)*
- *MSI Program*
- *Blanket Exercise*
- *Managing Employee Attendance*
- *The Benefits of Niron Piping*
- *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*
- *MB Transportation and Infrastructure*
- *Support Staff Bargaining*

Megan Foster from Mosaic Engagement presented on 2 topics; *Networking with Intention and Influencing Change*. Many insightful and useful ideas were shared and discussed.

A session on *Courageous Leadership* was led by Meaghen Johnston of Intentional Futures Counselling and Consulting. The session provided ideas to build the connection between insight and action.

During our banquet we were pleased to welcome many past-presidents and life members. It is always great to see these individuals and acknowledge their past contributions to our association and the education system. They are an important part of our history! Life members in attendance were **Gord Arbuckle, Ken Bergen, Tom Henry, Paul Ilchena, Ed Johns, Wayne Lehmann, Vince Mariani, Bart Michaleski, Gord Olmstead, Terry Penner, Roy Seidler and Wayne Shimizu**. Thanks for joining us!

We were also proud to be able to recognize and honour two retiring members with Life Memberships:

- **Marlene Michno**
- **Al Leiman**



It was great to acknowledge and celebrate these outstanding individuals for their support and contributions to MASBO!

Overall, it was a great networking and learning opportunity for our members attested by comments from participants:

- *Always come away from this event with good information and inspiration.*
- *Great experience, good PD and networking and great value.*

- *I always appreciate the interaction with other people doing similar work, I've learned a lot at MASBO, thanks for all the work put into the event!*

Thanks to all who made the event a success with your presence and participation. We are looking forward to future MASBO events.

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The Executive will be meeting in August to continue planning for regular programming, activities, priorities and events for the year.

Have a great summer and take some time to rest and enjoy and appreciate the things that make you happy!