MASBO Minute

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

June 2025

2025 AGM & Conference

The MASBO annual conference with the theme of *Wellness Centered Leadership* was held May 28-30 in Brandon with close to 115 members and guests attending to connect and learn.

The event started with a morning of golf for several attendees and a wellness session and walk. The afternoon kicked off with our first presenter Brandi Heather with the topic of *Ignite Joy, Stay Bold and Stick Together – The Power of Play at Work*. Brandi led the group through several activities and shared her thoughts on building connections through play and creativity.

The tradeshow had over 34 vendors showcasing their products and services. Members and guests were able to connect with vendors and colleagues.

The AGM portion of the event went through the business of the association, approving the financial statements and budget as well as welcoming the new executive members.

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

- *EPA Requirements on Diesel Engines*
- *EV Charging Stations*
- *Robert's Rules of Order*
- *Employee Rights and Responsibilities – Appropriate Education*
- *Know Your Wealth – Financial Awareness*
- *Payroll Implications of the new Collective Agreement*
- *MERLIN Update*
- *Retro-Commissioning*

The ever-popular functional Round Table discussions occurred shortly after the breakout sessions.

At the Thursday banquet we were pleased to welcome a number of past presidents and life members. These individuals have been a large part of our association, and it was great to acknowledge their work, support and contributions. Life members in attendance were **Gord Arbuckle, Ken Bergen, Tom Henry, Paul Ilchena, Ed Johns, Al Leiman, Vince Mariani, Bart Michaleski, Gord Olmstead, Roy Seidler, Wayne Shimizu, Pat Shuttleworth, and Vaughn Wilson.**

MASBO guests attending were: Jason Young, Barb Isaak, Rick Penner, Morgan Whiteway, Jodie Taylor, Alison Bourrier, Elizabeth Mitchell, Robyn Winters, Shannon Kobylak and Chris Huppe

During the dinner we were fortunate to have Keith Macpherson share his gifts of guitar, music and songs with us.

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

The evening was capped off with the acknowledgement and celebration of three individuals for their support and commitment to our association and the education sector over the years.

Kathy Siatecki – Life Membership
Justin Rempel – Honourary Life Membership
Chris Hagen – Honourary Life Membership

Acknowledging these individuals is an important part of this event and it provided an opportunity to hear from our honourees and for all of us to show our appreciation.



Kathy Siatecki



Justin Rempel



Chris Hagen

The Friday speakers were:
Sue Swarbrick with the topic of *Showing Up Well as a Leader* and Keith Macpherson with *Making Sense of Mindfulness*.

MASBO 2025/26 Executive

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The 2025-26 MASBO Executive Planning will take place August 25-26. This session will provide an opportunity for the new executive to explore ideas and actions for the upcoming year.

Thanks to our members leaving the executive: Lori Slepicka, Brigitte Levesque and Gibby Finnbogason.

