


CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MSBA distributed the annual call for nominations in the divisional mail on September 4. This year, nominations for positions up for election at the AGM in March include— President, Vice-President (<6000 students) and directors from Regions 2, 4, and 5 (one position). The second call will occur at the [Fall Regional Meetings](#) (October/November) and the final call at the AGM (March 20). Nominations may also be submitted at any time, in writing, to the Association office by contacting [Andrea Kehler](#). Keep an eye on divisional mail for updates and details over the coming months.



NEW RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

 Commencing this fall, the Association will engage in a slightly different resolution process, which involves a soft deadline of October 16, 2024, for submitting draft resolutions to MSBA. This new deadline will allow the Association staff time to review and determine that resolutions are fully developed and that the maximum of five draft resolutions per region are ready for consideration.

A portion of the regional meeting agenda will be set aside to enable MSBA staff and representatives from the Association's Resolutions and Policy Committee to work with each region to help further develop resolutions if needed.

The hard deadline for next-to-final regional resolutions will be the end of the day that each region meets. For more information on the new process, please refer to the September 4 divisional mail memo. Visit our website for the fall regional meeting [schedule](#) and information on [nominations and resolutions](#).

THE ART OF CHAIRING & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



Skilled board chair leadership is a requisite ingredient for high performance school board governance. This 90 minute [webinar](#), originally broadcast in October 2023, will explore the chair's role, pertinent legislation, by-laws and procedural authority – all relevant pieces to board chair success. This session will also be of interest to committee chairs or any trustee who is contemplating taking on this role in the future. Visit MSBA's on demand library of

professional development resources including Division Dispatches, webinars and Association produced videos by visiting our [e-learning webpage](#).

REPORT ON AI USE IN SCHOOLS

Are you curious how young people are using generative AI tools at home and at school? [Common Sense Media](#) has released a new report which gives important perspectives on how young people themselves feel about generative AI, how they're using it, and how both schools and parents are struggling to keep up.



Understanding how young people are using AI at home and at school—and the differences between their adoption and that of their parents—should inform a school's approach to AI tools and policies, and also how we prepare young people for a future where AI could change everything.

Together we can leverage the power of communication to empower students and encourage more consistent policies across classrooms to reduce bias and ensure young people can use generative AI safely and smartly. Read the full report [online](#).

OCTOBER IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every October since 1992, Canada celebrates [Women's History Month](#), [International Day of the Girl Child](#) on October 11 and [Persons Day](#) on October 18. October has

been selected because of the historical significance of the "Persons Case" decision of 1929, a landmark victory in the struggle of Canadian women for equality. October is a time to celebrate the women and girls from our past and present who contribute to a better, more inclusive Canada. Keep an eye on the Women's History Month [website](#) to discover this year's theme and learn more!

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