

CONVENTION 2025

The Manitoba School Boards Association's 61st Annual Convention will be held on March 20 & 21 at the Delta Winnipeg. The theme chosen by the Convention Planning Committee for 2025 is "Connection, Collaboration, Celebration."



**Connection
Collaboration
Celebration**

The Committee is thrilled to announce that **Cassie Campbell-Pascall** will join us as a keynote speaker at our upcoming convention! Cassie is a two-time Olympic gold medalist in women's hockey and an eight-time world champion. Additionally, she made history as the first woman to provide colour commentary on Hockey Night in Canada. We eagerly anticipate Cassie sharing her experiences on the board of Hockey Canada, her personal journey, and her insights on board governance and leadership.



The remainder of the program is still being finalized, but the broad outline of the programming is set. Day 1 (Thursday) will focus on professional development followed by the President's Banquet. Resolutions will be debated on Day 2. Association business, including elections for positions on the Provincial Executive, will also be conducted on Day 2. Keep an eye on the convention [webpage](#) for the latest event information. Registration links and bios will be shared in the new year.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

At its Annual Convention each year, MSBA honours long-serving trustees and recognizes the recipient of the Presidents' Council Award.

Long service awards are given to current trustees who have served 12, 16, 20, 30, or 40 years on a public school board in Manitoba, recognizing their dedication to education.



PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL AWARD

The Presidents' Council Award celebrates exceptional service, innovative thinking, personal initiative, and significant impact in public education. It acknowledges the contributions of educators, support staff, and community members to student success.

Details about the March 2025 awards, including eligibility and selection criteria, are outlined in the [Recognition and Award Programs package](#). The deadline to apply in January 24.

CHARITY OF CHOICE

The popular raffle, held during MSBA's Annual Convention, will return in 2025. In following the practice of working with a new charity every 2 years, the Convention Planning Committee has chosen [Cancer Care Manitoba Foundation](#) to receive the funds raised in March 2025 and 2026.



The raffle's continued success is thanks to the support and generosity of member school boards, students, and staff. It is preferred that donations be hand delivered to MSBA's event planner, Riel Dion, on the first day of the convention (Thursday, March 20). If you have any questions, contact [Jodie Taylor](#) or [Riel Dion](#).

OPEN CALL FOR TEEN FACT-CHECKERS

[MediaSmarts](#), Canada's centre for digital media literacy is excited to announce that the bilingual Teen Fact-Checking Network (TFCN) program - Réseau vérif ado in Canada will be continuing into 2025! Canadian students ages 13 to 18 are encouraged to sign up.



TEEN FACT-CHECKING NETWORK

Participants who are interested in fact-checking popular posts appearing in their social media feeds will create a minimum of two fact-checking videos between January and June 2025. The videos will be published on the MediaSmarts' YouTube, Instagram and TikTok channels. For their time and efforts, participants will receive an honorarium per video and a certificate of completion at the end of the program. Share this initiative with teens in your network today! [Apply online](#) by December 15.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

**OUR RIGHTS,
OUR FUTURE,
RIGHT NOW.**

Human Rights Day is observed annually around the world on December 10. It commemorates the anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: [the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). The 2024 theme, "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now" is a call to acknowledge the importance and relevance of human rights in our everyday lives. We have an opportunity to change perceptions by speaking up against hate speech, correcting misinformation and countering disinformation. This is the time to mobilize action to reinvigorate a global movement for human rights. Learn more on the United Nations [website](#).

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