



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Manitoba ASCD is now in its ninth year of operation, having started in 1995 as one of numerous affiliates of ASCD. Currently,

there are 66 affiliates that are located in every U.S. state, some Canadian provinces, Europe, the Caribbean, and East Asia. ASCD affiliates are independent societies that work in partnership with ASCD to foster common values and goals. Affiliates take on many roles, one of which is to provide a forum for the exchange of quality educational practice.

Since our first year as an affiliate of ASCD, our goal is to strive to be responsive to our membership's needs. Our board meets regularly to discuss the affiliate's progress in a number of areas. Representatives from our Board attend annual ASCD events such as the affiliate regional meeting, the ASCD conference, and the affiliate leadership conference. Attending these events allows us in part to remain connected to the larger educational community and influence future ASCD initiatives.

Recently, the Board began to update our affiliate's strategic plan. This process included revising our mission statement and creating a vision. At last month's Board meeting, these guiding statements were formally approved and we are now pleased to share those with our membership:

Mission Statement

Manitoba ASCD is a community of learners committed to enhancing teaching, learning, and leadership by reflecting on current educational research,

by engaging in varied forms of professional learning, and by providing a forum for non-partisan dialogue about education.

Vision for 2006

Manitoba ASCD is a highly visible and respected educational organization responsive to the needs of its membership. Valued for its non-partisan voice on issues of teaching, learning, and leadership, Manitoba ASCD engages a large, diverse membership in quality professional learning. We are an intricately connected organization providing regular and frequent forums and networking opportunities to support professional growth at all levels of the educational community.

Clearly, as a learning organization, our task as an affiliate is to 'live' these statements. Indeed, we are currently refining our goals and strategies that will fulfill these mission and vision statements. Thank you to those who have graciously agreed to be surveyed by a member of our Board. Your insights into Manitoba ASCD will help us meet your needs and will assist us in strengthening our ability to be responsive in these times of change.

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