



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am proud to have served as president of Manitoba ASCD during its tenth year birthday. This year we welcomed Shelley Hasinoff, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, to our board. Together, with

returning Board members we represented four school divisions, two education stakeholder organizations and the provincial department of education and both urban and rural sectors of the province. You know the saying, "If you want to get something done ask a busy person." The members of this Board and the members of the sub-committees are all high-energy busy people in their day jobs. In spite of their schedules they carve out time to fulfill our vision, mission, beliefs, and goals. Thank you to each of you for a highly successful year. I would also like to thank our Executive Secretary, Carol Kirkhope. Carol is the person that keeps us all sane and on track.

As I reflect on the 2004 – 2005 year, a number of highlights come to mind:

- At the May 2004 Board planning we created Manitoba ASCD's Belief Statements (ratified in October) and finalized an annual plan for 2004 – 2005.
- We held five regular Board meetings during the year (August, October, January, February, and April)
- Joan Martin and Shelly Hasinoff represented us at the October Regional ASCD meeting in San Diego, California.
- Sandra Herbst-Luedtke and myself attended the Spring 2005 Annual ASCD Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- Bill Burns attended the May Orientation meeting in Chantilly, Washington D.C.
- We hosted workshops featuring Jay McTighe, Roland Case and Maureen McDermid, and Andy Hargreaves. A very impressive professional learning year.

- Plans to launch Manitoba ASCD website have been finalized. Look for this in the fall.

As a Board we had numerous conversations regarding the new direction and governance structure of International ASCD. In fact, on behalf of MB ASCD, two of our Board members wrote a letter to our parent organization outlining concerns particularly on misalignment on issues (i.e. high stakes testing) and the parent organization's focus on the role of affiliates in lobbying and political action. Secondly, our representatives at the Leadership Council (Orlando, Florida) tabled for LC discussion the issue of recognition of non-US affiliate issues. LC provided a fair process and concerns were recorded. In fact, Executive Director Gene Carter met with this group to talk through the concerns.

It has been my honour and pleasure to serve on the Board of Manitoba ASCD in a variety of capacities over the past nine years. I look forward to my new role as Past President and the opportunities this will provide as I continue to work towards improved professional learning opportunities for Manitoba educators.

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