

Zone presentations scheduled

Proposed 2005-06 budget on website

The ASBA Board of Directors approved the 2005-06 budget for presentation to school boards.

Key features of the 2005-06 budget:

- ◆ 2 per cent increase in membership fees
- ◆ \$10 increase in the fee-for-service rates. Legal/education services go up from \$145 to \$155/hr and labour services go up from \$115 to \$125/hr
- ◆ \$20 increase in the per diem paid to trustees working on ASBA business (from \$130 to \$150 per day)

Zone information sessions set

Karen Holloway, Zone 4's representative to the ASBA Board of Directors and Nancy Close, Calgary Board of Education's representative to the ASBA Board of Directors will present the budget in the Zones.

Zone dates for ASBA budget presentations

Zone 1	May 26
Zone 23	April 29
Zone 4	April 25
Zone 5	May 6
Zone 6	May 11

What does a two per cent increase in the membership fee mean for your board?

See the ASBA website at www.asba.ab.ca/policy_framework/downloads/pdf/fee_increase.pdf for a calculation of what a two per cent increase in the membership fee means for your school board.

New staff join ASBA

The ASBA office welcomes two new staff members to the team: Kendra Lord and Scott McCormick. They will be working in the Labour Relations area.

Kendra joins the ASBA as a Research Assistant. She completed her Masters of Industrial Relations degree at Queen's University and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Initially, Kendra's responsibilities will include the operation and management of the labour relations information system. She will also be developing her negotiation skills so she can assist school boards with support staff negotiations.

Scott McCormick fills the position of Labour Relations Consultant. He will work with school boards on teacher and support staff negotiations as well as other management and human resource activities.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He comes to the ASBA with considerable labour relations experience with the Capital Health Authority. He also brings experience as a union representative with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees and the Canadian Health Care Guild to the position.

More long service awards... 2004

Congratulations to these trustees who received 2004 long service awards:

ZONE 1

Grande Prairie Public Schools

Clyde Blackburn, 12 yrs
Ken Chomyc, 15 yrs
Paulette Kurylo, 12 yrs
Doreen Lakusta, 12 yrs

ZONE 23

Buffalo Trail Public Schools

Larry Bell, 9 yrs
Richard Van Ee, 21 yrs

Lakeland RCSSD No. 150

Maurice Campeau, 18 yrs
Robert Gauthier, 9 yrs
Mary Anne Penner, 15 yrs

Northern Gateway Reg. Div. No. 10

Stan Jeffreys, 9 yrs
Judy Muir, 18 yrs
Maureen Wilcox, 18 yrs

ZONE 4

Wild Rose School Division No. 66

Gerald Kujala, 18 yrs
Gloria Thomas, 9 yrs

ZONE 6

Lethbridge School District No. 51

Dianne King, 12 yrs

Graduation speeches available

Graduation season is around the corner. New trustees -- and perhaps some veterans -- may not know, but the ASBA office has several draft speeches on file for trustees who are looking for some "story starters" for an upcoming speech or two. Contact Aimee Nichols at 1.780.482.7311 or anichols@asba.ab.ca for sample graduation speeches.

What's new @www.asba.ab.ca

- ◆ ASBA's 2005-2008 strategic plan featuring a new strategic priority focused on organizational environment
- ◆ ASBA's 2004 audited financial statements