

## ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

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*Membership fees will not increase*

### Board approves draft 2010-11 budget for presentation to members

Faced with rising rent costs (\$122,777 more for the coming year), to achieve a balanced budget for 2010-11, the board of directors is proposing a budget with the following elements:

- no increase in membership fees
- increase fee for legal services from \$210/hr to \$225/hr
- increase registration fees by \$25
- draw \$37,749 from the building reserve (revenue from sale of ASBA building)
- increase staff salaries by 2009 CPI (1.3 per cent)
- eliminate conference of choice for staff/board of directors for next year
- cancel the 2010-11 membership survey
- hold a stand-alone strategic planning retreat every second year rather than annually
- generally decrease or hold expenses to 2009 levels

The proposed 2010-11 budget will be posted on the ASBA website at: [www.asba.ab.ca](http://www.asba.ab.ca)

### Budget to be presented in Zones

**Lynda Akers** and **Bev Esslinger** will present the proposed budget at these Zone meetings. The full membership will consider the budget at the Spring General Meeting.

Zone 1	March 25	Grande Prairie
Zone 2/3	April 23	St. Anthony's, Edmonton
Zone 4	April 26	Red Deer Catholic Office, Red Deer
Zone 6	May 12	Heritage Inn, Taber
Zone 5	May 21	Coventry Hills Superstore, Calgary

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### New report highlights cost-free solutions to infrastructure challenges

The *Resolving Alberta's School Infrastructure Deficit: School Boards' Input Toward Solutions* report identifies cost-free changes that would help address the challenges school boards are facing on the infrastructure front. The report collates the results of a survey conducted by the ASBA Infrastructure Task Force in December 2009. Twenty-nine school boards responded with their ideas. Read the report at <http://tiny.cc/pVfi1>

### **Board of directors adopts 2010-13 strategic plan**

The board of directors adopted the plan that will guide the ASBA's work over the next three years. Key changes to the plan include:

- an increased focus on providing supports to school boards in their efforts to engage their publics
- including Early Learning in a research project focused on Early Intervention and School Preparedness
- increased emphasis on governance in trustee development programs.

The 2010-13 strategic plan will be posted on the ASBA website shortly.

### **Board of directors appoints auditor**

Collins Barrow LLP have been appointed as the auditors for the ASBA for the year ending August 31, 2010.