

## About Congresses

The Congresses of the Canadian School Board Association are hosted on a volunteer basis by member provincial associations. Congresses represent an important professional development opportunity. Their significance? The ability for trustees from across Canada to share and learn from each other.

The Annual General Meetings of the CSBA are tied to Congress and are often held on the first or last day of Congress. The President and Vice-President are elected at the Board meeting prior to the AGM.

The following describes the processes and principles of the renewed CSBA.

With the exception of budget and constitutional items, board decisions are made on the basis of one vote per member association. This clarifies and focuses accountability.

Elected officials embody Canada's system of democracy in education. Only elected trustees are eligible to vote at CSBA board meetings. Member Association Executive Directors participate in an advisory role at Board meetings.

An important Congress event is the Town Hall where delegates directly express concerns, opinions and suggestions to the CSBA Board. Their ideas are carefully considered as the Board adjusts or amends its strategic priorities.

The CSBA uses the following principles to choose priorities:

*Is the project related to student achievement?*

*Is the project meaningful to all?*

*Is the project achievable within a reasonable time and available resources?*

*Can we lever existing member resources?*

## Congress Dates and Host Member Association

2005 – British Columbia School Trustees Association – Vancouver - March	<a href="http://www.bcsta.org">www.bcsta.org</a>
2006 – Quebec English School Boards Association – Montreal – May 25 <sup>th</sup> - 26	<a href="http://www.qesba.qc.ca">www.qesba.qc.ca</a>
2007 – Alberta School Boards Association – Calgary – July 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6	<a href="http://www.asba.ab.ca">www.asba.ab.ca</a>
2008 – Saskatchewan School Boards Association – Regina – July 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5	<a href="http://www.saskschoolboards.ca">www.saskschoolboards.ca</a>
2009 – Nova Scotia School Boards Association – Halifax – July 9 <sup>th</sup> -11	<a href="http://www.nssba.ednet.ns.ca">www.nssba.ednet.ns.ca</a>
2010 – Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association – St John's	<a href="http://www.schoolboardsnl.ca">www.schoolboardsnl.ca</a>
2011 – Ontario Public School Boards' Association – Ottawa –July 10 <sup>th</sup> -11	<a href="http://www.opsba.org">www.opsba.org</a>
2012 – Manitoba Association of School Trustees – TBD	<a href="http://www.mast.mb.ca">www.mast.mb.ca</a>
2013 – Quebec English School Boards Association	<a href="http://www.qesba.qc.ca">www.qesba.qc.ca</a>
2014 – British Columbia School Trustees Association	<a href="http://www.bcsta.org">www.bcsta.org</a>
2015 – Saskatchewan School Boards Association – 100th anniversary	<a href="http://www.schoolboardsnl.ca">www.schoolboardsnl.ca</a>

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2008 Congress Delegate (Regina)

