

**About Congress**

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 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 sit on the board and participate in an advisory role.

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 Board uses the following guiding 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?*



2008 Congress Delegate (Regina)

**Congress Dates & Host CSBA Members**

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 – To be determined	
2013 – To be determined	
2014 – British Columbia School Trustees Association (tent)	<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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