

President's Report April 29, 2016  
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of the work that went into the preparation and facilitation of our convention and for all of the work that our volunteer committee did during our convention to make it a success. I would like to thank Larry and his helpers with facilities in making sure that the venue was ready for our delegates and presenters. I would also like to thank Andrea and the Program Committee for taking on the huge task of selecting, timetabling, and booking speakers for what was an amazing program with a wide variety of relevant options for our delegates. A big thank you to Tara and her helpers for all of the behind the scenes work in booking and chasing displays to ensure that the Exhibits are taken care of. Thank you to Sherry and Bertha for keeping our finances in check and up to date and to Bertha for keeping the website up to date with the most recent convention info throughout our event. Thank you to Jen M for creating the duties list for board members and ensuring that the Honorary President received the recognition that he deserved. I would like to thank Chris for managing all of the requests for alternate PD during convention and organizing the Honorary President's Reception. Lastly, I would like to thank Sue for keeping a record of all of our board business throughout the year.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> I attended the Fall Convention Meeting at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Edmonton.

Items covered included:

*Fees and Process for Substitute Teachers, Distance Education Teachers, Associate Members and Teachers from Band Schools*

- Distance/ online teachers  
Barnett House will create a master list and do the in out calculations to pay the convention boards
- Assoc members from affiliated schools will pay \$180/ year plus convention registration fee
- Asking boards to look at what fees subs are charged and looking to reduce it

*Alternate PD requests and Associate Member Processes*

- Looking to find a better process to check membership of Associate Members
- Seeking to find out what supports convention boards need in dealing with alternate PD requests

*Association Member Cards*

- Many boards are using member cards for access to convention instead of wristbands/ lanyards et al.
- Reminded that members can print their own replacement cards on T-Net

*Common Apps and Tools*

- ATA is looking to pay for a common app for scheduling and collecting evaluation data
- NCTCA reported that embedding evals on their schedule online has tripled the number of evals submitted

*Collaborative Starting Points*

- Looking for ways to engage convention boards in more collaboration

*Other info:*

- New KSA's for TQS and Principal Quality Standards by June