

January 2024 Executive Staff Officer Report by Chris Gonsalvez

Alberta Education has approached the Association with a request to have two curriculum-related sessions at each convention. ATA staff is integrating these sessions within the ATA staff and President sessions, and convention boards will be notified by email of these program changes.

A reminder that the ATA Human Rights Statement is to be acknowledged at the convention. We recommend that it is stated by the convention President or an Executive member at the largest opening session such as a keynote presentation. ATA has ordered pull-up displays for the ATA Human Rights Statement and will set them up along with our standard displays (closed event, photography, vendor statement, Indigenous land acknowledgment banners)

Based on feedback from convention boards at the Spring 2023 Convention Meeting, we will not be issuing convention attendance passes for eligible student local members attending convention,. We have advised these student locals to bring their university identification on the off chance a security guard asks for identification.

For convention boards who may wish to use the ATA Goosechase account, please reach out through your ATA Staff Advisor for the login credentials. We also have some user support materials available. Morgex has rebranded as belairdirect and will be at every convention, and Randy Pearson has indicated a willingness to offer prizes for Goosechase activities that involve interaction with their belairdirect exhibit booth.

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