



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Manitoba ASCD is ending its ninth year as an affiliate of ASCD and I am proud to have served a second year as affiliate president. This annual

report to our membership serves as a summary of many of our highlights.

This year, we welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors, Judy Kyliuk and John Rennie. Together, with returning Board members, we represented various school divisions, educational organizations and both urban and rural parts of the province in the following positions:

- President** Xavier Abrioux
Pembina Trails School Division
- Past President** Teri Bembridge
Frontier School Division
- President Elect** Sharon Pekrul
Manitoba School Improvement Program
- Secretary Treasurer** Sandra Herbst-Luedtke
River East Transcona School Division
- Directors** Judy Kyliuk
Pembina Trails School Division
John Rennie
Portage La Prairie School Division
Brenda Lanoway
Pembina Trails School Division
Donna Nentwig
St. James Assiniboia School Division
Bill Burns
Independent Schools and Pembina Trails School Div.
Joan Martin
Manitoba Teachers' Society

As I reflect on the 2003-04 school year, a number of highlights come to mind:

- We held the Board's annual retreat at the end

of May 2003, during which time we updated our strategic plan with the assistance and guidance of ASCD regional director Margaret Murphy. The Board then met for a special Board meeting in August to begin implementing our plan.

- We held four regular Board meetings during the year (September 22, October 24, January 12 and April 5).
- We have distributed four newsletters to date this year, covering a wide range of topics and formats, including reviews of our workshops and timely articles on current educational themes.
- We published another edition of our journal.
- We held three excellent professional learning workshops facilitated by leaders in their fields and have a solid start to next year's professional learning calendar with Jay McTighe's workshop in early fall.
- We revised our mission statement and created a vision statement that will lend direction to our affiliate through to 2006.

We had vibrant committees which had new ideas and initiatives to better serve our membership. (cont'd on page 2)

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