

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**




**Xavier Abrioux**

On behalf of Manitoba ASCD, I extend best wishes to our membership for an enriching and professionally rewarding school year. As we are now well underway working in our respective roles for 2003/04, this first affiliate newsletter should assist you in planning some of your professional learning for this school year. We are pleased to offer an excellent array of events (you can even start planning for the fall of 2004!) and I hope to see many of you at one of our sessions.

At the last two Board meetings, we updated and began to put into action our affiliate's strategic plan. As part of those meetings, we revised our mission statement, drafted a vision for 2006, and set several goals that will be part of our development over the next few years. Both our revised mission statement and our vision statements will be shared with you once they have been formally approved by our Board later this month. One of our strategies towards achieving our affiliate's goals is to survey a sample group of our membership. Some of you may already have been contacted by a member of our membership committee to answer a few questions that will assist us in responding to our membership's needs. Just as ASCD's vision for 2005 is to be the world's premier educational organization, part of Manitoba ASCD's vision is to continue to provide you with current and cutting edge professional learning opportunities and building connections to support professional growth at all levels.

Our members will soon be receiving our 5<sup>th</sup> annual affiliate journal.

Comments from our members on past issues suggest that this publication is highly anticipated and provides excellent value for our membership dues. Indeed, renewing your membership guarantees that you'll continue to receive this journal in addition to the other benefits of membership. Thank you for continuing to support Manitoba ASCD!



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 6, 2003	<b>Kathie Nunley</b> Brain Biology and Layered Curriculum 1465 Maroons Road, Winnipeg
February 18, 2003	<b>Anne Davies</b> Assessment
May 17, 2004	<b>Thomas Sergiovanni</b> Leadership in Today's World
Sept 30, Oct. 1, 2004	<b>Jay McTighe</b>

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