

board highlights

Board of Directors Meeting | November 5, 2024

Finalizing the 2024-2025 Strategic Plan

- The Board completed its contributions to the revised CASS strategic plan at the September Planning Meeting, with final adjustments reviewed in October.
- Based on feedback, further amendments were made to ensure relevant and achievable success indicators.
- The updated strategic plan will be presented to the membership at the November AGM.
- The 2024-2025 strategic plan focuses on strengthening leadership in Alberta’s education system by deepening member engagement, offering impactful professional learning, and strengthening advocacy on key issues like budget, curriculum, and teacher recruitment.
- CASS aims to create a collaborative environment that supports professional growth for system education leaders.

2023-2024 Annual Report

- The annual report detailed a year of substantial progress in professional growth, collaboration, and strategic initiatives.
- Among the year’s achievements was the implementation of CASS’ Continuing Education Program, reinforcing its commitment to ongoing professional learning and alignment with Alberta’s professional leadership standards.
- The report also highlighted how through conditional grant funding, CASS advanced initiatives addressing workforce challenges and enhancing success for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.
- By building partnerships, promoting leadership excellence, and elevating member capacity, CASS continues to strengthen its influence across Alberta’s education landscape, marking significant strides toward equitable and effective learning environments for all students.

Summer Learning 2026 and Beyond Location/Venue

- The recent summer conference at the JW Marriott ICE District in Edmonton received high praise from delegates for the venue's quality.
- Although contracts for the 2026 and 2027 conferences are currently not urgent, beginning negotiations at this time would help secure availability and establish favourable contractual terms.
- The hotel’s proposal includes an attractive cost-effective room rate, waived banquet room rentals, and the same rates from 2025 for 2026 and 2027.
- With the proposal held until November 30, 2024, the Board made a formal motion to proceed with a contract for 2026 and 2027.

CASS Connection Themes for Spring 2025

- The Fall 2024 CASS Connection magazine launched alongside the CASS Fall Conference, with a call for abstracts for the Spring 2025 edition expected soon after.

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- The Board approved “**Professional Learning through Accreditation: Growing System Education Leadership in Alberta**” as the theme for the Spring issue, focusing on professional learning.
- Stories on how continuous professional learning empowers K-12 system education leaders to thrive in their roles; stories that showcase growth, success, and the impact of ongoing education on navigating challenges, driving innovation, and adapting to change; and stories about emerging trends and technologies in professional learning and their influence on skill development are welcomed.
- This theme will also emphasize how CEP supports ongoing learning, aligns with current priorities, and highlights its impact on system education leadership across Alberta.

CASSA Board Member Opportunity

- At its May 2022 meeting, the Board made a formal motion to have the CASS 2nd VP serve on the CASSA board for a 2-year term, and upon conclusion of the second year of service, the incoming 2nd vice president would assume the next two-year term.
- This arrangement aligns with the goal of enhancing governance knowledge on national education topics impacting Alberta.
- Dr. Reagan Weeks has agreed to serve as a CASSA board member for a two-year term, 2024-2026, prior to her assuming the president position for CASS.