

## BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) It is recognized that being a good school trustee requires experience, knowledge, and training and that merely being elected to the office of school trustee does not prepare one for the complexities of the job.

In that regard Board members are encouraged to attend workshops, conferences, seminars, and conventions.

The Division's Educational Resource Centre, the library of the government department responsible for education, the library of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees as well as many other sources of information are available to trustees.

- (b) Each year, during the course of budget discussions, the Board will decide on an amount of money to be placed in the budget for trustee development. A certain portion of that money may be budgeted for out-of-province conferences. The portion so budgeted shall be allocated equally among the nine trustees on the Board regardless of whether one or more trustees wishes to expend such funds. Expenditure of any one trustee in any one budget year for out-of-province conferences shall not exceed the allocation for that trustee except that any individual trustee may carry forward from one budget year to the next succeeding budget year his/her unexpended out-of-province development funds.
- (c) Except as may otherwise be indicated in Board Policy, all trustee development monies shall be calculated in Canadian funds.
- (d) Upon the return of a trustee from a conference, it is expected that a report will be made to the Board on the proceedings of that conference. Such a report if made orally at a regular Board meeting shall be limited to five minutes in length. Key ideas from conference reports may be referred to informal meetings for discussion.