

Fall General Assembly 2015

	Board Member	Administrator	Other	Total Responses
	61 (93.8%)	4 (6.2%)	0 (0.0%)	65

Overall Rating:

	(1) Poor	(2) Fair	(3) Good	(4) Very Good	(5) Excellent	Total Responses
	0 (0.0%)	5 (8.1%)	25 (40.3%)	25 (40.3%)	7 (11.3%)	62

RATE THE CONTENT

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
1. How to Fit a Heart Attack into Your Busy Schedule!	17 (26.2%)	25 (38.5%)	12 (18.5%)	5 (7.7%)	2 (3.1%)	5 (7.7%)	65
2. Youth Panel	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.5%)	11 (16.7%)	16 (24.2%)	36 (54.5%)	0 (0.0%)	66
3. Networking Groups Discussion - Budget/Resolutions	3 (4.6%)	8 (12.3%)	17 (26.2%)	22 (33.8%)	14 (21.5%)	1 (1.5%)	65
4. Premier's Address	1 (1.5%)	5 (7.6%)	14 (21.2%)	24 (36.4%)	21 (31.8%)	2 (3.0%)	66
5. Banquet Awards/Monday Evening Social	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	19 (29.7%)	25 (39.1%)	19 (29.7%)	1 (1.6%)	64
6. Minister Morgan's Address	0 (0.0%)	4 (6.2%)	17 (26.2%)	28 (43.1%)	11 (16.9%)	5 (7.7%)	65
7. Financial Literacy - Jane Rooney	0 (0.0%)	5 (7.6%)	27 (40.9%)	22 (33.3%)	5 (7.6%)	7 (10.6%)	66
8. Risk Management - Dave Jackson	0 (0.0%)	4 (6.2%)	16 (24.6%)	25 (38.5%)	4 (6.2%)	16 (24.6%)	65

RATE THE OVERALL EVENT COORDINATION:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Total Responses
1. Processes for Bylaws and Resolutions	2 (3.0%)	10 (15.2%)	25 (37.9%)	26 (39.4%)	3 (4.5%)	66
2. Use of Time and Pace of Activities	5 (7.6%)	9 (13.6%)	28 (42.4%)	18 (27.3%)	6 (9.1%)	66
3. Event Location (Radisson Hotel)	3 (4.5%)	1 (1.5%)	11 (16.7%)	38 (57.6%)	13 (19.7%)	66
4. Meals	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.6%)	11 (16.9%)	33 (50.8%)	18 (27.7%)	65

What would you like to see more of at future Annual General Meetings and Assemblies?

The 33 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

What would you like to see less of at Annual General Meetings and Assemblies?

The 23 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Other comments and suggestions regarding the Annual General Meeting and Fall General Assembly:

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Appendix

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#	Response
1.	Motivational speakers who actually motivate!
2.	More PD on policy governance
3.	Board development
4.	I heard from several trustees that a return to specific breakout PD sessions would be of interest. Topics could include, Understanding the education Act and Regulations, Understanding the SPTRB, How to be an effective Chair etc.
5.	I thought that the meetings to discuss the resolutions were very good. When there are more resolutions you will have to allow more time. Also, how about mixing the groups so that individual resolutions can be better discussed.
6.	The mix of activities was very good.
7.	youth panel
8.	When there is a small group discussion on bylaws, one rep from those who are presenting bylaws so questions can be asked.
9.	Youth Panels.
10.	Parlementary procedure seesion on conducting meetings, glossery of definitions explained etc. A seminar was given at the CSBA in Ottawa it was very enlightening
11.	Trustee Governance Modules, even just for a refresher.
12.	I appreciated the advanced group meeting to review the bylaws and resolutions.
13.	Professional Development type speakers; session(s) on current topics. 45-60 minute block is fine.
14.	more local aboriginal presentations on treaties and history of the First Nations and Metis
15.	Better organization with voting for the Resolutions
16.	it was all good
17.	Different hotel
18.	More small group discussions - a chance to meet and dialogue with other trustees.
19.	I really appreciated the debate and discussion during resolution time, I'm a strong believer that the truth is not known until many voices are heard!
20.	I was quite satisfied with the organization of the Annual general meeting.
21.	No suggestions. I think it met our needs as school board members.
22.	Strategic Lobbying (ie the prepared questions for the Minister) was great - more of this in the future!

23.	student panel time-more time for questions. Also consistent breaks!!
24.	Time and form to debate real issues that we avoid.
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26.	Networking
27.	professional development
28.	More professional development and information on relevant issues.
29.	Presentations
30.	Reduce Sunday and have a two day conference going later in the afternoon
31.	Focus on. Diabetes prevention strategies
32.	During resolution group session it would be good if a rep from each resolution could be present in each room.
33.	More discussion on why boards spend each portion of the budget. Example do we need superintendents,co-ordinators and consultants?

What would you like to see less of at Annual General Meetings and Assemblies? |

#	Response
1.	1.I personally feel like student panel could be offered every other year. What we hear from students doesn't change drastically in a year. 2.Gifts and unnecessary expenditures. Having printed material available online for those interested.
2.	resolutions
3.	Nothing that I can think of
4.	Mix of activities was good this time.
5.	amendments to the amendments
6.	Less time spent on reviewing things that have already been done.
7.	networking group was in my opinion a waste of time, could have started the actual presentation and voting of bylaws in that time frame.
8.	Heart Attack seminar totally irrevelant
9.	Separate presentations to members not attending section meetings. Dave Jackson's presentation would have been of benefit to the entire group.
10.	I thought the small group session was somewhat redundant; we did it all over again in large group.
11.	no comment
12.	nothing
13.	The time between some sessions were too much time in between
14.	No suggestions.

15.	It was a good balance of business and speakers.
16.	Fatty foods!!
17.	Down time
18.	Less fill ie: heart attack and risk management pieces.
19.	Less discussion on Budget and Resolutions as we have discussed prior to AGM.
20.	No
21.	Comedian was terrible and offensive.
22.	It seems we try hard to put "fillers" in a little too much, by the time the day is over everyone is exhausted and there is very little time for social networking
23.	Condensed to one evening and a day.

Other comments and suggestions regarding the Annual General Meeting and Fall General Assembly: |

#	Response
1.	We need to take time to acknowledge our student scholarship winners. We are here for the students and in two minutes we could have had them stand and tell them how proud we are of them. The premier would not have minded a two minute wait, in fact I would hope that he would have insisted on it had he known.
2.	Philip Jones was a very poor choice for a motivational speaker. The banquet did not recognize the Mayor of Saskatoon. In the future I would like to see the scholarship winners brought up to the podium and recognized.
3.	Extremely well planned and well run
4.	Encourage participants to keep side conversations to a minimum and feel free to use the lobby for conversations not relating to the speaker or presentation.
5.	Good comedian
6.	Congrats to the Policy and Resolutions Committee and the Parlaimentairian for their work on the resolutions. I think it may be helpful for the Policy and Resolutions committee to turn a critical eye to resolutions and possibly suggest edits to Boards to ensure clarity of intent and consistency in language.
7.	Isn't there supposed to be an Executive Director's report presented at an AGM?
8.	The comedian was outstanding!! It was so good to laugh.
9.	speakers with information about the future and how we will continue with 21st cntury leaning. As we know some of programs for teaching are very old.
10.	Better Communication. Microphones that work!
11.	I feel that this conference could have ended at 03:00 PM of Monday as there was no actual business involving board member after that time. We could have travelled home that evening and saved the tax payer the additional expenses hotel rooms and per diems for the following day.

12. Better use of time for board members than last year
13. If your going to put a networking group discussion in the agenda, then make sure there is someone from each resolution is there to explain/ answer questions regarding the resolutions being presented. Otherwise it is a waste of time.
14. Time could be tightened up. Break out groups for bylaw discussions were useless.
15. I really appreciate all the work that is done by the staff for this event. They are so efficient! And it shows!
16. I think we need to get back to the basics of teaching trustees how to be trustees. How to deal with conflict of interest, laws, ethics, etc.
17. Thanks for your work to continue to meet the needs of the SSBA!
18. Tighten up the schedule a bit. The hotel meal 'service' on Sunday evening was once again deplorable. Waited well over an hour for our food. Missed part of the main event upstairs.
19. Thanks to the hard work of the SSBA administrative team.
20. just keep it the way it is
21. Would like to see business meeting run a little tighter
22. very good and quick
23. Public session. Same topic all the time. Children's education is most important-- let's talk about educating our children.
24. The entertainment on Monday night was exceptional. Thanks to all the SSBA staff for a job well done.
25. Johnny Bagpipes was a very entertaining comedian and in my opinion was a great addition to the post-banquet atmosphere
26. The AGM/Fall Assembly made good use of time. It was efficient and productive - not a lot of down time. I appreciated dovetailing meetings where possible (ie public section, chair's meetings).
27. I always really enjoy the youth panels. However, one of the students spoke about a topic she knew nothing about! The girl from Estevan spoke about the "Bridge School". Estevan does not have a bridge school - it is the North Portal Campus . It is a new building with amazing teachers and resources . It is an excellent facility for students who can't succeed in a regular classroom environment. We don't know what this student "saw", but we believe that she drove to the old , empty building, and chose to speak about that! What can be done to ensure what students are speaking about is from their own experiences, rather than an occurrence like this again! We love having our students involved , and are not afraid of negative or constructive comments that are true! The moderator does an excellent job, but students need to speak from their experience! I was also very disappointed about union members being present at the business portions of the AGM. Boards need to be able to discuss and speak candidly about resolutions and issues. Our Board will certainly support processes needed to allow that to happen.
28. A system of electronic voting. I have attended Credit Union delegate meetings where electronic devices were used for voting. This speeded things up significantly and required far less manpower. The overall pace of the assembly was glacial. Things need to be

tightened up. Its a long time to be in Saskatoon to cover what seems to me to be a limited amount of ground.
29. Board members paying more attention to the meetings!!!
30. There seems to be a disconnect between members at large and SSBA
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32. Invited guests not be allowed to sit in budget and resolution sessions
33. 1) Clarification and enforcement of non-SSBA members during closed-meetings 2) Kudos to the SSBA staff for the time and effort put into organizing these events for the membership!
34. Innovative education success stories.
35. I enjoyed the AGM and Fall Assembly, kudos to SSBA staff.
36. appreciated the extra session presented by dave jackson for what would otherwise been a wasted time slot
37. Great sessions
38. I really appreciate all the work that is done by the staff for this event. They are so efficient! And it shows!