



# Spring General Assembly 2015

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Board Member		88.1%	59
Administrator		11.9%	8
Other		0.0%	0
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>67</b>

## Overall Rating

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Total Responses
Rate the overall event:	0 (0.0%)	6 (9.1%)	21 (31.8%)	33 (50.0%)	6 (9.1%)	66

## 1. Blended Education - Sun West School Division

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective practice model for consideration.	0 (0.0%)	4 (6.3%)	11 (17.5%)	18 (28.6%)	12 (19.0%)	18 (28.6%)	63
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (1.7%)	5 (8.6%)	12 (20.7%)	19 (32.8%)	5 (8.6%)	16 (27.6%)	58

## 2. Tell Them from Me Survey – Ministry of Education

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (1.5%)	2 (3.0%)	16 (23.9%)	18 (26.9%)	5 (7.5%)	25 (37.3%)	67

### 3. Trusteeship in Saskatchewan – Leslie Anderson

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	19 (27.9%)	45 (66.2%)	2 (2.9%)	68

### 4. Chinook School Division Reading Program

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective practice model for consideration.	1 (1.5%)	6 (9.2%)	19 (29.2%)	22 (33.8%)	10 (15.4%)	7 (10.8%)	65
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	2 (3.2%)	8 (12.9%)	18 (29.0%)	18 (29.0%)	10 (16.1%)	6 (9.7%)	62

### 5. Hub and COR Model – Dale McFee

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.6%)	23 (35.4%)	18 (27.7%)	17 (26.2%)	4 (6.2%)	65

### 6. SSBA Governance Review – Johnson Shoyama

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided a beneficial update on their work to date.	7 (10.3%)	14 (20.6%)	25 (36.8%)	12 (17.6%)	7 (10.3%)	3 (4.4%)	68

## 7. Networking Meetings

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provides an effective forum to hear from boards?	0 (0.0%)	8 (11.8%)	11 (16.2%)	27 (39.7%)	13 (19.1%)	9 (13.2%)	68
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	8 (12.1%)	10 (15.2%)	26 (39.4%)	13 (19.7%)	9 (13.6%)	66

## RATE THE OVERALL EVENT COORDINATION

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Use of time and pace of activities	1 (1.5%)	8 (11.8%)	22 (32.4%)	23 (33.8%)	14 (20.6%)	0 (0.0%)	68
Event location (Doubletree Hilton Hotel)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.4%)	6 (8.8%)	36 (52.9%)	23 (33.8%)	0 (0.0%)	68
Format created sufficient opportunity for membership voice	0 (0.0%)	9 (13.4%)	24 (35.8%)	20 (29.9%)	13 (19.4%)	1 (1.5%)	67
Meals	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	17 (25.4%)	24 (35.8%)	26 (38.8%)	0 (0.0%)	67

**Please provide any additional comments that may help us with future events.**

The 28 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

## Appendix

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#	Response
1.	Just a suggestion, for our discussions as regional Boards, introduce topics of discussion early in conference then have scheduled Board discussions mid conference and not last thing on conference agenda when many have already gone home.
2.	The room cost appears to be more costly than other facilities.
3.	Tired of public section. Same topic for many times. Let's move on.  There are other more topics to be discussed. Children's education-that is why we are trustees.
4.	General "good job" feedback doesn't provide you with any constructive evaluation but it does help to know that the work your doing is on the mark. So...good job!
5.	<p>I think the governance review will help move us in the right direction. I thought the event was well executed and it was clear that much work and time had gone into the organization - however, I don't feel our Board benefited from anything at the conference beyond the networking opportunities (and personal enjoyment from things like Leslie's speech, catching up, etc).</p> <p>As we all work to identify a few key items which are of importance to all Boards, I would love more opportunities to network and dialogue with other Boards... if we could do something like a theme-based Board-speed-dating activity (or something comparable) - that would be awesome! For example - large urban boards like Regina public obviously have large numbers of students who need extra supports and considerations. However - I know smaller/rural/northern boards will also have students who need extra supports... it'd be nice to dialogue on how our boards approach issues of common important (like supports for learning, etc).</p> <p>Thank you to everyone at the SSBA for all their hard work in putting on the event.</p>
6.	One of the better spring assemblies
7.	<p>The Networking meetings are excellent, even though it was difficult to provide meaningful feedback on the "governance proposal." It seems that the proposal was still evolving due to the storm that prevented 10-12 Chairs from being present at the March discussion so the guiding questions were not as clear as sometimes in the past, and there were chairs and trustees who had little or no discussion with home boards.</p> <p>I believe the networking meetings are an essential part of the SSBA Assemblies. Perhaps consider moving them earlier in the agenda so fewer trustees miss them due to travel requirements.</p>
8.	Time was very well spent, will say much better than our Members Council. Thank you!
9.	Loved the event location. Thought Leslie was the highlight.
10.	The networking meeting of the Northern & Aboriginal constituencies always seem rushed. The attendance is always minimal, unfortunately with the results of the last Aboriginal constituency election was not favorable to some and thus are no longer participating in the

<p>sessions that have anything to do with both groups.</p> <p>Spring Assembly was great, travel is always a challenge.</p>
<p>11. Absolutely loved Leslie's talk on trusteeship. Excellent way to start everything off.</p> <p>The deputy ministers presentation on The Hub and Core was very informative.</p> <p>The choice of venue was awesome. Very glad that I went.</p>
<p>12. Accommodations were excellent. Thank you!</p>
<p>13. The build your own salad at lunchtime was amazing...lots of different vegetables (eggplant, peppers, etc.) It was great for vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. Great choices! The best meal ever!</p>
<p>14. In light of the rather controversial meeting with Minister Morgan, I strongly believe good things have come from the meeting. I always find any networking opportunities extremely beneficial! Looking forward to CSBA in Saskatoon!</p>
<p>15. Great planning. Keep up the good work!!</p>
<p>16. Although this was really outside of the Assembly if there is a way to pass on feedback it would be helpful. The Wall Walk was good but would be so much easier to follow if the charts were enlarged so that we could see what each presenter was referring to. Some presenters were introduced only by first name with out reference to where they are from. With the considerable turnover of Directors from last year to this year we, as board members, don't always get a chance to know who these people are until they have been around for a while. If you note something of interest it is good to be able to follow up with that division. Thank you</p>
<p>17. I was unable to stay for the Friday afternoon sessions, hence the NA. I appreciated the connection to the work in the province in terms of ESSP. Great conference!</p>
<p>18. I would have found it more beneficial to have the questions about SSBA Governance presented at the beginning on the first day and then discussed the second day. That would have given us time to talk with our fellow trsutees, ask questions for claification and come up with well thought out responses.</p>
<p>19. This hotel has excellent services (except that we waited two hours for our food for dinner). the rooms were great, the conference meals were great, the coffee was excellent. HOWEVER the parking at this hotel is the pits. It is a crap shoot trying to park a half ton truck. I had the added disadvantage of having a half-ton with a handicap friend who needed handicap parking...ONE stall in front of the front door...was occupied by a handicap parker the entire conference time. I always say these conferences should be held on the outskirts of Regina because of the terrible parking situation in Regina downtown.</p>
<p>20. Well planned out events. No wasted time. This was a very good conference. Good job to all people involved.</p>
<p>21. If it wasn't for the parking all good</p>
<p>22. Overall it was very good, very good information was provided</p>
<p>23. Always good to have Networking Meetings...should be worked in at every event.</p>
<p>24. Well done I thought it was very interesting, one of the best I have attended.</p>

25. All was very good, glad that I had attended.

26. The Spring Assembly provides a significant opportunity for the SSBA to review and assess organizational direction in its' core mandate. It provides a provincial context to check where the organization has been, are and needs to go.

Respectfully, I believe the educational sessions provided at this assembly serve to confuse the mandate of our local Board of Education. Only the "SSBA Governance Review" session was directly linked to defined roles of the SSBA. This is a huge initiative of the SSBA; but no other time was allocated to the roles and responsibilities defined in this new governance structure. We have heard since February that this was going to be a tight, fiscal restraint year; implications of the newly implemented CBA; the massive infrastructure deficit in the province; there are huge governance issues with significant provincial change in the organization of the STF and the new teacher certification body; what are the direct connections between Boards of Education and the ESSP (from a 'governance" perspective and NOT hearing about individual school divisions); and how will the SSBA manage the hot potato of the now pending court case between two sections within the Association. That is a pretty important list of issues I believe are all within the mandate of the SSBA Role/Responsibility. So it continues to surprise me that there are no sessions, like within this assembly for the SSBA to hear from Boards in an effort to support the SSBA Executive to formulate plans for provincial advocacy to move a provincial SSBA initiatives forward. Sharing sessions at the provincial SSBA level have minimal impact on change on SSBA governance or even individual school division operations. I believe unsolicited, individual Board, educational sharing sessiond do more to confuse trustees than they do to help/assist.

I have, no doubt, done a poor job communicating my thoughts and am very receptive if someone reading this wants to call me for greater clarification. Please understand that I am a HUGE proponent for the SSBA and want to see it successful in its' continued effort to advance and enhance education opportunities in this province in what Leslie described as these "challenging times" that are different, but no less challenging than previous periods of Boards and the SSBA. So I just wanted to provide "food for thought" in my "distorted" way to assist the Executive in their sincere desire to make a difference in the work of the SSBA. Thanks for that.

Respectfully Doug Robertson

27. Overall, a very good assembly, however, I found that the "Chinook School Division Reading Program" was a bit too long. It was apparent that looking over the crowd, that many were perhaps not that engaged. Also, I suggest that when in images are projected on the screen, that the lights be dimmed. Often what was displayed was difficult to see from the back of the hall. The Spring Assembly was an excellent opportunity to connect/network with other trustees. Thanks for the good work in organizing this event.

28. don't see the need for such a long 'supper break' on day one. would have been better to end a bit earlier having had a fairly long day all ready with travelling down in the morning. parking was very poor when arriving around noon as well. in the future should find out if the section meetings are meant to be executive only or not and perhaps schedule alternate sessions if in fact those are executive. what happened to the idea that we are in regina partly to have access to government - some kind of bearpit session should be considered.