



Looking Back: Association Amalgamation



Norman McGillivray and Emmett Hall marking the amalgamation of two associations in 1951

Discussions took place in 1949 and 1950 between Norman McGillivray and Emmett Hall – presidents of the Association (then known as the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association) and the Catholic School Trustees' Association of Saskatchewan – to pursue the possibility of uniting the groups. Also involved was B.J. Klotz, an SSTA executive member and member of the Catholic association.

McGillivray reported in late 1950 that the Catholic association's executive had sanctioned amalgamation, subject to ratification by the general membership. The news was welcomed and the Association's executive began working on a constitutional amendment to guarantee section status and executive representation for the Catholic group. In April 1951, the general meeting of the Catholic association took place concurrently with a pre-convention meeting for the Association's executive. Klotz brought word that a motion to amalgamate was adopted unanimously by the Catholic group and the Catholic trustees were then invited to attend the subsequent Association convention.

Today, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association is proud to represent all public, separate and francophone school divisions and to reflect the rural, urban and northern diversity of our province.