



# MAPC Newsletter



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## President's Message

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another progressive year. In looking back, MAPC has undergone unprecedented changes that have been both exciting and challenging. The necessity of those changes, have been supported by our members, funder and educational stakeholders.

It is important to note that, as an organization changes and improves, it sometimes distances itself from its own constitution. That has proven to be the case with MAPC as evident at our recent Annual General Meeting where a significant number of necessary constitutional changes were presented to membership for approval. In further researching our particular circumstances, we have seen that other partner organizations have faced this same crossroad and challenge.

We have had some interesting discussions surrounding the limitations of our current constitution with our members and with our board of directors and, in doing our research, have learnt that we have the ability and option to propose to membership at our next AGM, that we revoke our current constitution in "toto" and replace it with a newer version. This could be done upon due notice and with the opportunity for input and feedback to be given by our voting membership. This is what we are proposing for the coming year.

A draft new constitution will be presented to our voting members for discussion, input and feedback in the hopes that we will be able to adopt a foundation document that better reflects our current and future goals as an organization. There will be significant opportunity throughout the coming year for our members to review and provide direction to our board on this newly proposed governing document.

We are counting on all of our voting members, both new and old, to discuss, determine and ultimately decide how this new constitution will look. You will be the conduit to creating a document that truly reflects where we are and where we hope to grow. This is especially important now as we grow as an organization and in how we honour where we started some 100 years ago. Thank you for your continued support and direction.

Judith Cameron  
President, MAPC

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# Calling all Volunteers!

# 100 Years!

MAPC will be celebrating 100 years of parental involvement and urgently needs your assistance in a couple of research activities. The first one will involve researching MAPC alumni - looking for names of any board directors and/or staff that may have been part of MAPC's history. The other research we need assistance with is in the area of parental involvement in schools across Manitoba over the last century! If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please call the MAPC office at 204-956-1770. This is your opportunity to get more involved with MAPC and will help us celebrate the historical contributions of many special people!

PLEASE NOTE  
THE MAPC  
OFFICE WILL  
OFFICIALLY  
CLOSE ON JUNE  
24, 2011 AND  
RE-OPEN ON  
SEPTEMBER 6,  
2011

### *Did you know....*

*That on October 30, 1913, King George School in Brandon, MB held a social evening to discuss the formation of a Home and School Association? The object of forming such a body would be to knit together more closely the two places in which the child spends the majority of his time.*

*MAPC is celebrating 100 years of parental involvement in Manitoba Schools in 2012!*

Source: [www.manitoba.ca](http://www.manitoba.ca), as reported in the Brandon Daily Sun, October 31, 1913

## MAPC Board of Directors

### Executive Board

Judith Cameron - President  
Alanna Rawluk—Vice-President  
Linda Meads—Treasurer  
Marilyn Kolody—Secretary

### Directors

Milli Khan  
Khalid Mahmood  
Martin Simmons  
Ethel Raine  
Lynn Nolden

### Winnipeg Office

Naomi Kruse - Executive Director/Project Coordinator  
Renee Ritchot - Administrative Assistant

## Why Does Membership With MAPC Matter?

By registering as a member of Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC), you continue to ensure that the parental voice in Manitoba's education system is carried to the government and other provincial education organizations.

Membership benefits also include:

- Workshops and professional development opportunities for parent councils
- Seasonal newsletters and semi-monthly e-bulletins
- Reduced fees to attend the Annual Spring Conference
- Participation at the Annual General Meeting where *you* have the opportunity to vote on behalf of *your* parent council about matters concerning parents involved in the education system in Manitoba.

Call the MAPC office at (204) 956-1770 or toll free at 1-877-290-4702, or visit our website at [www.mapc.mb.ca](http://www.mapc.mb.ca), to learn more about *your* membership with Manitoba Association of Parent Councils.

## Contacting MAPC

If your parent group is considering booking a presentation - or is looking for some support and resources to help run your group more effectively - please contact the MAPC office and we will put you in touch with your local representative or another director who would be more than happy to assist you!

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