

Message from the Chair:

All of us are eagerly anticipating the start of the 2022-2023 school year. There is a sense of hope that we can begin to work in an environment that is driven by possibilities rather than restrictions. We look forward to working with the people in our communities, schools, and school systems this year.



I, too, am beginning the year with a lot of excitement and energy for the new challenges ahead. As I end my term as Chair of the Association, I am returning to a principalship in the HRCE at Georges P. Vanier Junior High. Like all of you, I am deep in the preparation

stages with school staff so we are ready to welcome our students next week.

Dr. Scott Armstrong, former Principal of South Colchester Academy in the CCRCE, is Chair-Elect and has assumed the day-to-day role of representing the Board on behalf of the Association in all matters. The Association is very fortunate to have Scott in this leadership role. He brings his experience as an educator and administrator at multiple levels and a former Member of Parliament from 2009 to 2015. This diverse background will serve the Association well as it builds on the work that has been completed over the past four years. Scott will formally take office as of our October AGM in accordance with our by-laws.

We have successfully established a foundation comprised of our member services supports, professional learning opportunities, collaborations and partnerships, financial stability, sound governance, and negotiations with the DEECD. In June we finalized the Memorandum of Understanding with a clear mandate from the Board of Directors and endorsement by the membership. We anticipate that the government compensation framework review for non-union positions in public education will be concluded in the near future. With these components in place, the organization can continue to grow.

This school year should be an opportunity to revitalize our spirits, reconnect with one another, and rekindle the passion that leads us to serve in public education.

Tim Simony,
Chair

2022 Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference:

PSAANS CONFERENCE
PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

OCTOBER 28, 2022
AT THE WESTIN HOTEL, HALIFAX

Leading For Well-Being!

Keynote Speakers

Andy Hargreaves
Author of "Well-Being in Schools"
(co-authored with Dennis Shirley)

Nancy Regan
Author of "From Showing Off to Showing Up"

Featuring two keynote speakers and two sets of concurrent sessions including:

- Trauma-sensitive Leadership (English & French)
- Positive School Culture
- Brain Friendly Classrooms (English & French)

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN SEPTEMBER

The Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference will be held on Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Westin Nova Scotia in Halifax. This year's theme is "Leading For Well-Being" and will feature two keynotes. There will also be opportunities to attend Concurrent Sessions, some of which will be available in French. **Further details will be distributed on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.**

Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference (continued):

PSAANS Retirement Celebration: The Celebration will take place Thursday, October 27, 2022, at The Westin, 7:00 pm. To purchase a ticket (\$60.00), please follow the process on the registration page.

Conference Registration Fee: \$125.00 (payable on-line). Members should apply through Article 60 funding as per their Regional / CSAP funding guidelines.

On-line Registration: Available via www.psaans.ca (September 6, 2022). Receipts will be issued upon registration.

Hotel Booking: A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Westin Nova Scotian for Thursday, October 27, 2022 and for Friday, October, 28, 2022 (for those who require two nights). The rate per room is \$225.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. To avail of the conference rate, hotel reservations are available immediately and will be available until Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Any rooms not booked during that time will be released back to the hotel. Please use the link below to book your hotel room:

[Book your group rate for Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia Annual Conference](#)

If you prefer, you can call the hotel at 1-866-761-3513 to book your room.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 6, 2022: Information distribution and registration opens for the Annual PSAANS Professional Learning Conference.

Thursday, September 8, 2022: 2022-2023 Board of Directors Election and Appointment Information communicated to members.

Monday, September 12, 2022: Nominations open for the Board of Directors Election and Appointments.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022: Nominations close for the Board of Directors Election and Appointments.

Friday, September 23, 2022: Candidate information for the Board of Directors Election posted to the PSAANS website.

Tuesday, September 27, 2022: Annual General Meeting information communicated to members.

Wednesday, September 28, 2022: Election for the Board of Directors.

Thursday, September 29, 2022: Election results for the Board of Directors announced.

Thursday, October 6, 2022: Appointments to the Board of Directors announced.

Tuesday, October 18, 2022: Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 4:00 pm (Virtual / In-person)

Thursday, October 27, 2022: PSAANS Annual Retirement Celebration.

Friday, October 28, 2022: PSAANS Annual Professional Learning Conference.