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Our 26th annual SHBE convention was a success—from the opening session where someone was spotted in SHBE colours... All the way to the vendor hall and workshop sessions. Thank you for attending, and for your encouragement in the evaluation forms. It was a pleasure having Steve Demme from Building Faith Families and Demme Learning with us for the weekend. His sessions were challenging and encouraging.



The homeschool completion recognition event was a highlight for me again this year. Each student and family is so different—so diverse. If you missed it this year, I encourage you to take it in next year—it is inspiring to hear the different paths each of the students has taken, where

they've excelled, and what their future plans are. It is a reminder that we really can do this! It was also a pleasure to have Lisa McManus from HSLDA here in Regina. She is an associate lawyer with HSLDA and had been working with a number of families from Saskatchewan in the past year, so it was great to have her as well.

This is a good opportunity to thank the volunteers that helped at the convention. We truly couldn't do it without you. All those who helped in used books, the children's convention, and other various ways over the weekend—thank you, so much. Also the beautiful flower arrangements that were provided by Ian & Barbie Clark and Family—2nd generation flowers from 2nd generation homeschoolers! You can visit them at Enchanted Florist, Prince Albert, Shellbrook Flowers 'N More or Spiritwood Flowers & Greenhouses. They truly brightened up the building!

If you weren't able to attend, your membership may be expiring and you can renew it quickly and easily on our website [here](#). On odd years, the odd numbered zone reps are up for election and on even years, the even numbered zones are elected. A director at large can be from any zone in the province and serve 2 years, so they are elected as needed. This year there is 2 director at large positions to be elected and members will be receiving a ballot in the mail this week. It needs to be returned to the Election Chairman, Gerald Fortier, before May 12. So please make sure to look for the email that he sent containing the bio information for the 3 candidates that have been nominated. If you have any questions about the candidates or the process, please contact the help desk at help@shbe.info.



MAKE sure to find THINGS TO KNOW on the second page—it contains communication from the SHBE board.



Well, the surest sign of spring has hit Saskatchewan - It's Annual Progress Report time for homeschoolers!! I know there are lots of veteran homeschoolers who have done this many times already, and for some of you this will be your first time reporting. Here are just a few things to remember when you are working on your reports.

According to the Home Based Education Policy Manual, all home educators must keep a portfolio of work for each student, and hold onto this record for two years. The portfolio of work consists of:

- o a periodic log; and,*
- o one of the following for each of the broad annual goals:*
 - a detailed summative record;*
 - sufficient samples of work; or,*
 - a summative record and samples of work.*

Beyond this, you are required to submit to your school division an annual progress report.

*Home-based educators shall choose **one of the following options** for the format of each annual progress report:*

o the portfolio of work and with sufficient detail for the registering authority to assess the educational progress of the home-based learner;

o test results of the home-based learner who has taken a nationally normed standardized achievement test; or,

o test results of the home-based learner who has taken a nationally normed standardized achievement test administered by the home-based educator, or another person at the expense of the home-based educator. (see the policy manual for more information about this choice.)

SHBE and the Home School Legal Defence Association have put together some forms that you can fill out to make this process simple for you. The forms choose the reporting option of providing a periodic log and a summative record. We felt this was the best way to provide the information required by the regulations and it works for all learning styles and all types of materials used.

Please note that these forms are completely optional. If you like to report another way, go for it! I know that these forms made reporting much simpler for me and I am finished putting together my reports really quickly.



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