

Youth Parliament of Manitoba

Year in Review

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2013 was a great year for the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

- Speaker's Night was very successful
- Cabinet bonded incredibly well over the year
- Winter Session went off without a hitch

We had some set backs

- We did not recruit enough rural and northern members
- We had some critiques of alienation over the course of the session

Last year I put forward several suggestions for how to run the youth parliament

- We maintained the community bond within the organization, with the lowest turnover rate of cabinet and executive in the modern history of YPM
- We made it possible to allow anyone to come to session regardless of cost
- We made a surplus and will put that money into increasing the accessibility and reduce the cost of session to volunteers
- We have maintained our connections with external organizations such as the Speaker's Office, the AFMMLA, West Broadway and Career Trek
- We have continued to use modern technology to increase our presence in the community and society at large, I had about 40 people ask me about why I was on TV
- Increased Alumni support with the newsletter, but overall the support has been less than expected
- Additionally we have stabilized cabinet with a consistent structure that continues year to year with the exception of some temporary position which are created with the explicit description of being temporary
- The use of 1 on 1 skype conversations with the Premier worked incredibly well, though they could have been better organized

Unfortunately we did not achieve some of these goals

- Recruitment is still a thorn in our side
- Exec have a tendency to go out of town, which is to be expected when many of them are entering graduate school, yet still an issue
- Speaker's Night has been a very cost/time intensive fundraiser

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Suggestions for this year's Executive

- Maintain the connection with cabinet through 1 on 1 meetings
- Add backbenchers to additional events during the fall
- Forgive me for not being able to make it back during the Summer, though I will be coming back in September

Suggestion for this year's membership

- The cabinet applications that have been sent out are the first of a series of minor changes in the organization that will make it easier on you to participate
- Please feel free to contact me at any time for a chat about literally anything, I know that many of you will be entering university soon, entering serious relationships or wanting to increase your participation in the organization.
- Until I come back to Winnipeg I will host monthly (maybe more often) hangout sessions where people can hang out and get to know each other and talk about what ever floats your boat.
- Also keep up the snapchats!