

My name is Deb Verhart. I am running for the position of Executive Officer.

I am an excellent candidate for this position. For several years, I have served as our Branch Treasurer. During the past five years, I have attended Council meetings regularly, either with our Branch President or in his stead when he is unable to attend. I have also attended the Annual Meeting of the District Assembly for the last four or five years as our Branch delegate. In addition, I was a participant in the President's training when it was held in Windsor a few years ago. In 2016, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly in Toronto as an Alternate and last May, I served as a delegate at the Status of Women Committee and Human Rights Committee Conference held in Toronto.

I have taught for over 20 years at Ridgetown District High School. During that time, I have taught English and French. I am currently the Resource teacher at RDHS, a role I have held for over six years. I am also a member of our Student Success team. I do continue to teach one line of French as well each semester. In my teaching career, I have held the position of Curriculum Leader. In addition, I served as the Chair of the Languages DSM, during which time, I chaired meetings and led in the development of our OSSTF PD Days (when we had them!).

I feel I am a strong candidate to provide leadership on the District Executive. In addition to the experience I have gained serving in various capacities with OSSTF, I have also developed my leadership skills in other areas. I have been an Owner Representative for the Blenheim Branch of Libro for over 16 years and have served as Chair of our council, conducting meetings, for 10 of those years. Furthermore, I am currently an Executive Member of the Blenheim Legion, a role I have hold for the past two years.

I believe that I would be an excellent choice for the position of Executive Officer and I look forward to serving our members in that capacity!