



## OSSTF UPDATE EMAILS

Provincial Office is again utilizing their email systems to contact members directly regarding provincial union matters. Regularly scheduled emails go out to members on Friday afternoons, and additional email items of a time sensitive nature are emailed as needed. The most recent example was a reminder and log-in details for the central bargaining Town Hall update meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11. If you are not receiving these important and timely communications, contact the District Office so we can ensure your email address on file with Provincial Office is up-to-date.

## ANNUAL STAFFING PROCESSES

As per Article L21, permanent members are notified if they have been declared redundant or surplus for the upcoming school year on or before April 30 (28). District 10 members are reminded to refer to the full Article 21 of the Collective Agreement (posted on our website) to review “Redundancy, Recall, Transfer, and Surplus Procedures”. As in past years, we anticipate the first round of any available permanent positions will posted in early May, with subsequent rounds following if required. Retirement notifications continue to arrive at the District Office which can also influence staffing decisions at the board-wide and school levels. At this time, we have received six official retirement notifications for the current school year. Members with any questions regarding the staffing process are encouraged to contact the District Office for advice and assistance.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY (AMDA)

The AMDA (Annual Meeting of District Assembly), is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. While the deadline has passed for on-time resolutions, late resolutions can still be submitted prior to AMDA—the only difference is they require a higher vote count. Only AMDA delegates in attendance can submit late resolutions “from the floor”. More information about AMDA can be found on the District website here: <http://www.osstfd10.ca/amda.htm>

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY (AMPA)

AMPA is the annual general meeting where decisions are made that affect the entire Federation. Many thanks to our dedicated District delegation: Jason Chambers, Avinash Manju Ghosh, Meighen McGregor, Chloe McKinnon, Dave Parkes, Jennifer Rankin, Deborah Reitberger.

This was also a provincial election year. Elected for a two year term were Karen Littlewood, President; Martha Hradowy and Malini Leahy, Vice Presidents; Jeff Denys, Treasurer; Roxanne Beauchamp, Sherry-Ann Bowen-Gordon, and Colin Matthew, Executive Officers.

## FEDERATION FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Provincial Office has established a bursary program to financially assist the children of OSSTF members. *“Each year, ten awards valued at \$1,500 are presented to children of members who will be pursuing their first post-secondary degree / diploma / certificate at a college, university, or apprenticeship program of their choice. The Federation Family Education Funds are awarded through a lottery process.”*

(<http://www.osstf.on.ca/federation-family-education-fund-en>).

Additional criteria and an application form for the Federation Family Education Fund can be found on the Provincial website link listed. **The annual deadline for applications is April 15.**

## DISTRICT 10 OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

This week, all members received communication regarding a variety of District 10 Committee Officer positions that will be available starting July 1, 2023 for a two-year term:

- Communications and Political Action/Excellence in Education
- Educational Services
- Human Rights
- Status of Women

The positions are posted on the District website and social media accounts, as well. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 28, 2023. All members with an interest in union activism are strongly encouraged to apply.

## ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM (ASP) UPDATE

Ongoing communications between the employer and Federation to address ASP issues have resulted in a recent agreement to address various ASP components. An all-member email was distributed to District 10 members on Friday, March 24 with an important update specific to OSSTF members and the ASP—members should make themselves aware of the contents of this communication. The District Office continues to monitor the implementation of ASP within the LKDSB. Any communication from the employer to members in any formal or informal format should be promptly reported to the District Office for advice and assistance.

## *ARE WE REACHING YOU?*

There have been several references to member communications in this report. Are we reaching you, too? If you are not receiving emails from the local District Office on a regular basis, please let us know so we can update our records. It is important for the office to be able to contact you with ongoing bargaining updates (which can occur over summer months) and for other union business. On a lighter note there are several social activities planned before the end of the year that will be advertised via email. Don't forget to also follow our local social media (whether or not you have your own profile—our accounts are public) via Facebook and Twitter.