

**DONATE, VOLUNTEER, AND VOTE!**

The provincial election period is upon us, with a June 2 election date quickly approaching. Over the past four years, members have experienced educational system shifts and pivots under the current government first-hand, in addition to the impacts of Premier Ford's majority government and decision-making on our local communities and province. If you are looking for political change, it's time to make decisions about your personal commitments to the cause—donate, volunteer, and vote on June 2.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (In Honour of Marion Drysdale)**

This year's Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale was titled, "Our Moment in Time". We are pleased to celebrate TWO regional winners and another TWO provincial winners this year from District 10! Congratulations to these participating students and their sponsoring teachers.

**ANNUAL STAFFING PROCESSES**

As per Article L21 of the collective agreement, permanent members of District 10 will be notified if they have been declared redundant or surplus for the upcoming staffing cycle on or before April 30. As in past years, we anticipate the first round of any available permanent positions will be 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. 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)**

2022 is an election year at the AMDA (Annual Meeting of District Assembly), scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Members are reminded that due to recent local Bylaw changes, there is no longer an opportunity to "run from the floor", however late nominations for Executive positions will remain open until "three working days prior to the Annual Meeting of the District Assembly" (11.3.6).

The deadline has also passed for on-time resolutions, but late resolutions can still be submitted prior to AMDA. 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 provincial Federation. AMPA was held virtually again this year, from March 12-14. As the delegation leader, I extend many thanks to our dedicated District delegation: Avinash Manju Ghosh, Dave Parkes, Eric Soepboer, and Stuart Baillie.

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

With an eye to ongoing development and improvement to of standard District procedures, the District Executive has recently approved a District Executive Administrative Procedures 2021-2022 document. These procedures, reviewed at minimum on an annual basis, outline such items as:

- standing agenda items for union meetings
- District Expense Guidelines
- postings for District 10 federation positions, and so on.

## **WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**

Regardless of the topic, members are always encouraged to reach out to the District Office with any questions, concerns, or issues—**we are here to help**. Article L5.10 states: *“The Board and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion exercised or practiced upon any Members because of Union membership.”* In a number of circumstances, members have contacted the District Office for advice and assistance with situations that were not otherwise known to the OSSTF and that were able to be appropriately addressed. Communication directly from members is particularly appreciated with full recognition that members' time is already stretched thin.

**We're all stronger together.**

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