



Annual Meeting of the District Assembly (AMDA)

AMDA is the venue where decisions affecting the entire District are made. After two virtual AMDAs due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, District 10 AMDA delegates and a limited number of guests were pleased to return to an in-person format this year on May 18. Many thanks to all in attendance for your participation and engagement with union business at the local level.

This was an election year for the District Executive. Nominations were received for the position of District President only. At the conclusion of AMDA, the President position was filled and a call for applications for the remaining positions was released thereafter, per local Bylaws. Stay tuned for communications announcing your District Executive for the 2022-2024 term.

Annual Retirement Recognition

Unfortunately, once again this year this space is not being used to promote the District's traditional Annual Retirement Dinner for June 2022. However, the District is planning and looking forward to holding a special event in the fall of 2022 to celebrate the teaching careers of those who have retired after June 30, 2019. In the absence of gathering to celebrate, in the interim retirees have personally and directly received special recognition. We look forward to resuming the Annual Retirement Dinner in June 2023.

Staffing for 2022-2023

The District Office has received nearly 20 retirement notices so far this school year. Members are reminded of central agreement terms and District 10's ongoing "Protected Complement" status, which does not necessarily mean that an equal number of members are hired. At the closure of the third round of postings, it was confirmed that all surplus teachers were also placed.

Branch Executives

As the end of the school year approaches, this is the time of year schools turn their minds to selecting their Branch Executive for the next federation year. If you are interested in becoming involved with OSSTF in any capacity, please reach out to your Branch President or the District Office to learn more about what opportunities OSSTF involvement can offer you.

Summer Communication

There may be a need for various communications from OSSTF over the summer months, whether they relate to the ongoing pandemic, the imminent expiry of the current Collective Agreement on August 31, or otherwise. Please ensure that you have provided a current, non-board email address to your Branch President, the District Office, and Provincial Office in order to receive timely Federation communications.

President's Award

The President's Award is presented annually at the last District Council meeting of the year. It's awarded to a member who commits to OSSTF work within the District and beyond, and takes the form of a gift and an engraved plaque displayed within the hallways at the District Office. This year's recipient of the President's Award is Jennifer Hill.

Jenn has been a local OSSTF leader within the Occasional Teacher Branch, on the District Executive as Treasurer, and acted as a Branch President, all over a number of recent years. She has attended Summer Leadership, various conferences and regional events, and been an active participant in a variety of OSSTF initiatives and roles. As District Treasurer Jenn has demonstrated care and diligence with District Finances as the Chairperson of the local Finance Committee. As an Executive member she has demonstrated commitment and advocacy in regularly attending Sarnia District Labour Council meetings, representing the interests of OSSTF District 10 members. Jennifer's OSSTF involvements have, and continue to be, recognized and appreciated. Congratulations, Jenn!

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Caldwell—Executive Assistant, and Dave Parkes—Federation Officer for their hard work this past year as we also pivoted to and from working remotely within the District Office yet again at various times. As was mentioned at AMDA, but bears repeating, I am also very thankful to our District Executive, Branch Presidents, and Council members for their support and dedication to their roles. After another challenging year, every point of contact with the federation—no matter how “big or small”—has been appreciated every step of the way.

An imminent summer break is upon us and I hope it is restful and rejuvenating for all. ***In solidarity*** we will once again look toward working together in September, united in our commitment to protecting and enhancing public education.

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