



Annual Meeting of the District Assembly (AMDA)

AMDA is the venue where decisions affecting the entire District are made. Many thanks to all in attendance on May 10 in Dresden for your participation and engagement with union business at the local level. At the conclusion of AMDA and the federation year, one District Executive position remains unfilled. Stay tuned for communications regarding this vacancy, and others, in the new school year.

Staffing for 2023-2024

The District Office has received 20 retirement notices so far this school year. There were no redundancies declared during spring staffing and all surplus teachers have been placed in assignments. With the dynamic nature of ongoing staffing changes, there are currently several active internal and external permanent postings and occasional and acting assignments are anticipated to be released shortly. Members with any questions regarding the staffing process are encouraged to contact the District Office for advice and assistance.

Branch Executives

This is the time of year schools select their Branch Executive for the next school 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 a variety of opportunities OSSTF can offer to you. I strongly encourage all members to get involved. If you have any interest in federation work—at any commitment level—we have a position waiting for you!

Certification Rating Statement

All members are reminded to inform the Board's HR Department of any changes to their QECO category placements (a new or updated QECO Statement) by June 15 in order to be eligible for any applicable retroactive pay from this school year as a result of higher category placement.

Summer Communication

There may be a need for various communications locally or provincially from OSSTF over the summer months, whether it relates to ongoing bargaining 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 directly.

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 Meighen McGregor. Meighen has been a local OSSTF leader, taking on roles and responsibilities within District and Branch Executives over a number of years. She has attended various conferences and regional events, and has been an active participant in a variety of OSSTF initiatives—when there is a need, Meighen seeks to fill it. Congratulations, Meighen!

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Caldwell—Administrative Assistant, and Dave Parkes—Federation Officer for their hard work this past year. 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. Together, we are all “the union”.

With a much-deserved summer break upon us, I hope it is restful and rejuvenating for all. *In solidarity* we will once again look toward working together in September, united in protecting and enhancing public education.

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