

**Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA)**

AMPA is the venue where decisions affecting the entire Federation are made. Due to the pandemic, AMPA was once again held virtually this year on March 13-15. As the meeting concluded before its adjournment, AMPA 2021 will resume on June 5-6, with our original delegation continuing to represent District 10. Many thanks to our delegation for your ongoing participation. With AMPA resuming in June, it is hoped that more information will promptly follow to Districts to allow for local Federation planning into 2021-2022.

Annual Retirement Dinner

Unfortunately, once again this year this space is not being used to promote the District's Annual Retirement Dinner due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The District Executive continues to monitor the situation and looks forward to holding the annual June event when it is safe for everyone to come together and celebrate the teaching careers of those who have retired after June 30, 2019. More details will follow as they become available.

Staffing for 2021-2022

The District Office has received 15 retirement notices so far this year. Members are reminded of central agreement terms and District 10's "Protected Complement" status.

As previously communicated, agreement was reached between District 10 and the employer to temporarily extend some initial annual staffing timelines. All extended dates have now passed and the first round of permanent postings has been released. There were no redundancies declared this year and there have been some surplus notices issued.

Branch Executives

As the end of the school year approaches, 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 within the Federation. I strongly encourage all members to get involved. With the current political climate, next year is sure to be busy.

Summer Communication

With the evolving nature of pandemic-response measures, it is possible once again this summer that unexpected changes could impact school planning. Health and safety of everyone in the school community when remains a priority for the remainder of this school year and looking ahead to the next. 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 someone who truly embodies the OSSTF pledge in their 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 Don Cameron.

Don has been an OSSTF leader within Blenheim District High School for a number of years. He has selflessly served the District 10 membership as the District Health and Safety Officer during the unprecedented challenges of education delivery during a global pandemic. His work in these roles has accounted for safer working conditions of members within his Branch and throughout the District. His OSSTF involvements have, and continue to be, recognized and appreciated. Congratulations, Don!

Thank You

I am especially thankful to our District Executive and Branch Presidents for their support and dedication to their roles. I also must 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. Continued communication from leaders and all members locally continues to be appreciated, and is especially important when we aren't able to gather together in-person.

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