



OSSTF DISTRICT 26

09-10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The District, TBU, OTBU, and PSSP recently held their Annual General Meeting. Approximately 110 OSSTF District 26 members and guests attended the May 6th meeting. Guests included Scott Marshall, Provincial OSSTF Executive Officer and Andy Simpson, Provincial OSSTF Executive Assistant. The evening commenced with two separate bargaining unit meetings, TBU, and OTBU followed by the District meeting. The business of our two separate Bargaining Units and that of the District was addressed. After the meetings everyone enjoyed a great buffet meal and socialized with colleagues. Many fabulous door prizes were given. PSSP held their Annual General Meeting on May 6, 2010 at The Branch Restaurant.

Special mention and thanks was given to our Branch Stewards for their daily work and contributions ensuring that our members in worksites are well served and represented.

The members recognized our District Office Administrator, Susan Tierney, the heart and pulse of the District Office and the primary person responsible in organizing the AGM. Susan spends countless hours each year in booking the location and choosing the menus, ordering posters and invitations, organizing each site's attendance and transportation, compiling each meeting's packages, creating the scripts, and ensuring all goes as planned on the evening of the AGM.

Most of the District Executive and Bargaining Unit Executives were selected. Congratulations to the following members who will take office effective July 1, 2010:

District Executive	
President	Heather Wells
Vice-President	Jim Neill
District Officer	Rick Zeilstra*
Secretary	Elpis Law
Treasurer	David Mowat
Provincial Councillor	TBD
Status of Women / Human Rights Officer	Gale Dores
Educational Services Officer	Brent Brown
District Health & Safety Officer	Steve Paul
Communications / PAC Officer	Fran Collard

Exec's	TBU	OTBU	PSSP
President	Danny Thomas*	John McAllister	Guy Bergeron
Vice-President	Brent Brown	Dina van den Hanenberg	John Fenik
Secretary	Elpis Law	John Bouwers	Marsha Sylvia
Treasurer	David Mowat	John Peters	Marsha Sylvia
Chief Negotiator	Rob Shaheen*	John McAllister	Donna McShane
Grievance Officer	Rob Shaheen	John McAllister	Kim Matte

PSSP Executive includes: Penny McClintock (REC), Kyla Latreille (SLEC), Shelley Bulloch (CEC), Carol Ann Fox-Doran (CYW&Interpreter) as area representatives.

* denotes full-time release positions + denotes elected

Special mention was made of those who have **25 years of membership with OSSTF**. OSSTF pins were sent to the work sites to be presented to these members. Congratulations to Gary Vienneau, Margaret Van Asseldonk, Marie Schuler, Brenda Como, Sharon Last, Steven Latham, Anne Cooke MacMillan, and Sandra Bowness.

The AGM also congratulated our 09-10 **Retirees**: Brian Tackaberry, Stephen McKinnon, Susan Irwin, Denise Jones, Donna Squire, Eira Mills-Larry, Lisa Leroux, Phil Wells, Shirley Walsh, Gary Vienneau, Marilyn Robinson, Lyall Truelove, Janice Walker, Patricia Reddick, Chris Hill, Craig Haskins, Cathy Rivoire, Justin Gallerneault, Frank Joyce, Gary Simmons, Scott Birks and Jean Clermont.

Each year, OSSTF recognizes members for their individual achievements by presenting them with either a Provincial OSSTF award or with a local District 26 award or plaque. Congratulations to the following recipients for their contributions:

Awards & Descriptions	Recipients
A provincial Award of Merit is conferred by the Provincial Executive upon a member, who, in the opinion of a provincial district executive or the Provincial Executive, has rendered meritorious and outstanding service to the OSSTF at the provincial district/bargaining unit level, or at both the provincial district/bargaining unit and provincial levels.	Brent Brown & Adrienne McEwen
The local Gordie Award is presented annually in memory of Gord Higgins and Gord Mallette, both of whom were long serving federation activists in the old District 21 (SD&G). Gord Higgins was the first president of the new District 21 in 1968 and a Chief Negotiator. Gord Mallette is remembered as an indomitable Chief Negotiator, who passed away while on Federation business. This award is presented to a member for his/her outstanding contribution to the District.	Dina van den Hanenberg
Marjorie Laphen was a history teacher at Smith Falls District Collegiate Institute; her husband was a Federation and community activist. They were both active in the community, trying to provide a sound foundation for youth through church and other social organizations. Her husband instituted this award to honour her memory, but it is also a tribute to them both. This local award is presented to a member for his/her invaluable contribution to the teaching profession and outstanding service to the community.	Sarah Fernetich
The local Branch Representative Award recognizes outstanding performance by our on-site Federation representatives and stewards, in dealing with questions and crises, sometimes outrageous amounts of paperwork, and communication and recruitment. This is awarded to one of our serving Stewards or Area Representatives who demonstrates a personal commitment to education, represents members effectively, informs members effectively of local, district and provincial business, and is proactive in defending the interests of the membership.	Stu Prevost & Pam Snyder
A Volunteer Recognition Plaque recognizes a member who has, during the span of their teaching/working career, volunteered their time to OSSTF and to the service of members, by being active on branch executives, local executives and/or local OSSTF Committees.	Kathryn Goodwin
<p>Rhonda Kimberley-Young was an active federation member in the old Lanark District 42, in Upper Canada District 26 and at a Provincial level. Her many achievements include serving as CBC Chief Negotiator, District Officer, Provincial Executive Officer, Vice President and President of OSSTF. Rhonda's primary focus has always been to maintain and to improve the delivery and quality of education within the District and the Province. An advocate for all education workers, Rhonda has led initiatives to improve their working conditions.</p> <p>This local award is presented annually in recognition of a District 26 member's contributions and accomplishments, and who has demonstrated the qualities of fairness and enthusiasm in local federation leadership. He/she has been a motivator of other federation members and has applied the highest level of ethics to all their initiatives.</p>	Gale Dores
The District 26 New Member Award is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting to a new member of District 26 (0-5 years) in recognition of their service to OSSTF.	Fran Collard

Scott Marshall (Provincial OSSTF Executive Officer) presented the **Provincial Education Services Certificate** of Appreciation to **Brent Brown** (SFDCI). Heather Wells (District President) recognized **Dave Sheridan** (TISS) for being the recipient of the provincial **Bob Brooks Award** and recognized **Natalie Pitre** (TR Leger) for being the recipient of the **Brick Robb Memorial Scholarship for Educational Research** given by provincial OSSTF.

District 26 was also the recipient of the Green Award given by Provincial OSSTF to Districts for outstanding environmentally friendly workplaces.

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