

OPSOA Member News:

Retirements announced since last newsletter:

- Lou Brandes, Simcoe
- Gordon Campbell, Simcoe
- Bob Cassidy, Waterloo
- Gerry Connelly, Toronto
- David Euale, Upper Grand
- Bonnie Evans, Upper Grand
- Joe Hircocok, Durham
- Bill Hogarth, York Region
- David Lynn, Greater Essex
- Kathy Schaffer, Halton
- Stephen Snider, Greater Essex
- Ardeth Staz, Niagara
- Ian Sutherland, Lakehead
- Doug Tateishi, Simcoe
- Sylvia Terpstra, Kawartha Pine Ridge
- Kathy Verduyn, Trillium Lakelands
- Barry Wagner, Thames Valley
- Chuck Waterman, Peel

New OPSOA Members:

- Jodi Baker, Avon Maitland
- David Boag, Halton
- John Chasty, Toronto
- Karen Edgar, Thames Valley
- Steven Girardi, Kawartha Pine Ridge
- Mark Haarmann, Peel
- Dianne Hawkins, York Region
- John Howitt, Greater Essex
- Allan Hoyle, York Region
- Peter Joshua, Hamilton-Wentworth
- Terry Lyons, Greater Essex
- Ian MacRae, Lakehead
- J. Parappally, York Region
- Debra Rantz, Renfrew
- June Rogers, Hastings Prince Edward
- Liz Therrien, Near North
- Scott Yake, York Region

New Appointments:

- Rusty Hick, Director of Education, Kawartha Pine Ridge
- John Malloy, Director of Education, Hamilton-Wentworth
- Cathi Siemieniuk, Director of Education, Lakehead
- Christopher Spence, Director of Education, Toronto DSB
- Kathi Wallace, Director of Education, Simcoe

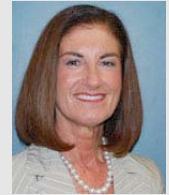
Other News:

- Gen Ling Chang to Ministry of Education
- David Euale to Ministry of Education Student Success
- Peter Gooch to Council of Colleges
- Lise Haman to Ministry of Education
- Kathy Verduyn to Ministry of Education Toronto Regional Office

OPSOA President 2009-2010

Linda Fabi

Waterloo Region DSB



Waterloo Region District School Board Director of Education, Linda Fabi, assumes the duties of President of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association (OPSOA) on September 1, 2009. Linda was President-Elect this past year and represented the Southwestern Region on the OPSOA Board of Directors in 2006-07 and 2007-08. As well, she has chaired the provincial OPSOA Conference Committee and worked on various OPSOA initiatives and committees over the years.

As a teacher, principal and superintendent in Waterloo, Linda has demonstrated active leadership in her board and across the province. She is a strong believer in staff development and programs that strengthen the role of supervisory officers. As a provincial leader, she works collaboratively with partners in other affiliates in order to advance the supervisory officer's role.

Linda brings energy and experience to the role of OPSOA President. Her positive enthusiasm is contagious and we look forward to working with Linda this year as President.

"I am very proud to be a member of OPSOA because of the important role this association plays in public education in Ontario. The professional support, leadership opportunities, professional development and networking with colleagues across the province are just a few of the advantages I enjoy as a member of OPSOA. Just as importantly, our dedication and service to public education and our efforts to support and influence the future of public education make this organization second to none!"

OPSOA Membership Renewals 2009-2010

Included in this mailing is your renewal for 2009-2010 OPSOA Membership. Renewals are due by September 30, 2009. Please take the time to renew your membership and to pass along the information to new Supervisory Officers in your boards. Please ensure that you indicate your areas of interest so that we may contact you as opportunities for committees or representation at meetings arise. Also please include the name of your Administrative Assistant on this year's form.

For Active Members:

Fees remain the same - .85% of 1% of your 2009-2010 annual salary, plus 5% gst.

Business Superintendents have the option of joining OASBO through your OPSOA membership. If so indicated, \$212.00 of your membership fee will be directed to OASBO.

For Alumni Members:

Fees remain the same - \$75.00 for your annual membership.

Blank membership forms are available on the OPSOA Website – www.opsoa.org

OPSOA Alumni News – Alumni Group Revitalization

The number of OPSOA members now retired from active work in school boards continues to grow at the rate of about 30 per year. We now have an alumni group about as large as the number of supervisory officers in the field. Many of those retired were very active members and despite their new interest in other pursuits, continue to express an interest in things educational and in the activities of the association. We are more than pleased to try to involve them with OPSOA. Over the past few years we have involved retired members in CODE project work and with our active mentoring project. We value the significant experience of former members. During the past year, Tony Tumminieri has gathered interest and information from alumni members by a survey and many contacts. He provided this information to the OPSOA Board of Directors and recommended new initiatives. As a result of this work some volunteers came forward to implement the recommendations from the membership. Ralph Cuthbertson (formerly TDSB) has agreed to coordinate alumni affairs and is working with Michelle Forge (Bluewater) and Miriam Pearlman (TDSB) to plan new involvement for supervisory officers who are alumni.

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2009-2010

President	Linda Fabi, Waterloo
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Central Region	Odette Bartnicki Halton
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Metro Region	Michael Smith, Toronto
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Southwestern Region	Ken Bain, Hamilton-Wentworth
Western Region	Laura Elliott, Thames Valley
CASA Representative	Jim Grieve, Peel
CODE Representative	Bill Hogarth, York Region
Executive Director	Frank Kelly

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 16-18, 2009 – OPSOA Board of Directors' & Public CODE Strategic Planning Session, Ottawa
August 20, 2009 – Public CODE Meeting, InterContinental Toronto
August 21, 2009 – CODE Summer Meeting, InterContinental Toronto
October 29-30, 2009 – Phase One of New Supervisory Officials' Program, Toronto Marriott
November 8-9, 2009 – S.O. What's It All About? Pillar & Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake
November 9-10, 2009 – Professional Assistants' Conference, Blue Mountain Resort
January 20-22, 2010 – CEO/CFO Annual Conference, InterContinental Toronto
April 21, 2010 – OPSOA/OPC Symposium with Michael Fullan and Andy Hargreaves, Hilton Toronto
April 21, 2010 – New Supervisory Official, Phase 2, Hilton Toronto
April 22-23, 2010 – OPSOA Annual Conference, Hilton Toronto

OPSOA Distinguished Leadership Awards

OPSOA celebrated the contribution of three of its members by presenting them with Distinguished Leadership Awards. Jacob Chan, Toronto District School Board, Terry Ellwood, Lakehead District School Board and Jill Worthy, Toronto District School Board were this year's recipients. Congratulations to all award winners. Please visit our website for a full write-up on the award presentation. www.opsoa.org

CASA/XEROX EXL Award Recipient

The Canadian Association of School Administrators provides an award for supervisory officers nominated by their Association each year. It is the EXL Award sponsored by Xerox.

This year, OPSOA nominated Johanne Messner, Superintendent of Education, Toronto District School Board, for her provincial leadership and staff development. The national award committee selected Johanne as Canadian Superintendent of the Year. She will be presented with this award at the AASA Conference in Phoenix in February 2010. Congratulations, Johanne!

New SO Program and OPSOA Mentor-Coach Program

OPSOA offers positive support to its new members in two different ways:

The New Supervisory Official Program is a two-phase approach bringing new supervisory officers together in late October and April, with a team of seasoned superintendents. The first day of Phase One of the program builds a professional network and then deals with current issues and initiatives. The second day of the Phase One operates in conjunction with Catholic and French language supervisory officers and Ministry of Education officials. Over the two days, members get a broad view of the interactions significant to the job. Phase Two is offered in April in conjunction with the OPSOA Annual Conference. The dates for this year's New Supervisory Official Program are:

Phase One: October 29 & 30, 2009 – Downtown Toronto Marriott

Phase Two: April 21, 2010 – Hilton Toronto

This program would be of interest to those in the job for 1-3 years.

OPSOA has established a comprehensive **Mentor-Coach Program** for superintendents and directors of education. A new supervisory officer is matched with a retired expert who has done the job previously and is willing to share expertise and guidance in problem-solving. Arrangements are made with the director of education of the particular board and the coordinator of the program. Contacts are on-going in the first year for a new supervisory officer.

If you require further information on the above programs, please contact the OPSOA Office at 905-845-7003.

Upcoming Workshops Sponsored by OPSOA

This year's **Professional Assistants' Conference** will be held on Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at Blue Mountain Resort. Registration forms will be sent out at the end of the summer. **Your support in encouraging your Assistant to attend this conference is most appreciated!**

S.O. – What's It All About? will be held on Sunday, November 8 and Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Pillar and Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Please encourage potential supervisory officers to attend this event by forwarding the registration flyer included in this mailing to your Principal and Vice-Principal colleagues.

CASA News

The annual conference held in Calgary July 9-12 focused on Early Childhood Education and provided an interactive forum for more than 150 education leaders from across Canada. The president of CASA, Jim Grieve, Director of Education in Peel, chaired three days of sessions dealing with best practices in ECE. Presentations by Michael Fullan, Clyde Hertzman and Fraser Mustard provided the national, the research and the human development perspective. Breakout sessions gave everyone a chance to learn about programs in a number of provinces. Almost 40 Ontario members of OPSOA attended this valuable conference. Next year CASA will be in Quebec City. The conference theme will be Children's Mental Health. Look for the new CASA magazine, Leaders and Learners, in board offices and schools. The two editions this year feature excellent articles on Early Childhood Education and on Children's Mental Health.

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