



## **College of Teachers Annual Membership Fee Increase**

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents  
From: Ken Coran, President

### **For Action**

The Ontario College of Teachers' Governing Council met December 8-9, 2011. Resolutions to approve the College's 2012 budget were passed. Despite a valiant effort on the part of the five OSSTF/FEESO incumbents, the current membership fee of \$120.00 per year has been increased to \$138.00 per year effective January 2012. This fee will be consistent for the next three years (2012-2014). OSSTF/FEESO members who sit on the Governing Council supported a motion to have the fee set at a lower amount; however, the motion was defeated 21 votes to 13.

Annual membership fees are due January 1 each year and payment must be received by the College before April 15 to maintain good standing status. For most teachers, this means that \$138 will be deducted from their pay cheque on a January 2012 pay date.

Members whose fees are not paid automatically by the board need to pay particular attention to this. This may include occasional teachers, continuing education teachers if they are paid hourly, any teacher on any type of leave who is not receiving a board pay cheque in the pay period when the fee is deducted, as well as any member of a non-teacher bargaining unit who is a member of the College of Teachers.

Current members whose fee is not deducted automatically from their payroll in January and who have not remitted fees for 2012 should receive a reminder invoice by mail in mid-February. If the College has not received the fee by April 15, 2012, the member will be "Suspended for Non-payment of Fees" as of April 16, 2012. If this occurs, not only will the member have to pay the annual fee of \$138, but also a reinstatement fee of \$130, in order to be returned to good standing.

Please make sure that members of your district or bargaining unit who are members of the Ontario College of Teachers are aware of this information.

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