

President's Memo OSSTF - District 10



Happy New Year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Workplace Violence Survey

Violence on the job is a serious and growing concern for all workers whether it involves management, co-workers, students or members of the public. OSSTF, ETFO and CUPE provided input into the Board's survey and strongly encourage all members to participate by taking a few minutes to complete the survey.

OFL Campaign

Women face violence in the workplace because of their gender. This goes beyond physical and sexual assault to include harassment, stalking, and threats. It also includes family and partner violence brought into the workplace. The Ontario Federation of Labour has launched a new campaign to press the McGuinty government to take action on workplace violence. Postcards are in your staff room. Please complete one and place it in your Branch President's mailbox. We will return them to OFL. Postcards are also available to sign and submit online at http://ofl.ca/index.php/about/index_in_in/violence_in_the_workplace_campaign/%22.

AMPA

We currently have our full delegation for the Annual Meeting of Provincial Assembly being held in Toronto March 13 – 16, 2009. Thank you to everyone who put his/her name forward. This is an election year and should prove to be an interesting AMPA.

Provincial Committees

Members of OSSTF District 10 have a strong tradition of serving on Provincial Committees. The December publication of *Update* outlines several vacancies. Timelines for application are approaching. If you are interested or require more information please call the District Office.

Provincial Awards

Many awards are presented annually to members of OSSTF for outstanding contribution in a particular area. January 30, 2009 is the deadline. For a complete list, log on to www.osstf.on.ca. If you feel someone is worthy and would like to nominate him or her, please contact the district office if assistance is required.

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