

# AMPA 2011

## Geoffrey Benders, Occasional Teacher

### Experience

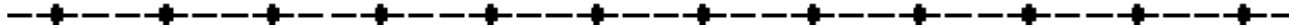
Branch Level (O/T unit) - At the branch level I am the elected Treasurer. In this position I have done several readings of our contract as well as the financial handbook from the province. In this capacity I have provided, at any opportunity, funding recommendations to the president. These recommendations come in the form of ideas on where we could apply for funding for our PD Day and other functions. Also I have had the opportunity to attend last years O/T AGM and both O/T PD Days (Feb and Nov. '10). I was a part of the planning and organization for the Nov 2010 OT PD Day.

District Level - I attended the Symposium for New Members in London last May along with several members of the district. I attended the Leadership conference as an OT delegate in August 2010. I was at last years AMDA, although only as a non-voting member. This year I hope to attend a few council meetings and also be a part of the AMDA. I also attended the Hiawatha night in October in support of the OSSTF D10.

Provincial Level - I haven't had much experience at the Provincial level other than meeting and interacting other members from the province at functions like the Leadership conference and the Symposium for New Members. This is an area where I hope to improve my involvement by attending AMPA.

All in all I believe I have had some involvement in the Federation so far, but every meeting and/or conference I attend I find myself getting more involved and wanting to be more involved. I believe I would do an upstanding job representing D10 at AMPA, and hope to get more involved at every opportunity.

Geoffrey Benders, Occasional Teacher



## Jessie Coccimiglio, SCSS

This email is an application to be an attendee at AMPA this March.

I have been involved with the OSSTF for approximately four years, as Branch President at SCSS and 2nd Executive Officer.

Attending AMPA is an opportunity to become familiar with some of the issues that will be affecting teachers and education workers. I have attended AMPA in the past, and enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with members from other districts.

I look forward to having the opportunity to represent District 10 at AMPA 2011.

Thank you,

Jessie Coccimiglio  
SCSS



**Geoff Core, Occasional Teacher**

I wish to apply to be a delegate at this year's meeting of the Provincial Assembly. I am a fairly new member of the union who has just recently begun to get involved. I attended the last AMDA meeting in May as a voting delegate representing Occasional Teachers and that experience encouraged me to become involved with the Occasional Teacher's executive. Later that school year I ran for council and was elected Secretary. Since then I have been thrilled to attend a regional meeting in Cambridge and attend the Tools & Toys Conference in Toronto. I hope to be a delegate at AMPA to continue perusing my interest in the union. I've enjoyed my first year as an active union member and I can see myself being involved for many years to come.

- Geoff Core



**Dave Edwards, WDSS**

I would like to put forth my name [Dave Edwards] as a delegate to AMPA 2011.

As always, this will be a very important meeting of OSSTF teacher representatives. I believe I have experience in this matter to discuss any items that may come up. This is also an election year and I do wish to participate in the election process of our Provincial Executive.

I have taught at Wallaceburg District Secondary School for 38 years [1972-present].

During my duration at WDSS, I have been an active OSSTF member as part of the WDSS Branch 12 Executive for thirty-two years. I am presently serving Branch 12 [WDSS] members as their Branch President, co-secretary/treasurer, and CBC representative for 2007-2011.

In addition to being on the Branch 12 WDSS Executive, I also held office at the District level. I also served as Communications Officer or Secretary for the old Kent District 2 Executive from 1977-1997 [amalgamation]. After the uniting of Kent [District 2] and Lambton [District 3], I served for three years as Secretary for District 10. I am also currently the Human Rights Officer for District 10.

I have previously attended AMPA as a delegate for both the old District 2 [Kent] and the present District 10 and spoke many times on the issues being raised at each session.

I also was once appointed by OSSTF Mobile as a member of the AMPA Communications Committee which puts out the AMDA Newsletter for all delegates during one of the annual meetings.

I would like to once again represent our District 10 OSSTF teachers at the annual meeting.

Dave Edwards, Branch 12 President [WDSS]



**James Grant, Occasional Teacher**

Please consider this as my application to serve as a District 10 delegate to the 2011 OSSTF Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly.

Since becoming active within the OSSTF, I have been driven to be increasingly involved in our union and the labour movement as a whole.

Locally, I am currently the District Treasurer as well as Occasional Teacher Vice-President and CPAC Officer. As an extension of this, I sit as a delegate to the Sarnia & District Labour Council where I am also the Treasurer of that body.

Provincially with OSSTF I have taken part in a number of initiatives, most notably the New Member Work Group which consisted of ten individuals under the age of thirty from across Ontario. Our main focus was to put together a plan which would not only integrate new members into the union but help provide ways in which we could successfully keep them active. I have also been fortunate enough to attend numerous regional events and both the 2009 and 2010 Lobby Days at Queen’s Park.

This work has led me to the national stage where I currently sit as an appointed representative on the Canadian Labour Congress’ Young Workers’ committee.

I am extremely interested in attending this year’s AMPA and helping bring District 10 forward as an example of what districts from across this province should aspire to be like – active and strong.



**Stephen Lynch, SCITS**

Dear Councillors,

I am applying for the position of District 10 AMPA delegate or alternate for the upcoming 2011 AMPA. I believe that my experience and knowledge of OSSTF makes me a fitting choice to represent Lambton Kent OSSTF at this year's Provincial Assembly.

I have many years experience working as a member representative for OSSTF at the branch, district, and provincial levels. I am currently the acting SCITS Branch President and have previously served in many positions within the Branch Executive; most notably as the Branch CPAC. Currently, I am the District 10 Vice President and have previously served the District in many roles on both Executive and Council; most notably as the District 10 CPAC. Provincially, I am serving my fifth year on the Provincial CPAC and have previously attended many Provincial conferences such as AMPAs, Summer Leadership Conferences, and CPAC Conferences.

I believe that my experience in OSSTF and expertise in politics make me an asset that should be put to good use by District 10 in this election year by selecting me as a delegate or alternate for AMPA 2011.

Yours in Federation,  
Stephen Lynch



**Bob Shaw, LCCVI**

Please accept this letter as my application to be a Delegate/Alternate for District 10 at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly.

I have been very active at the District level in the past 20 years. I have been Federation Officer for District 10 and was the District Vice-President from 2000 to 2004. I have been an active member of the Collective Bargaining Committee for the past 17 years as well as a member of the TBU Table Team and Staffing Committee.

At the Branch Level, I was the LCCVI Branch President (1999 - 2000), Vice-President (1998 - 1999) as well as picket and strike captain in three different strike situations over the past 20 years.

I believe I would represent the District very well at AMPA because of my Federation experience, my knowledge of current issues affecting the education system, and my commitment to improving publicly funded education. I know the needs of the District and I know how to work with the structure of OSSTF to ensure our voice is heard on the provincial stage.

Sincerely,  
Bob Shaw



**Greg Sheeler, NLSS**

District 10 Council:

Please accept this as my application to be a delegate to attend the AMPA conference scheduled for March 11-14, 2011.

I have served in many positions of responsibility at the Branch level including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Collective Bargaining Committee and Educational Services. At the District level I am a current Executive Officer of District 10 and have served on the Finance and Human Rights Committees.

I have attended AMPA for the past three years and find this conference allows the participant to expand their awareness and knowledge of provincial OSSTF activities. I would welcome the opportunity to once again serve as a delegate for District 10.

Thank-you for your consideration of my application and please call if further information is required.

Sincerely,  
Greg Sheeler