

OSSTF - District 10
Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
At the District Office
MINUTES

PRESENT:	Al Duffy	President
	James Grant	Vice-President/Secretary-Treasurer
	Ken Coran	Provincial President
	Jane Ste. Marie	Provincial Office Representative
	Barb Young	District President
	Carolyn Trigatti	Recording Secretary
	Geoff Brenders	
	Paula Carlisle	
	Geoff Core	
	Ian Denham	
	Cindy Hastings	
	Julie Huszka	
	Nicole Lacasse	
	Isaac Reed	
	Leela Skillas	
	Dawna Truesdell	
	Greg Violot	

1.0 Barb Young called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2.0 Reading of the Pledge

James Grant read the pledge.

3.0 Reading of Anti-Harassment Statement

The Anti-Harassment Statement is on the back of the agenda and was deemed to have been read.

4.0 Appointment of Anti-Harassment Officer

Jane Ste. Marie was appointed as Anti-Harassment Officer for the Annual General Meeting of the Occasional Teachers.

5.0 Greetings from Provincial Office

Ken Coran brought greetings from the Provincial Office. Ken updated the membership on: Cafeteria Supervisors, Pension, Public Health Care advertisements, Public Compensation Wage Restraint and stressed how important political action will be next year.

6.0 Adoption of Agenda

Al Duffy declared the Agenda approved as printed.

7.0 Approval of Previous Minutes (May 13, 2009)

Al Duffy declared the previous minutes approved as printed.

8.0 President's Address

Al Duffy thanked James Grant, Carolyn Trigatti, Barb Young and Jane Ste. Marie for all their support.

Al reminded members that they need to teach one day in the secondary panel in order to stay on the Secondary Occasional Teachers' list. Home schooling does not count for this day. Al also reminded members that there is online training that every member must take in order to stay on the list, such as WHMIS, Accessibility Training, etc.

Some items that Al Duffy is continuing to work on include:

- Closing the list;
- Study Hall Supervisor;
- Pink sheets;
- ID badges.

9.0 Treasurer's Report

A written report was provided.

10.0 Resolutions

10.1 Moved by: Geoff Brenders
Secoded by: Geoff Core

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion regarding Article 6.1.1 be amended by separating the Secretary and Treasurer position.

Motion carried.

10.2 Moved by: Al Duffy
Seconded by: James Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 6.1.1 be amended by deletion and insertion to read:

"6.1.1 The Branch Executive shall consist of the following:
6.1.1.1 President;
6.1.1.2 Vice-President;
6.1.1.3 Secretary;
6.1.1.4 Treasurer."

Motion carried.

11.0 Election of Officers

11.1 President

Jane Ste. Marie, Chief Returning Officer, called for nominations for the position of President.

James Grant nominated Al Duffy for the position of President.

Seeing no further nominations, Jane closed nominations.

Jane declared Al Duffy acclaimed to the position of President.

11.2 Vice-President

Jane Ste. Marie called for nominations for the position of Vice-President.

Al Duffy nominated James Grant for the position of Vice-President.

Seeing no further nominations, Jane closed nominations.

Jane declared James Grant acclaimed to the position of Vice-President.

11.3 Secretary

Jane Ste. Marie called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Ian Denham nominated Geoff Core for the position of Secretary.

Seeing no further nominations, Jane closed nominations.

Jane declared Geoff Core acclaimed to the position of Secretary.

11.4 Treasurer

Jane Ste. Marie called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Geoff Core nominated Geoff Brenders for the position of Treasurer.

Seeing no further nominations, Jane closed nominations.

Jane declared Geoff Brenders acclaimed to the position of Treasurer.

12.0 PD Day

The Occasional Teachers held their first PD Day this year and the feedback has been positive. The Delegates would like to see another PD Day planned for next year, possibly earlier in the year (ex. November). Suggested topics included: Teacher Burn-out/Wellness, Employment Insurance.

13.0 Members' Concerns and Questions

13.1 Some details regarding EI were explained. If you are a first time applicant of EI, you have to work 910 hours in the last 52 weeks to apply. A teacher's day is worth seven hours. There is a two-week waiting period and you require a Record of Employment. If you have received EI in the past, the amount of hours required to qualify for EI varies based on the Region.

There is a EI booklet available on the Provincial website (www.osstf.on.ca) or visit the Service Canada site (www.servicecanada.gc.ca) for more information.

13.2 The Delegates were very concerned about the number of people on the current Occasional Teachers' list and the fact that more names are being added. Members feel that they are not getting enough hours.

13.3 Another concern is the use of Cafeteria Supervisors and the amount of work taken away from Occasional Teachers.

13.4 Concern regarding LKARS and the fact the request only indicates hours (ex. 8:30 to 2:30) instead of number of classes to be taught. It was clarified that if you are called in from 8:30 to 2:30, you are to be paid for a full day.

13.5 Handouts: Certification Changes and Pension Update.

14.0 The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.