

# MARCH REPORT

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**AGM Package:** Please read over the AGM package included in this mailing. OPSOA's Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your package along with you to the conference.

### **It's not too late to register for:**

- OPSOA Annual Conference—April 4, 5, 6, 2001—registration form and program included in this mailing.
- Pre-Conference "The Four Roles of Leadership", Wednesday, April 4 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel. Registration fee is \$160.50 for the day (includes gst). Registration form is included in this mailing.

## **OPSOA OFFICE RELOCATING ON MARCH 24TH**

After almost nine years on Dorval Drive in Oakville, the OPSOA Office is moving on March 24th to new and smaller space in Iroquois Ridge Secondary School at 1123 Glenashton Drive, Oakville.

Just like many other organizations, OPSOA has responded to downsizing and the need to make dollars go further within budget realities. The current office was set up to provide for OPSOA, CODE, CASA, EDUTECH, Education Canada and WEAO. Over the past year, EDUTECH, Education Canada and WEAO have discontinued operating from the OPSOA Office. CODE and CASA will continue to share office expenses.

The new office will have about 2200 square feet including a board room as opposed to the current 4000 square feet. The Halton District School Board will be the landlord in the new location and we look forward to sharing space and some services with them.

Plans are well underway to facilitate the move. There may be some disruption of service as we move network servers and phone lines, but we will resume very shortly at the new location. Please note that we are discontinuing our 1-800 service with the move.

Please come to see your new OPSOA Office!

## **COVEY WORKSHOP—APRIL 4, 2001**

There's still time to register for the pre-conference session on Wednesday, April 4 just prior to the Annual Conference.

"**The Four Roles of Leadership**", presented by Craig Pace of Premier-A Franklin Covey Company, is an overview of a Covey three-day workshop.

The cost of the pre-conference is \$160.50 and includes registration, lunch and workshop materials.

*Registration is open to teachers, principals, vice-principals and supervisory officers.*

## **IT'S YOUR MONEY! MAKE SURE TO ATTEND!**

An information session for SO's provided by staff of the Teachers' Pension Plan has been added to the Annual Conference program. This session will bring you up to date on the changes effective April 1 and allow a chance to question new developments.

This information is critical for those approaching retirement and important for those making plans over the next few years.

**Thursday, April 5—3:45 p.m.  
... at the OPSOA Conference**

## **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?**

It's not too late to register for the OPSOA Annual Conference, scheduled for April 4, 5 & 6, 2001 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto.

A registration form is included in this mailing.

Make sure that you don't miss this event!

Your conference planning committee has been busy at work to bring you an exciting program.

**April 4, 5, 6—OPSOA Annual  
Conference (Delta Chelsea Hotel)**

**HATS OFF TO ...**  
*Ev Brown, former Director of Education, Trillium Lakelands DSB —  
Ev has been nominated as the Liberal Candidate in the upcoming Parry Sound-Muskoka By-Election*

*OPSOA has 284 paid memberships as of March 1, 2001*

**NEW STUDIES ...**

OPSOA has convened a group to review Leadership needs for Supervisory Officers. In the final report of the Education Improvement Commission, there was a section on The Importance of Leadership. The report made some recommendations about senior leadership for Ontario. OPSOA will be proactive in analyzing these recommendations and will circulate information to its members.

We continue to have inquiries from former members about participation with OPSOA. The Board of Directors has approved the establishment of an "Associate" program. A number of members and former members have been asked for input on this program. A committee will come together in the late spring to design activities and recommend ways of starting this program in the fall of 2001.

OPSOA is working with Ontario Principals' Council in the design and development of a new Supervisory Officer Qualifications Program—projected for delivery in the summer of 2001.

UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES/DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ April 4, 2001  
"The Four Roles of Leadership" - COVEY workshop (pre-conference to the OPSOA Annual Conference)
- ✓ April 4, 5 & 6, 2001  
OPSOA 2001 Annual Conference  
Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
- ✓ Curriculum Audit Training Session—July 2001—announcement out asking for confirmation of interest
- ✓ August 12, 13 & 14, 2001  
CASA Leadership Academy/BCSSA  
Kelowna, B.C.
- ✓ Orientation Session for New Supervisory Officers—November of 2001. Dates and location to be announced
- ✓ S..O. What's It All About—spring of 2002—Information session for those aspiring to Supervisory Officer positions.
- ✓ Annual General Meeting 2002—April in Toronto. Location to be announced.

**OPSOA Members at Work for Your Association**

- Marguerite Botting, Hamilton-Wentworth and Grant Yeo, Durham—working with President Peter Askey to put together a new book of current contracts and advice for SO's designing contracts.
- Jaimini Randev, working with the new French Immersion policy document.
- "Building Strong Leadership Teams" planning committee—Nancy MacLeod, Ottawa-Carleton, Jean Hanson, Rainbow, Beth Shelswell, York Region, Sheila Tait, Toronto and George Thomas, Niagara

**Highlights of Recent Board Meeting**

The OPSOA Board of Directors held a meeting March 2. Some of the topics covered were:

- Acceptance of Proposed Budget for 2001-2002
- Discussion of Supervisory Official Leadership (reaction to EIC position and group developed)
- Minister's Advisory Group on Co-Instructional Activities
- Comparison of Standards of Practice and Draft Competency Statements (OCT)
- EQUIP
- Regional Reports
- TPP session at conference

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**MAKE A NOTE! OPSOA is moving effective March 24th to:**

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Telephone and Fax Numbers remain the same  
(1-800-663-9606 has been discontinued)