

**OPSOA Member News:**

Congratulations to the following OPSOA members who have announced their retirements:

- David Armstrong, Bluewater DSB
- David Hill, Trillium Lakelands DSB
- Maureen Kaukinen, Toronto DSB
- Nancy MacLeod, Ottawa-Carleton DSB
- Tony Tumminieri, Toronto DSB
- Heather Wilson-Boast, Superior-Greenstone DSB

**Thanks to this year's Conference**

**Planning Committee:**

- Don McLean, Toronto (Committee Chair)
- Vicki Bismilla, York Region
- Laura Elliott, College of Teachers
- Kaja Havelka, Thames Valley
- Darlene Leaver, Alumni
- Elaine Lewis, Waterloo
- Jack McMaster, Keewatin-Patricia
- Catherine McVie, Upper Canada
- Johanne Messner, Toronto

**Please Note:**

**2005-06 OPSOA Renewal Forms will be mailed out in the next mailing (June). Please encourage your colleagues to join OPSOA! (Our Membership numbers are 292 for 2004-05.)**

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## **Annual Conference Well-Attended**

More than 150 OPSOA members gathered in Toronto, April 14-15 for two active days of learning, networking and social interaction. The conference featured keynote addresses by Brian Thwaites, Elaine Todres and Dick O'Brien. The Minister of Education, Gerard Kennedy spoke to the conference on Friday morning. A panel of Dusty Papke, director of education for the Halton District School Board, Mary Lynne West-Moynes, president of Mohawk College, Avis Glaze, chief Achievement Officer and Marguerite Jackson, CEO of EQAO addressed the challenges of resilient leaders in the climate of today.

Once again, alumni attended the annual conference in good numbers and participated in the general conference as well as their own breakout sessions. This continuing link allows for the sharing of experience.

Sponsorship from the private sector was of great assistance in making the conference events a success.

The regional meetings on Thursday afternoon were well attended and provided the opportunity to discuss new position papers and other matters.

As president Tony Tumminieri stated in his report, "OPSOA continues to be a leader, strong advocate and champion for the schools of the English public district school boards." This spirit was very evident among the membership at the April conference.

## **2004-05 Distinguished Leadership Awards**

OPSOA recognized long service to education in Ontario and leadership at the senior level as awards were presented to Sharon Turnbull-Schmitt, formerly of the Toronto DSB and Bonnie Viney, formerly of the Ottawa Carleton DSB. Both have made major contributions within their local systems and with provincial leadership.



*President Tony Tumminieri presenting award to Sharon Turnbull-Schmitt*



*President Tony Tumminieri presenting award to Bonnie Viney*

*OPSOA members donated \$222.00 to the Cancer Fundraiser Ribbon Box at the Conference. Thanks for your support and to Darlene Leaver for organizing this fundraiser!*

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### OPSOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 2004-2005

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|---|---|
| President                               | Tony Tumminieri,<br>Toronto                 |
| Past-President &<br>CASA Representative | Ruth Mattingley,<br>Literacy Secretariat    |
| President-Elect                         | Colin Vickers,<br>Near North                |
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| Metro Region                            | Johanne Messner,<br>Toronto                 |
| Northern Region                         | Heather Wilson-Boast<br>Superior-Greenstone |
| Southwestern Region                     | Barb McArthur,<br>Niagara                   |
| Western Region                          | Michelle Forge,<br>Bluewater                |
| CODE Representative                     | Dusty Papke,<br>Halton                      |
| Executive Director                      | Frank Kelly                                 |

### UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

July 5-7, 2005 – OPSOA Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session, Kingston  
July 14-16, 2005 – CASA Summer Leadership Academy, St. John’s, Nfld  
Oct. 15-17, 2005 – CASA Annual Conference, Quebec City  
Register: [www.casa-acas.ca](http://www.casa-acas.ca)  
Nov. 13-14, 2005 – S.O. – What’s It All About? Pillar and Post, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Nov. 14-15, 2005 – Professional Assistants’ Annual Conference, Queen’s Landing, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Jan. 25-27, 2006 – CEO/SBO Conference, Hotel Inter-Continental, Bloor Street, Toronto  
April 5, 2006 – OPSOA/OPC Symposium with Michael Fullan, Hotel Inter-Continental, Bloor Street, Toronto  
April 6-7, 2006 – OPSOA Annual Conference, Hotel Inter-Continental, Bloor Street, Toronto

## *Norman G. Powers Public School, Durham DSB – Oshawa School Named After OPSOA Member*

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Durham District School Board approved the name of Norman G. Powers Public School. The Board agreed with the recommendations from the Naming Committee to name a school after him. An Oshawa native, Norm began his career in Oshawa elementary schools and recently retired as a Superintendent of Education with the Durham District School Board. Norm passed away in May 2004 after a lifetime of contributions to education in Durham. Hundreds of teachers, principals and vice-principals as well as students and parents were touched by his wisdom and support throughout his career. The school will open in Sept. 2005 in north Oshawa.

## *Minister of Education Addresses OPSOA*

Gerard Kennedy spoke to the OPSOA conference on April 15 and invited supervisory officers to take an active part in the provincial agenda. He pointed out the chance for input through the Working Tables – Student Success, Literacy, Teacher Development and Special Education. He advised members to listen to the system and become agents of change. Professional development is a priority for this government and support will be available.

## *OPSOA Annual General Meeting April 15, 2005*

- Received and approved the 2003-04 financial statement
- Received the president’s report
- Approved the 2005-06 budget of the association
- Received reports from the standing committees
- Endorsed continuation of the mentoring program
- Approved election of President Colin Vickers and President-Elect Brenda Kearney for 2005-06

## *Board of Directors April 13, 2005*

- Received draft of Diversity Position Paper “The Road to Inclusivity”
- Received draft of Position Paper “The Role of the Supervisory Officer”
- Discussed details of partnership with Microsoft and Merkurium
- Reviewed the 2004-05 Mentorship program
- Confirmed the Summer Strategic Planning Session in Kingston
- Discussed new Professional Development course offerings with OPC

## *ALUMNI CORNER*



*Over 20 of our Alumni members attended this year’s OPSOA Annual Conference in Toronto.*

*Alumni members continue to be an integral part of OPSOA. Being an Alumni member entitles you to many benefits, including contract work with OPSOA and CODE.*

*Renewal forms for 2005-06 will be mailed out in June. Please encourage your retired colleagues to join the Alumni group.*

*The fee of \$75.00 remains the same.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**April 6 & 7, 2006 –  
OPSOA Annual Conference**