

## OPSOA Member News:

*June is a rather melancholy time in our profession as a number of our colleagues retire and we go to functions to congratulate them for their contributions and wish them well into the future. We lose so many great minds and strong workers each year. It is amazing that systems survive but it is also a tribute to the fine work of those who design and operate our public education structures that they can be sustained and enabled as time goes on. OPSOA loses active members but gains alumni. And many of our veterans come back to work with us on a casual basis lending credibility to our projects and initiatives. Congratulations to those who are retiring - we wish you many years of freedom from the routines and restrictions of the supervisory official role.*

*Frank Kelly*

## Retirements:

- Dominic DiFelice, Toronto
- Michelle Forge, Bluewater
- Norbert Hartmann, Toronto
- Elaine Lewis, Waterloo
- Janet Lewis, York Region
- Isabel Millington, Ottawa-Carleton
- Bryan Slywchuk, Rainbow
- Rod Thompson, Toronto

## On the Move:

- John Bryant – Superintendent, Waterloo Region
- Terry Ellwood – Director of Education, Lakehead
- Dawn Paxton – Superintendent of Education, Ottawa-Carleton
- Patti Pella – Director of Education, Superior-Greenstone
- David Rowan – Associate Director, Toronto

## New Superintendents:

- Rob Andrews, Kawartha Pine Ridge
- Lesleigh Dye, Rainbow
- Karen Freedman, York Region
- Dianne Miles, Peel
- Sharon Speir, Rainbow

*Congratulations to Kirsten Parker, Simcoe County DSB, who has been appointed as Director of Student Success with the Ministry of Education.*

## OPSOA Membership Renewals

Included in this mailing is your renewal for 2006-2007 OPSOA Membership. Renewals are due back at OPSOA by September 15, 2006.

Please take the time to renew your membership and to pass along the information to new Supervisory Officers in your boards. Please ensure that you indicate your areas of interest so that we may contact you as opportunities for committees or representation at meetings arise.

### For Active Members:

Fees remain the same - .85% of 1% of your 2006-2007 annual salary. GST is now 6%.

Business Superintendents have the option of joining OASBO through your OPSOA membership. If so indicated, \$206.70 of your membership will be directed to OASBO.

### For Alumni Members:

Fees remain the same - \$75.00 for your annual membership.

Blank membership forms are available on the OPSOA Website – [www.opsoa.org](http://www.opsoa.org)

## OPSOA President

### 2006-2007

### KEN THURSTON



At its annual conference in Toronto on April 7th, 2006, the members of OPSOA elected Ken Thurston, Coordinating Superintendent of Education with the York Region District School Board as President for 2006-2007. Ken assumed his duties as President on June 1, 2006. Ken Thurston is a Coordinating Superintendent of Education with the York Region District School Board with responsibility for Staff and Community Relations. In addition to his work in staff relations, Ken has responsibility for overseeing and supporting the work of school councils, parent engagement and community partnerships throughout the Board. From 1997 to 2000, Ken was the Director of Policy and Research with the Education Improvement Commission and was responsible for the consultation, research and writing of the "Road Ahead" series of reports. Prior to his work at the Education Improvement Commission, Ken was a superintendent in the former Muskoka Board of Education and a teacher, consultant and principal with Victoria County Board of Education. He is acknowledged for his work in community leadership, relationship building, equity education and parent engagement. Ken has served on the OPSOA Board as President-Elect 2005-2006; Director representing the Central Region since 2003 and a member of OPSOA since 1994. He has also represented OPSOA on the CASA board over the past year. He is a strong advocate for public education and the role of supervisory officials in achieving student success across the province. Ken is the proud father of two and grandfather of one granddaughter. In his spare time, Ken is an avid curler, golfer and gardener.

*"I am pleased to have this opportunity to represent the supervisory officers of this province in our leadership roles in support of quality public education that is accessible and equitable for all students."*

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“Working for Ontario’s Public  
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### OPSOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 2006-2007

President	Ken Thurston, York Region
Past-President & CASA Representative	Colin Vickers, Near North
President-Elect	Johanne Messner, Toronto
Treasurer	Wayne McNally, Peel
Central Region	Kirsten Parker, Simcoe County
Eastern Region	Larry Archibald, Ottawa-Carleton
Metro Region	Robin Shepherd, Toronto
Northern Region	Lise Haman, Lakehead
Southwestern Region	Linda Fabi Waterloo Region
Western Region	Warren Kennedy, Lambton-Kent
CODE Representative	Bill Hogarth, York Region
Executive Director	Frank Kelly

#### UPCOMING P.D.

July 13-16, 2006 – CASA Leadership Academy, InterContinental Toronto  
Sept. 27-28, 2006 – LNS/ Student Success, Doubletree, Toronto Airport  
Oct. 13-15, 2006 – CASA Annual Conference, Winnipeg  
Nov. 5-6, 2006 – S.O. – What’s It All About? Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Nov. 6-7, 2006 – Professional Assistants’ Conference, InterContinental Toronto  
Nov. 9-10, 2006 – New Supervisory Official Phase 1, Oakville Holiday Inn Select  
December 11-12, 2006 – Leadership Institute Session, Doubletree Hotel, Toronto Airport  
Jan. 24-26, 2007 – CEO/SBO Conference, InterContinental Toronto  
April 18, 2007 – OPSOA/OPC Symposium with Michael Fullan, Hilton Toronto  
April 18, 2007 – New Supervisory Official, Phase 2, Hilton Toronto  
April 19-20, 2007 – OPSOA Annual Conference, Hilton Toronto

## *News From the Board of Directors – June 2006*

The new OPSOA Board of Directors met in June and dealt with a very extensive agenda. We welcome Linda Fabi, Warren Kennedy and Robin Shepherd as new regional representatives and look forward to their contributions. At the June 16 meeting, the new board: established dates for the coming year, received a quarterly financial statement, approved upcoming professional development sessions, established program for the summer strategic planning session, reviewed the Ministry/CODE survey of the role of the SO and completed the work of the SO focus group. As well, the group made a decision on a representative supervisory officer for the Leadership Institute, reviewed a proposal for allocation of leadership funds and received reports from CASA, CODE and the six regional representatives. A busy start!

## *OPSOA Professional Assistants’ Conference*

This year’s Professional Assistants’ Conference will be held on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the InterContinental Toronto. Registration forms will be sent out at the end of the summer. Please encourage your Assistant to attend this conference.

## *“Contracts That Work” Document*

OPSOA members’ reference guide has been revised and posted on OSOnet. A separate copy is included for every member with this mailing. Terry Lynch from our alumni made the revisions and updates and has vetted the document with a group of active members representing the OPSOA regions.

## *Mentoring Program*

A second successful year of the OPSOA mentoring program for new Supervisory Officers has come to an end and plans are underway for 2006-7. Warren Rosborough has led the program for the past two years and is now moving on to other things. We thank Warren for his leadership in designing the program, getting together a comprehensive manual and a very professional team. The reports from those new supervisory officers who accessed the program are more than positive. For the coming year, information about the program will be sent to directors who are asked to inform and register new members. Costs are split between the board and OPSOA. Tony Tumminieri will lead the Mentorship program this year.

## *Upcoming Events*

**College of Teachers Election to Board of Governors** – Nominations are due in mid July and supervisory officials have the opportunity to elect a representative when E-voting is opened September 5-October 24. Candidate/Voter information will be released on August 28. The board of directors encourages all members to vote for this important representative position.

**September 27-28** - All supervisory officials in the province are invited to attend a session at the Doubletree Hotel near the Toronto Airport. The program will begin with dinner and a speaker on the 27<sup>th</sup> and focus on the on the 28<sup>th</sup> on the supervisory officer role in promoting program effectiveness (K-12) through literacy, numeracy and student success initiatives. Registration and accommodation details will be sent to your director’s office.

**December 11-12** - Again at the Doubletree Hotel, all district school boards are invited to bring board teams, including supervisory officers to a significant staff development session provided by the Education Leadership Institute. This is a chance for boards to participate with major speakers in the large sessions and to work at local team building as followup.

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!***

***April 19 & 20, 2007***

***OPSOA Annual Conference – Hilton Toronto***