

**OPSOA Member News:**

**Retirements since last newsletter:**

- Neil Beatty, York Region
- Don Blair, Thames Valley
- Paul Collins, Niagara
- Allison Clinton, Peel
- Jackie DeLong, Grand Erie
- Jim Empringham, Thames Valley
- Kathy Firth, York Region
- Al Greyson, Halton
- Roger Martin, Peel
- Maureen Moloney, Kawartha Pine Ridge
- Berisford Richardson, Peel
- Andy Scott, Trillium Lakelands
- Ron Sharp, Limestone
- David Spence, Waterloo
- Elizabeth Thompson, Toronto
- Janice Tomlinson, Hamilton-Wentworth
- Gillian Van Zant, OPSOA Office
- Colin Vickers, Near North
- Wendy Wiedenhoef, Keewatin-Patricia

**New S.O.'s:**

- Brenda Blancher, Grand Erie
- Celine Bourbonnais-MacDonald, Thames Valley
- John Dance, Simcoe County
- Cam Hathaway, Niagara
- Lynn Hiebert, Peel
- Jim Morgan, Niagara
- Marion Moynihan, Thames Valley
- Shawn Moynihan, Peel
- Valerie Nielsen, Thames Valley
- Patricia Rossall, Peel
- Paul Tufts, Thames Valley

**New Appointments:**

- Brenda Hunter appointed Director at Limestone

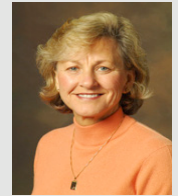
**In Memoriam:**

*Our sympathies are extended to the family and colleagues of Bob Allison, Superintendent of Business, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB. Bob passed away suddenly in April, 2007.*

## ***OPSOA President***

### ***2007 - 2008***

### ***Johanne Messner***



At its Annual General Meeting in Toronto on April 20th, 2007, the members of OPSOA elected Johanne Messner, Superintendent of Education with the Toronto District School Board as President for 2007-2008. Johanne assumes her duties as President on September 1, 2007.

In her role as Superintendent of Education with the Toronto District School Board, Johanne has responsibility for administrative services. Previous responsibilities have included Program Implementation, School Staffing and Supervision. Johanne is acknowledged for her commitment to the professional development of all educators. Among her roles she has been an instructor with the University of Toronto, York University, the Principals' Qualification Program (PQP) and the Co-Ordinator of the Supervisory Officers' Qualification Program (SOQP). She has also held positions as a Vice-Principal, Principal, Assistant to the Director and Consultant to Gifted programs at the elementary and secondary levels.

Johanne has served on the OPSOA Board as President-Elect 2006-2007; Director representing the Metro Region and as a member of OPSOA since 2000.

Johanne and her husband Steve are the proud parents of daughter Michelle and son Paul. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, travel, music, skiing and fitness. *"It is a privilege to have this opportunity to represent the supervisory officers of Ontario especially with the current emphasis in public education on providing an environment that will promote success for all learners."*

## ***OPSOA Annual Conference, April 2007***

Over 200 OPSOA members gathered in Toronto in late April and participated in the many informative sessions. Mike Holmes of Holmes on Homes brought us the message of "doing the job right" the first time, and stressed the value of education for skilled trades in today's society. This session was followed by a number of presentations on pathways from school to work and some featured programs for native students. The closing speaker was Lesley Andrew who reinforced the message of success as a result of positive school experience.

The pre-conference with Michael Fullan was shared once again with principals and board teams. The opportunity for supervisory officers to come together to network and share information continues to be a priority for membership. Those who heard Mike Holmes will remember some of his key phrases. Associate Member Mary Lou Soutar-Hynes is a published poet and captured his ideas in poetic form. She listened to Mike Holmes and took the time to provide us with a modern verse interpretation which we include here. Thanks, Mary Lou for sharing your talents with OPSOA.

beyond  
minimum code  
(reflections on Mike Holmes)  
he spoke of dreams  
of following them  
wherever they might lead  
trusting hands heart and mind  
valuing all gifts  
choosing apprenticeship  
journeying with pride \_  
no "wrap it and trap it"  
minimum code for this Holmes  
supporting youth  
to get it right the first time \_  
forging their future in the world of trades

*by mary lou soutar-hynes*

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### **OPSOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2006-2007**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| President                               | Ken Thurston,<br>York Region        |
| Past-President &<br>CASA Representative | Colin Vickers,<br>Near North        |
| President-Elect                         | Johanne Messner,<br>Toronto         |
| Treasurer                               | Wayne McNally,<br>Peel              |
| Central Region                          | Paul Doiron,<br>Trillium Lakelands  |
| Eastern Region                          | Larry Archibald,<br>Ottawa-Carleton |
| Metro Region                            | Jill Worthy,<br>Toronto             |
| Northern Region                         | Lise Haman,<br>Superior-Greenstone  |
| Southwestern Region                     | Linda Fabi<br>Waterloo Region       |
| Western Region                          | Warren Kennedy,<br>Lambton-Kent     |
| CODE Representative                     | Bill Hogarth,<br>York Region        |
| Executive Director                      | Frank Kelly                         |

#### **UPCOMING P.D.**

Sept. 20-21, 2007 – LNS Symposium for SO's, Sheraton Centre Toronto  
Nov. 5-6, 2007 – Professional Assistants' Conference, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa  
Nov. 8-9, 2007 – New Supervisory Official Phase 1, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto  
Nov. 11-12, 2007 – S.O. – What's It All About? Pillar & Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Jan. 23-25, 2008 – CEO/SBO Conference, InterContinental Toronto  
April 16, 2008 – OPSOA/OPC Symposium with Fullan/Hargreaves, Hilton Toronto  
April 16, 2008 – New Supervisory Official, Phase 2, Hilton Toronto  
April 17-18, 2008 – OPSOA Annual Conference, Hilton Toronto

## **OPSOA Membership Renewals – 2007-2008**

Included in this mailing is your renewal for 2007 - 2008 OPSOA Membership. Renewals are due back at OPSOA by September 30, 2007.

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 2007-2008 annual salary, plus gst.

Business Superintendents have the option of joining OASBO through your OPSOA membership. If so indicated, \$212.00 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

## **OPSOA Professional Assistants' Conference**

This year's Professional Assistants' Conference will be held on Monday, November 5 and Tuesday, November 6, 2007 in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier. Registration forms will be sent out at the end of the summer. This year's theme is "Exploring the Talents Within".

*Please encourage your Assistant to attend this conference.*

## **New SO Program & the SO/Director Mentoring Program**

OPSOA continues to provide a broad program of assistance to its members. **The New Supervisory Official Program** brings together supervisory officers from a variety of boards across the province. It has served well as a networking source where members make links and compare different views of those working with the same portfolios. This fall, Phase One of the New SO Program will offer one day with OPSOA members and a second day combined with Catholic and French supervisory officers and senior ministry officials. Phase Two of the program in the spring of 2008 combines the on-going networking and sharing of procedures from a variety of boards with the opportunity to join the OPSOA pre-conference featuring discussion with Michael Fullan and Andy Hargreaves. **(Registration Form is included in this mailing, so please pass this along to newly hired Supervisory Officers in your boards.)**

**The OPSOA Mentoring Program** provides one-on-one coaching with a mentor selected mutually by the director of education and the OPSOA mentoring coordinator. This program brings a new supervisory officer together with a retired expert who has done the job for some time and is willing to share expertise and guidance in problem solving. The discussions are private and strategic for the challenges of a new role. This year, OPSOA is making available a mentoring program for newly appointed directors of education as well.

These programs, as well as the many other professional development offerings available to new supervisory officers, help to prepare and make members feel more comfortable in the senior administrative role.

**Please contact the OPSOA Office if you are interested in the above programs.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**April 17 & 18, 2008**

**OPSOA Annual Conference – Hilton Toronto**