



Halton has an AMPA Winner!

Manveer Kalirai from Iroquois Ridge High School was the provincial winner of the OSSTF Student Achievement Award for Gr 11-12 University Poetry/Prose. The Award and a cheque for \$1,000 was presented by President Paul Elliott at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly on March 12, 2016.

Bob Smith Service Award

Nominations Accepted Until April 4th @ 4 p.m.

This award is to honour a member who has made a contribution to the Union over a long period of service to the Bargaining Unit or District.

Experience considered by the committee may include having served as Branch President, Executive member, Standing Committee member or member of a Provincial Standing Committee, AMPA representative, or workshop provider.

Nomination letters should be sent to Lorie Wiersma wiersmal@osstfd20.ca at the District Office.

The Executive of the Teacher Bargaining Unit will select the recipient from the nominations received by April 4th at 4 p.m.

Annual General Assembly Elections

At the Annual General Meeting of the Halton Secondary Teachers' Bargaining Unit on April 19th, the following positions on the TBU Executive will be filled by election or acclamation: Vice President (two to be elected), Communications Coordinator, Treasurer, and Educational Services Officer. The term of office for each position is one year, commencing on June 30th.

Nominations for each position are currently being received at the District Office. There is also an opportunity at the Assembly for nominations from the floor for each position.

Once nominations have closed, the candidates for contested positions will have an opportunity to address the Assembly and field questions. The election for each position is by secret ballot.

Eligible voters include all registered delegates from each Branch, Branch Presidents, and the current TBU Executive (with the exception of the TBU Chief Negotiator and the TBU Health and Benefits Officer). In an election contested by more than two candidates, multiple ballots are run according to rules in the TBU ByLaws (By-Law 5, Section 5).

The TBU Executive plays a vital role in conducting the business of the Bargaining Unit. Its powers and duties are outlined in Section 6 of TBU By-Law 3. All members of the TBU have an interest in seeing Executive positions filled by candidates committed to OSSTF's motto: "Let us not take thought for our separate interests, but let us help one another."

Thank you to all of this year's executive for being willing to make that commitment.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATOR AWARD

Nominations Accepted Until April 4th @ 4 p.m.

In order to raise awareness, understanding, and appreciation of diversity, and to help eliminate bias, prejudice, stereotyping, discrimination and harassment related to race, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, or religion in Halton schools, this award is given to recognize and encourage a secondary teacher whose active participation in activities, events, and/or curriculum development at the board or school level have contributed to advancing these goals in Halton's schools.

The Inclusive Educator Award will be made at the Annual Teacher Bargaining Unit Assembly on April 19th. The award consists of a plaque, and \$500.

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Walking Into Retirement Workshop

OTIP has been able to book a central conference room on April 25th for OTIP's Walk into Retirement session to learn about RTIP benefits along with Educators Financial.

This complimentary workshop is open only to members and spouses. It covers valuable information that will be useful to all those planning to retire within the next 5 years.

Date: April 25, 2016
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holiday Inn Oakville Centre
590 Argus Road, Oakville
To Register: www.otip.com/events

A light dinner will be provided. Please note any dietary restrictions at time of registration.

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3rd Annual Mentorship Awards nominations now being accepted

The District 20 Teachers' Bargaining Unit will annually recognize mentors with an award at the President's Celebration Dinner in June. This year's venue is the Holiday Inn Burlington Banquet Centre.

An essential part of the teaching profession is the ability and willingness of so many teachers to become mentors to their colleagues on a voluntary basis. True mentoring is more about an ongoing relationship of learning, dialogue, and challenge.

To be eligible, the nominator and nominee must be members of the District 20 Teachers' Bargaining Unit. The mentorship must have taken place in the current school year.

Members of District 20 TBU can nominate another member as deserving of recognition for their mentorship on or before May 20th by writing a letter to TBU President Brad Fisher outlining the reasons why the nominee should be recognized.



Halton Secondary Teachers Annual General Assembly

Tuesday April 19th

Meeting 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Executive Elections: Vice-Presidents (2), Treasurer, Educational Services Officer, Communications Coordinator

**Key Note Speaker
Jo Dean, OSSTF Executive Officer**

Also there will be a 50/50 draw to support Kids Help Phone line. Tickets will be \$20 each.

**UNIFOR Galaxy Club
475 North Service Rd E,
Oakville, ON**

See your Branch President to sign up as a delegate!

OSSTF Long Term Disability Plan qualifiers for coverage termination

You may qualify to cancel your long term disability (LTD) insurance if you meet one of the following criteria as set out by your insurance policy.

Scenario 1 - You are eligible for a 64% unreduced service pension, or you are within either the later of 80 working days, or the expiration of sick leave of being eligible for a 64% unreduced service pension.

Scenario 2 - You have notified both the Teachers' Pension Plan and your board of your scheduled retirement date, which is within 80 working days. Note, you are eligible for coverage under the OSSTF Provincial LTD Plan up to the date of your retirement. You are not required to cancel your coverage simply because you have notified your board of your intention to retire.

Scenario 3 - You have reached the end of the month in which you turned age 65 or you are within either the later of 80 working days, or the expiration of sick leave of reaching the end of the month in which you turn age 65. Based on the criteria listed above, if you wish to terminate your LTD coverage and discontinue your premium deductions, please complete an Application for Coverage Termination. Take note of the supporting documentation required in order to process your request.