



District 2, Algoma

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 6, 2023

Welcome everyone!!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022/2023

I cannot believe that we are almost finished the 2022-2023 school year!

This year has once again seen some changes to the district office. Unfortunately, Lucy Mortari stepped down from her position as Casual Office Assistant; however, we were lucky in quickly finding her replacement. Welcome to the OSSTF District 2 family Margaret Strom. Margaret was once one of our members as an ESS member, having recently retired; she works for the office occasionally.

We are also proud to say that the driveway is paved! Over the summer of 2022, we were able to pave the driveway and parking lot that has make driving in our driveway much nicer.

This summer the upstairs carpet will be replaced with vinyl plank flooring. This is a long awaited change for office and a welcome addition.

AWARDS

We had two winners for the Marion Drysdale award this year, congratulations to Jisum Lee of Superior Heights and Cailey Willet from CASS for their entries. Jisum Lee was the only one able to attend our luncheon and where she was presented with her cheque.

I am also proud to say that Jisum Lee was a Provincial Winner as well! Over the March Break, during AMPA, Jisum along with her family and her nominating teacher, Helen-Mary Carter were flown down to Toronto where she was presented with her award.

Congratulations to Jisum for her beautiful artwork.

I am also proud to say that Sharon Indrevold was presented with the Solidarity Award at AMPA. This award is presented to a member:

- who has demonstrated outstanding lifetime contributions to OSSTF that exemplify and inspire deep commitments to coalition building and bridging across workers themselves and within the Federation;
- openly and proudly placed value on unity and teamwork across multiple job classes throughout their careers as an OSSTF member;
- worked to break barriers and increase member participation within OSSTF;
- worked to strengthen and support OSSTF members in the union, the workplace, or in the community; and
- actively and persistently demonstrated leadership in improving organizational and workers' rights within OSSTF/FEESO and the broader labour movement.

Congratulations Sharon, this is a well-deserved award and I am honoured to continue working with and learning from you! Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for us in District 2 and across all of OSSTF.

The Student Recognition Awards and the Excellence in Education Awards applications have been sent out; please encourage all graduating dependents of OSSTF members to apply for this award. Also please think of any person who is worthy of the Excellence in Education award and nominate them.

Thank you!!!

I would like to thank everyone for your support over this year and the past few years in my capacity as District President. I am continuously learning and growing in this position.

I would be remised if I did not than Marnie Devoni-St. Germain for everything that she does for us at the district office and continues to do for us. I say it all the time but we are extremely lucky to have her on staff!

Thank you too to Margaret for being such a quick study in helping to take care of us. You are a welcome addition to the office.

I would also like to thank Marie for everything that she has done over her two years as TBU President. She is moving on to a different role next year where I know she will excel but we will miss her at the office. Thankfully, she is staying on as District Vice-President!

Thank you to Liz who is a wealth of knowledge and becoming a staple at the district office as well. You are one of the hardest working people I know and we are lucky to have you!

Sharon, I cannot thank you enough!

Thank you also to all of District Executive, I truly could not do this job without you!!!

Good luck with the rest of your year and have a wonderful summer!!!



Sincerely, thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terri Lyn Della Penta', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Terri Lyn Della Penta
District 2, Algoma
District President