



District President's Report

April 23, 2020

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this time period. I know that it is difficult and can be stressful but together we will overcome this.

Highlights

COVID-19

As everyone is aware, the office has been closed since March Break and will continue to be closed for the duration of the pandemic. Marnie and some President's have gone into the building to complete work, send files, sign vouchers and/or cheques, etc. but most are able to work from home and we have not allowed visitors on the premises. Anyone who has enters the building has wiped down everything they have touched and will continue to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation with this practice.

AMPA

As we are all well-aware, AMPA 2020 was cancelled this year. All our members who were scheduled to attend had their rooms and travel cancelled. We are waiting on a few members who received their AMPA cheques to reimburse the district. You can send an e-transfer to myself at Terrilyn.dellapenta@d02.osstf.ca or write a cheque, which ever is easier for you.

At this time, AMPA has not been rescheduled.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Please encourage members to nominate someone for the Excellence in Education Award. Application deadline is May 15, 2020. This award may be presented to any member (past or present), who has made an outstanding contribution to public elementary or secondary school education in the District of Algoma.

Please send nomination forms through email to: marnie.devoni@d02.osstf.ca or Terrilyn.dellapenta@d02.osstf.ca .

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

Please ensure that your Student Services department has received the Student Recognition Award Application. This award is granted annually to the child of an OSSTF/FEESO Member in the amount of \$500 who is in their graduating year and will be entering a college, university or apprenticeship/trades program in the fall.

Application deadline for this award is May 15, 2020 and submissions must be emailed to marnie.devoni@d02.osstf.ca .

AGM

Currently, we are unable to have a face-to-face AGM and we are in the process of figuring out how we handle this. I have been in contact with Provincial Office regarding timelines for the constitution and voting, however, it is a slow process right now with everything going on.

This is unfamiliar territory for everyone, so your patience is appreciated.

Since we are unable to hold our AGM a motion was passed, and it was decided that some of the funds we would have used for the AGM were to be redirected for donations to the various communities in the Algoma district. Many people are feeling the strain of the current pandemic and the food clinics/soup kitchens, etc. are no exception. District 2, Algoma decided to donate \$2400 to the various communities across the Algoma District. Thank you to those members who help others and to those who helped instruct us where to send the cheques. Every little bit helps.

AWARDS DINNER

At this time, we have decided to postpone the Awards Dinner that was scheduled to be held on June 12, 2020 until the fall of 2020. Once a date is confirmed, I will forward the information. I know this is disappointing, but our members' health and safety is more import.

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A huge thank you goes out to the various Presidents; Liz, Bobbi-Jo, Sharon, and John. Thank you for continuing to work diligently and representing your members from home. Thank you to Jen for coming in from your home in Goulais to sign those vouchers! Your commitment is inspiring.

Marnie, thank you for your continued work during this time period. Ensuring that our office is clean and safe.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 6, 2020	–	Support Staff Appreciation Day
May 9, 2020	–	AGM - cancelled
June 12, 2020	–	District Awards Dinner – postponed until the fall
June 13, 2020	–	District Meeting – rescheduled date to be determined and will be a teleconference.

Stay safe everyone!!!!

Yours in Federation,

Terri Lyn Della Penta
District 2, Algoma