



2019 Bluewater Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting

Report by Amanda Anderson

Vice President / Communications Officer / Chief Negotiator

Local

- ☒ Golden Horseshoe Occasional Teachers Meetings
- ☒ BWDSB Organizational Health & Wellness Committee
- ☒ BWDSB Collaborative Professionalism Committee
- ☒ Provincial Occasional Teachers' Conference
- ☒ MPP Discussion Meeting
- ☒ Grey Bruce Labour Council Representation

Provincial

- ☒ Leadership Training
- ☒ President's Special Meetings Updates
- ☒ Media Training
- ☒ Professional Relations Services Training
- ☒ Collective Bargaining Conference
- ☒ Representative Council Meeting
- ☒ National Standards for Psychological H&S Training
- ☒ Status of Women Training
- ☒ Building Better Schools Training

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent our Local in various roles over these past seven years. I take it upon myself to be informed and represent our Local at various events that contribute to improving the working conditions of occasional teachers.

I am fortunate to be a part of a Local Executive filled with strong voices. I look forward to our opportunities to get together as a team to share our unique perspectives in occasional teaching, bounce ideas off one another, address membership concerns and ensure a plan of action is decided to enforce our Collective Agreement.

I regularly update our Local Website to ensure members have quick access to reference material and ongoing news. Consider it your staff room bulletin board and feel free to email me at any time with suggestions.

My favourite part of my involvement with our Local Executive is to creatively seek out opportunities to enhance the experiences of the Membership. I continue to implement the professional learning funding available for members to purchase resources and attend events. I am also the chair of our Member Engagement Committee and took the opportunity to create a Collective Agreement Quiz. Each OT who participated received a read-aloud book made possible with the ETFO 20th-anniversary incentive funding. I hope you found the books practical and worthwhile in your teaching as well as the books you are receiving today. This school year I was also appointed as the Status of Women and Equity Officer where I have received funding from ETFO to use towards supporting the Owen Sound and Kincardine Pride Parades. I hope to see you there!

Local Bargaining is approaching quickly as we will see our Collective Agreement expire on August 31, 2019. Our local will assuredly be seeking your input. In negotiating and enforcing a collective agreement, information really is power, and I am committed to keeping the membership informed.

In Solidarity,
Amanda Anderson

