



2018 Bluewater Occasional Teachers' Annual General Meeting

Report by Andrew Chittka
Member Engagement Committee

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Member Engagement Survey

The Committee met before the winter break to discuss plans for this school year. We identified a few activities and initiatives that members might find engaging, and opted to start with a survey to see how closely our thoughts align with the interests of the Membership. We also wanted to tap into some Provincial Incentive Funding, so we decided that for every 10% of the Membership that completes the Survey, we would donate 100\$ to the Bluewater area women's shelters. The survey got a 25% participation rate, and we subsequently donated 250\$ to each of the women's shelters in the Bluewater area -- in addition to our previous donation of 300\$ to each of the shelters.

The survey indicated that most members prefer activities to be hosted in Owen Sound, Chesley, and Port Elgin, preferably on a PA Day, but potentially also on a Saturday afternoon or Thursday evening. The most popular activity options were Paint Night and a Year-End Celebration, like a Staff Party for OTs. There was very little appetite for a closed group for Bluewater OTs to share resources on Twitter, Instagram, or Pinterest, and only about 10% of the Membership for Facebook.

Planned events:

We have tentatively planned a Paint Night for the evening of Thursday, May 24 in Port Elgin. Details about registration and cost will follow in an email from Andrew, once confirmed.

We are in the planning stages of a Year-End Celebration, looking at Saturday, June 9, possibly at Harrison Park in Owen Sound. This would be a family-friendly event for OTs, partners, and dependents. We are currently looking at things like permits for barbecues and group events. Fingers crossed!

Annual General Meeting:

We opted to continue the complimentary resource initiative, complimentary meal, with a low key atmosphere to encourage networking among OTs. Additionally, invited guests could not attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
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