



Association of Professional Student Services Personnel

Halton Catholic Chapter  
**Executive Update Report**  
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## Your Halton Catholic Chapter Executive Council Members

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**Governing Council Representatives: Jane Acheson, Paul Scordino, and Melissa Trowsdale**

## Appies for APSSP ~ Save the Date

Please join us for a Local Annual General Meeting at the OECTA office (980 Fraser Drive, Unit 206, Burlington ON, L7L 5J5) on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 between 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. Topics for the evening will include:

- Chapter Secretary Vote
- Chapter Executive Reports
- 2019 Local Negotiations Team
- Local Bylaws
- Honouring Gladys Cook

## APSSP Website & Email

Check out the APSSP website at [www.apssp.org](http://www.apssp.org)! If you have not already done so, please ensure that you register on the APSSP website using the personal email which you provided to the Union (not your Board email). Once registered, you will receive access to member documents, Provincial and Local updates, and an APSSP email account which will be the main method of communication from your Provincial and Local Chapter Executives going forward. If you have any questions about how to set up email forwarding, feel free to contact your Local Chapter Executive.

## Benefits

When contacting OTIP regarding your benefits, please remember to identify yourself as a member of the EWAO-ATEO coalition of unions. The plan is not under the APSSP title. Please also be advised that there is an escalation process for unpaid claims disputes. Contact your Chapter President, Jane Acheson, if such a situation arises.

## Bill 115

There has been a delay at the Ministry level with regard to Bill 115 settlement payouts for members employed between 2012-2014. We will advise when there is more information regarding when to expect the payout.

## Cannabis Legalization

In light of the recent legalization of cannabis in Canada, please be sure to review the HCDSB Human Resources memo on recreational cannabis, "Information #10," dated October 15, 2018 (available through HCDSB StaffNet).

## Edvantage Cards

As a member of the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel (APSSP), you are eligible for an Edvantage card. Edvantage gives education employees, such as yourself, access to many rewards, discounts, and contests through partnerships with Ontario retailers and businesses. If you have not previously received an Edvantage card and would like one, please contact the Halton Catholic Public Relations Representative, Melissa Trowsdale. Submissions go in on the 15th of every month. If you have previously received an Edvantage card but are not able to locate it, you can still contact Melissa about finding out your membership number. It is not possible to obtain replacements for lost Edvantage cards. More information is available at [www.Edvantage.ca](http://www.Edvantage.ca).

## Get to Know Your Local Executive

### Jane Acheson (President)

Jane Acheson has been a Registered Social Worker since 2001. She previously worked at Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board as a School Social Worker for nine years. Jane has been involved with two negotiating teams in the past - once with her previous union and once with APSSP. Jane's wealth of experience in the school system, as well as her negotiating background, will serve her well as she takes on the role of APSSP Halton Catholic Chapter President heading into a negotiating year. She is excited to represent all APSSP members as part of the Executive Committee!

### Paul Scordino (Vice-President)

Paul Scordino has been an ALA-Accredited Librarian since 1997. He has been an HCDSB Librarian at the secondary level for twenty years, an APSSP member since the Librarians' inception to the Union in 2000, and has formerly represented APSSP on the negotiating team. Paul's background as a research and information specialist and experience with negotiations will be of great benefit to the Union as Paul takes on the Local Chapter Vice-President position!

## Retirements

APSSP Halton Catholic Chapter wishes Gladys Cook, Pauline Gagnon, Carol Lewis, and Jackie Morse all the best in their retirement. Pauline, Carol, and Jackie retired in June 2018, and Gladys announced her retirement in September 2018. Our retired APSSP members continue to be welcome at the Local and Provincial AGMs.

## Tell Me Something Good

Want to be featured in the Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter? Please share your positive work experience, life events, or a positive thought about a fellow APSSP member with the Public Relations Representative, Melissa Trowsdale, before March 1, 2019. If you would like to get involved in the planning, writing, and editing of our Bi-Annual newsletters, please contact Melissa at any time.

## Union Dues

An increase of 0.25% to Union Dues was approved at the May 17, 2018 APSSP Annual General Meeting. Union Dues went from 1% annually to 1.25% annually effective September 1, 2018. This increase is to account for rising expenses as our Union grows, and to accommodate additional release time for Presidents and Provincial Executive members so that they may commit more time to their roles. At present, all APSSP Union Executives at both the Provincial and Local Chapter levels continue to work in their careers while also managing Union duties without salary. APSSP continues to have the lowest union dues rate of any Union in the Ontario Education Sector.

## Win Free Gas!

For a chance to win a \$50 Gas Card, submit correct answers to the following questions to your Public Relations Representative (Melissa.Trowsdale@apssp.org) by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019. All respondents with five or more points will be entered into a draw!

1. What year was the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel founded? (Tip: visit [www.apssp.org](http://www.apssp.org); Value: 1 point)
2. Who is the Provincial VP Grievance person? (Tip: visit [www.apssp.org](http://www.apssp.org); Value: 1 point)
3. APSSP has members across how many school boards in southern Ontario? (Tip: visit [www.apssp.org](http://www.apssp.org); Value: 1 point)
4. Name four active (not retired) APSSP Halton Catholic Chapter members, each from a different position/job title, other than yourself or any Chapter Executive members. (Tip: check the HCDSB email directory; Value: up to 4 points – 1 point per correct name!)

