



Association of Professional Student Services Personnel

Halton Catholic Chapter
Executive Update Report
Spring 2019



Message from the President

As the end of the school year approaches, we can all look back on the work we did as members of APSSP to support students, families and staff. The important work that we do is vital to the ongoing functioning and growth of HCDSB, and it is important to take pride in all that we have accomplished.

I have had the honour of working with an amazing Executive team this year. This is my first year in the role of APSSP Halton Catholic President, and I have benefited from the wealth of knowledge that my colleagues have shared as we worked together to support the membership. The Executive team has shown a willingness to give many hours in the service of our Local and their dedication is much appreciated.

On behalf of Paul, Mary, Melissa, Teresa and myself, I would like to extend our best wishes to all of you for a relaxing and safe summer.

Your Halton Catholic Chapter Executive Committee

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-  **Executive Vice-President:**
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-  **Treasurer (effective Sept. 1/19):**
Mary Maceroni, Librarian
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-  **Governing Council Representatives (effective Sept. 1/19):**
Jane Acheson, Sahar Gouveia, Trisha Oghenekowho and Melissa Trowsdale
-  **Vice-President Health & Safety:**
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-  **Secretary (effective Sept. 1/19):**
Katie Mann, Behaviour Analyst
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New Member Group

It is a pleasure to announce that the HCDSB Behaviour Analysts have officially joined our Local bargaining unit this year. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to them.

New Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Representative

Thank you to Sharon Ashton for agreeing to take over the role of EAP Representative for APSSP Halton Catholic Chapter with the HCDSB. Thank you also to Rita Carmichael for her many years of service as the EAP Representative until 2019.

Local Annual General Meeting Updates

Mary Maceroni was acclaimed as APSSP Halton Catholic Treasurer for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2019.

Katie Mann was elected as APSSP Halton Catholic Secretary for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2019.

Thank you to Mary, Melissa, and Teresa for filling the acting roles for Treasurer and Secretary from January to August 2019.

Sahar Gouveia & Trisha Oghenekowho (née Jordan) were acclaimed as APSSP Halton Catholic Governing Council Representatives for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2019, where they will join our Local President and VP Public Relations in the second half of their terms.

Members present at the Local AGM voted in favour of the Local By-Laws presented, with one amendment, which will be presented at Governing Council in October for approval.

Provincial Annual General Meeting Updates

As you all know, APSSP is part of coalition of unions known as The Educational Workers' Alliance of Ontario (EWAO-ATEO). The EWAO-ATEO have issued notice to bargain to the Provincial government, and Provincial negotiations are set to begin soon. Updates on the negotiations process will be posted to the APSSP website (www.apssp.org). Please ensure that you have registered if you wish to have access to these updates.

The Halton Catholic Chapter Executive Committee surprised our Local President, Jane Acheson, by selecting her as our Chapter Honouree for the 2018-2019 school year. Since stepping into her role in September, Jane has studied the Collective Agreement and notes from past meetings, and consulted with past and present Executive members at the Local and Provincial levels so that she is prepared to handle whatever comes at her. She has worked to ensure that the Local Executive lives up to its responsibility of transparency and accountability to the membership. Jane is professional at all times, and is truly an exemplary leader.

Local Negotiations Committee

Please start discussing amongst yourselves who you would like to have represent your profession's unique concerns on the Local Negotiations Committee. The Local Executive Vice-President, Paul Scordino, will be representing Librarians and serving as Chief Negotiator. Each profession needs to provide one name by September 6, and one alternate should the designated representative not be able to attend Local Negotiations Planning Meetings. Provincial will be offering negotiations training in early Fall 2019.