

News Release

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NEWLY ELECTED 2015-16 OECTA PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

TORONTO – Ann Hawkins has been elected President of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2015, at OECTA's Annual General Meeting in Toronto.

Hawkins has been a member of OECTA's Provincial Executive since 2008, and is currently serving as first vice-president of the Association. Since her teaching career began in 1972, Hawkins has taught in both the elementary and secondary panels with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. She is passionate in her promotion of human rights and women's issues, and will be representing OECTA at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, which takes place this week in New York.

Joining President-elect Hawkins, OECTA's newly elected Provincial Executive members are:

Past President	James Ryan, Toronto Elementary
First Vice-President	Liz Stuart, York
Second Vice-President	Barb Dobrowolski, Eastern Ontario
Third Vice-President	Andrew Donihee, Eastern Ontario
Treasurer	Warren Grafton, Waterloo
Councillor	Michel Derikx, Hamilton-Wentworth
Councillor	Anthony Rocchio, Sudbury Elementary
OTF Table Officer	Chris Cowley, Brant Haldimand Norfolk

Additionally, the following five members were elected to the positions of Governor with the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF):

Rick Belisle, Nipissing Secondary
Chris Cowley, Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Tracey Pecarski, Renfrew
Sean Roberts, Halton Secondary
Richard Schrader, Niagara Secondary

OECTA represents the almost 50,000 professional women and men who teach all grades in publicly funded English Catholic schools in Ontario.

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