



OSPAPPH EXECUTIVE CHANGES FOR 2014-2015

We are thrilled to welcome some new members to the 2014-2015 Executive; Jennifer Ronan from Hasting & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit returns to OSPAPPH as the Eastern Regional Representative and Anita Trusler from Lambton Public Health is our new South-West Regional Representative.

A number of our current Executive members have decided to stay on board, and a few have decided to step into new roles. Katherine Horst (outgoing South-West Regional Representative) has been elected as co-chair; Donna Mills (outgoing Secretary) has been elected Treasurer; and Chantal Lalonde (outgoing Co-chair) and Lisa Kaldeway (outgoing Treasurer/past-chair) have been elected as Special Projects Officers.

For a complete list of the 2014-2015 OSPAPPH Executive, please refer to the box on Page 2.

VACANCIES STILL ON 2014-2015 OSPAPPH EXECUTIVE

We are still hoping to fill the positions of Vice-chair and Secretary. Both of these roles are vital to the continued growth of the Society. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time (less than 1 day per month) and join this exciting opportunity, please email [Chantal Lalonde](mailto:Chantal.Lalonde).

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THANK YOU – YOU WILL BE MISSED!

With new additions to the Executive, it means we have to say goodbye to a few of our dedicated members: Natalie Philippe and Mary Jane Gordon. Thank you both for your commitment and your contributions to OSPAPPH.

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Chris Sherman,
Co-chair
(Chatham-Kent Public Health)

Katherine Horst,
Co-chair
(Perth District Health Unit)

Vacant,
Vice-chair

Donna Mills,
Treasurer
(Niagara Region Public Health)

Vacant,
Secretary

Anita Trusler,
Regional Representative South West
(Perth District Health Unit)

Elaine Fisher,
Regional Representative Northern Region
(Northwestern Health Unit)

Annette Collins,
Regional Representative Central West
(Region of Waterloo Public Health)

Aprile Spence,
Regional Representative Central East
(Region of Peel Health Services)

Jennifer Ronan,
Regional Representative Eastern Region
(Hasting & Prince Edward Counties Health
Unit)

Lisa Kaldeway,
Special Project Officer
(Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health
Unit)

Chantal Lalonde,
Special Project Officer
(Eastern Ontario Public Health)

OSPAPPH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

As many of you know, OSPAPPH has been ‘tweeting’ since last Fall. Although we may not be as popular as Ellen Degeneres, we’re excited to already have over one-hundred followers! This year, our goal is to dive deeper into social media and have a stronger presence on Twitter.

Our first attempt will be by tweeting live from two upcoming major conferences. We’ll bring you up to date news and findings that relate to physical activity promotion in public health.

Join us:

- April 8-11 at the CDPAC 2014 Conference; and
- May 19-22 at the Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children

Find us on Twitter @ospapph and join the conversation!



@ospapph

FACE TO FACE MEETING 2014

The OSPAPPH Executive will be meeting on April 30th and May 1st in Peel Region for its annual Face to Face meeting. Once again, the meeting will be an opportunity for Executive members (incoming and outgoing) to get to know one another in person and tackle a few priorities. Aside from regular business, the goal of the Face to Face meeting is to finalize the Physical Literacy Advocacy Toolkit and establish timelines for the strategy. We look forward to sharing outcomes of the meeting with our members during the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the 2014 OSPAPPH Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for June 10, 2014 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. An official invitation will be sent out in the coming weeks.



OSPAPPH PROVIDES FEEDBACK TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Proposed Amendments to Day Nursery Act (DNA) and the Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007 (ECEA)

On December 3, 2013 the government of Ontario introduced Bill 143, the Child Care Modernization Act, 2013 that, if passed would amend three Acts. The legislation would repeal and replace the DNA with the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2013 – a new, modernized legislative framework that would govern the provision of child care and early year's programs and services. The proposed amendments state that provincial policy statements to guide program content and educator practice will be developed along with proposed complementary regulatory amendments. OSPAPPH provided recommendations and supporting evidence for consideration specifically addressing the requirement to have a program that focuses on positive, responsive interactions; incorporates active exploration, play and inquiry; provides engaging materials/environments; and supports development in a holistic manner. Read [here for](#) OSPAPPH's response.

From Great to Excellent – the next phase in Ontario's Education Strategy

OSPAPPH submitted comments to the Ontario Ministry of Education's online consultation regarding "From great to excellent - the next phase in Ontario's Education Strategy". The physical literacy key messages were emphasized. To access the full submission, click [here](#).

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR OSPAPPH MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again! Our annual membership drive will begin next month. On behalf of the OSPAPPH Executive, we would like to thank all of our members for your continued support.

Registration forms and invoices will be emailed to each Health Unit key contact by your regional representative in early April, and annual membership registrations are due on or before June 2, 2014.

Benefits of OSPAPPH Membership

For people new to public health and/or physical activity promotion, the OSPAPPH Executive members continue to be front line Physical Activity Promoters like you and we strive to support the role from a provincial and local perspective. Each member on the Executive has received commitment from their management team to spend time to work on developing a stronger provincial collaborative for you.

Your membership fee of \$150 supports:

- Elevating physical activity as a public health priority in Ontario through engagement, education, advocacy and strategic alliances
- Moving the provincial advocacy strategy on physical literacy forward with key messages and policy recommendations that can be adapted at the local level
- Engaging our members and stakeholders in current issues related to physical activity promotion across the province and nationally
- Participation in collaborative work across the province that will translate into local benefits for promotion of physical activity
- Operational planning and priority setting for the Society
- Meeting accountability requirements as part of being incorporated (e.g. annual financial review).

We look forward to your continued support over the 2014-2015 term.

ADVOCACY TOOLKIT UPDATE & REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

The co-chairs of the Key Messages working groups (Lisa, Chris and Chantal) have been hard at work trying to piece together the Physical Literacy Advocacy Toolkit for our membership. Following a productive meeting in Toronto in early February, we are please to share the *draft* Advocacy Toolkit for your review. The purpose of the toolkit is to assist OSPAPPH and physical activity promoters in public health to advocate both provincially and locally for enhanced support for physical literacy.

We are asking members to review the Toolkit contents and provide us with feedback via email. We are interested in knowing if the contents meet the needs of our members who may wish to support the advocacy strategy.

Please review all sections of the [Advocacy Toolkit](#) including all linked documents in the Appendices and send us your written feedback via email (email [Lisa Kaldeway](#) or [Chantal Lalonde](#)) by April 15th, 2014.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration on this important public health issue.