



OSPAPPH ELECTION RESULTS

Elections for the 2016-2017 term have been completed. OSPAPPH would like to thank all who expressed interest in the various positions and welcome the following incoming Executive members who will begin their term in June:

Co-chair: Katherine Horst, Perth District Health Unit

Eastern Regional Rep: Kristen Stones, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

Northern Regional Rep: Martin Paul, Porcupine Health Unit

Central East Regional Rep: Julie Vilchez, Region of Peel Public Health

OSPAPPH would also like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our outgoing executive members: Elaine Fischer, Jen Ronan, Tanya Hill, Aprile Spence, and Chris Sherman. Big thanks to each of you for your commitment and contributions to the Society!

THANK YOU!

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OSPAPPH EXECUTIVE – 2016-2017

Alison Bochsler, Co-chair
(Hamilton Public Health Services)

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

Donna Mills, Treasurer
(Niagara Region Public Health)

Peter Bearse, Secretary
(KLF&A Public Health)

Regional Representatives

Jason Wepler, South West
(Grey Bruce Health Unit)

Martin Paul, Northern Region
(Porcupine Health Unit)

Michele Crowley, Central West
(Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit)

Julie Vilchez, Central East
(Region of Peel Public Health)

Kristen Stones, Eastern
(Hastings & Prince Edward Counties
Health Unit)

Special Project Officers

Lisa Kaldeway
(Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District
Health Unit)

Chantal Lalonde
(Eastern Ontario Health Unit)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2016-2017

It's that time of year again! Our annual membership drive will begin soon. 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 from the treasurer in the beginning of May. **Annual membership registrations are due by June 3, 2016.**

Benefits of OSPAPPH Membership

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 through advocacy, capacity building, engagement, and collaboration.
- ✓ 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 2016-2017 term. If you have any questions on your membership renewal commitment, please contact the OSPAPPH treasurer, Donna Mills, at donna.mills@niagararegion.ca

PHYSICAL LITERACY ADVOCACY STRATEGY UPDATE

The Ministry of Education responded to OSPAPPH and the Physical Literacy Working Group's letter which was sent on January 26th, 2016. Of note, the response outlines the Ministry's current efforts and policies that support the development of physical literacy in education and childcare settings. Nonetheless, the Working Group still believes there is much to be done to elevate physical literacy to the same level as numeracy and literacy. They remain focused on continuing to engage with the Ministry of Education and key stakeholders in health, education, and physical activity to continue to ensure that all children live, learn, and play in environments that support the development of, "the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities for life".¹

In addition, OSPAPPH is currently reviewing the information gathered through the physical literacy survey which was sent out to members in March 2016. Our Special Project Officers will be contacting those who gave their names to get more information. If you didn't get a chance to fill out the survey and you are aware of comprehensive work being done in/with School Boards and/or Schools in your region, please contact Chantal Lalonde (chalalonde@eohu.ca).

1. International Physical Literacy Association (2015). Canada's Physical Literacy Consensus Statement. Retrieved from:
http://www.physicalliteracy.ca/sites/default/files/Consensus-Handout-EN-WEB_1.pdf

WORKING TOGETHER WITH PARC!

Earlier this year, a member of our OSPAPPH Executive was able to participate in PARC's Strategic Planning Day. Not surprisingly, there are a number of opportunities for alignment and collaboration between our two organizations.

PARC attended a portion of the OSPAPPH Executive Face to Face meeting in April – a great opportunity for strengthening this important relationship and exploring how we can support each other and work together. More details to come!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
1:30-3:30 PM
for OSPAPPH's virtual



AGM

Phone and login details
to follow.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

OSPAPPH released its [2016-2020 Strategic Plan](#) this past January. Members were invited to join three strategic priority working groups – **communication, sustainability and capacity** – to provide recommendations to the Executive on what should be done to enhance these three areas.

Several members stepped forward to work on improving communication, and the Special Projects Officers presented recommendations from all three areas to the Executive for their consideration at the annual face-to-face meeting at the end of April.

Stay tuned for upcoming changes to make OSPAPPH even better!

SPORT FOR LIFE PHYSICAL LITERACY IN ONTARIO ACTIVATION MEETING

On March 21st, provincial and national stakeholders gathered under the leadership of Sport for Life Society to begin to explore the possibility of creating a Physical Literacy Strategy for Ontario. Co-chair Chris Sherman and Special Projects Officer Lisa Kaldeway, attended on behalf of OSPAPPH.

The meeting was well attended with over 40 representatives from government (Ministries of Education, Health and Long-term Care, Tourism Culture & Sport, and Children and Youth Services), sport, recreation, education and health.

There is a lot happening across the province around physical literacy. This meeting was the first attempt to bring all players together to discuss ways we could work more collaboratively in this emerging area. Next steps involve a second stakeholder meeting in the coming months.

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