



ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
BUSINESS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Christ  
is  
Risen!

### *President's Message...*

April showers bring May flowers! Happy Easter Greetings!

Who am I fooling? You are all up to your necks dealing with the fall out of COVID-19! Well, what a 2019/2020 school year in the Ontario Education Sector. We have seen Labour Relations disruptions, cancelled conferences and conventions, the suspension of the Ontario school year and the closure of all non-essential businesses, places of worship and the virtual shutdown of all of what we consider to be normal everyday life.

Still, we are a people of Hope! We are Easter people! We will celebrate Holy Week from our homes, mourn Jesus's death on the cross on Good Friday and celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for all the great work you continue to do each and every day to keep our Ontario English Catholic School systems operating!

Thank you for:

- staying at home as much as possible;
- finding new ways to work from home virtually;
- practicing physical distancing and keeping a 2 metre distance;
- coughing and sneezing with a tissue or sleeve;
- washing your hands frequently.

These are all little things but together they will save lives!

Your OCSBOA Board of Directors continues to be busy planning for the upcoming conference scheduled for September 30- October 2, 2020 at the Blue Mountain Resort near Collingwood, Ontario. The theme for this year's conference is "Celebrating Our Successes: Past, Present and Future".

OCSBOA offers several committees, which can assist you with networking and collaborating with other Catholic School Board colleagues throughout the province. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for the 2020 year, encourage new staff to join, and please plan to attend our annual conference in September 2020. May God bless you and your families and keep you safe. Remember "We are all in this together!"

*May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

*Joe O'Hara, OCSBOA President*

#### **OCSBOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-20**

President	Joe O'Hara, Halton
Vice-President	Khaled Elgharbawy, Toronto
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Directors:	Michael Gray, York
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#### **OCSBOA COMMITTEE REPS**

OCSTA	Joe O'Hara
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ICE	Kevin Sun/Joe O'Hara
Ministry Liaison	Joe O'Hara
Human Resources	Angelo Romano, Joe O'Hara
CEFO	Paul DeCock
Conference	All Board Members
Membership	All Board Members
Business Facilities & Planning	Stephanie Cox, Khaled Elgharbawy
Strategic Communications	Andrea Swinden,
ECAB	Betty Stavropoulos

### Catholic Partner Scheduled Dates

At this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of provincial associations are cancelling their scheduled AGMs/conferences. As rescheduled dates are made available, they will be reported in future newsletters.

*Mark Your Calendars and Watch for Details...*

The **OCSBOA AGM & Conference 2020** will be held at Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood, September 30 – Oct 2, 2020. The keynote speaker will be **Michael Pautler, Executive Director, ICE.** Workshop presenters are confirmed. Watch for the registration package which will be emailed to you in the coming weeks. Information will also be updated on the OCSBOA website ([www.ocsboa.ca](http://www.ocsboa.ca)) as details are finalized.

We are saddened to report the passing of **Tom Kelly, former Executive Director, OCSBOA (2006-2010)**. Tom served as President of the Association from 1993-94 and was Honorary Member recipient in 2010. We extend our prayers and sympathies to Tom's family and colleagues.

The world is adjusting to new realities in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now in 'quarantine culture' – where social media has exploded. Various platforms are used to keep us informed, entertained and educated.

Here are some links which may be of interest and worth checking out:

- [The Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) – WHO Updates
- [How to Talk to Your Anxious Child About the Coronavirus](#)
- [Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)
- [Helping Children Cope With Changes Resulting From COVID-19](#)
- [Supporting Individuals with Autism through Uncertain Times](#)
- [How to answer the many coronavirus questions that children have and helping them cope](#)
- [12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Video Tours](#)
- [53 Things to Do at Home](#) - Recommended by the Hopkins School students
- [Middle School Art resources](#)
- [10 strategies for online learning during a coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [How K-12 Schools Manage Prospective Students, Enrollment, and Student Health During COVID-19](#)
- [Best Ways to Reduce Stress and Anxiety while Coping with COVID-19](#)

*We are all struggling through the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is timely to recognize those who serve our communities selflessly: Paramedics, Firefighters, Police Officers, Hospital Staff (doctors, nurses, support staff), Home Care workers, Grocery/Pharmacy/Transport/Government workers.*  
*Thank you all as you continue to provide essential services in these challenging times.*  
*We are truly grateful for your dedication!*

# MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-20

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

**PERSONAL DATA:**

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Title</i>	
<i>Board</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>City</i>	
<i>Postal Code</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	

**COMMITTEE INTEREST:**

*The Board of Directors has developed a new committee structure in order to meet the needs of Catholic School Business Officials. Typically committees meet approximately four (4) - six (6) times a year:*

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	√
<i>Membership Services – this committee will develop services that can be provided to members to enhance value of OCSBOA for all members: some examples include workshops, seminars, communications</i>	
<i>Conference – this committee will develop the conference program for 2020 and will aim to provide current and relevant topics to members at the conference</i>	
<i>OCSTA Liaison – this committee will provide support as needed by Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association including members for workgroups, committees and OCSTA/ OCSBOA Finance Seminar</i>	
<i>Ministry of Education Liaison – this committee will consult with the Ministry of Education on current business &amp; finance issues and will provide feedback to OCSBOA and its members.</i>	
<i>Facility &amp; Planning- this committee will provide a forum to address items specific to Catholic boards. This committee will facilitate collaborative sharing of our collective expertise and knowledge with our colleagues while ensuring the perspective of Catholic Education is paramount.</i>	
<i>Human Resources – this committee will provide a wide range of consultative services to OCSBOA members in the areas of negotiations, benefits, arbitrations, contract language, Health &amp; Safety, etc.</i>	
<i>Communication – this committee will meet 3 or 4 times a year to share ideas and develop best practices for communication within the context of publicly-funded Catholic education</i>	
<i>Board of Directors – chart the future of OCSBOA by participation as a Director</i>	

Membership Fee 2019-20 (September to August): \$210.00 (\$185.85 + \$24.15 HST)

**Please make cheque payable to Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association and return this form with your fee. You can fax the form to Peter Marchini at 1.519.979.4468 or email it to: [marchinip@sympatico.ca](mailto:marchinip@sympatico.ca)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_