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Halton Unit**



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UNIT/BARGAINING UNIT ELECTIONS

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON ELEMENTARY UNIT OF OECTA AND OECTA
HALTON ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' BARGAINING UNIT**

**FROM: BOB BOYLE
ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON**

DATE: APRIL 24, 2009

**TOPIC: A) UNIT/BARGAINING UNIT EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS
B) 25 YR. SERVICE & RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.
BURLINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

A) UNIT /BARGAINING UNIT ELECTIONS

It is the responsibility of a Past President or designate of the Halton Elementary Unit of O.E.C.T.A. to organize and conduct the Annual Elections for positions on the Unit/Bargaining Unit Executive. These elections, in accordance with local by-laws, are to establish the Executive for the Halton Elementary Unit of OECTA/OECTA Halton Elementary Teachers' Bargaining Unit for the school year 2009-2010. Positions open for the next school year are listed below.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. All statutory Unit/Bargaining Unit members in good standing are eligible to be nominated. The nominator and seconder of a nominee must be members in good standing of the Unit. Nominees for any position must have consented to their name being put forward. For your convenience, a copy of the nomination form is provided.
2. There may be up to two voting methods on election day if any one or more positions are contested by two or more individuals.
 - * If any position(s) is (are) contested, there will be a polling station set up in each school for daytime voting, allowing all or most of our members to participate, due to the size of our geographical region (Article III, #2 (c), (ii), pg. 6).
 - * At our General Meeting #4 (Elections/Recognition), any defeated candidates from the daytime vote, may step down to a vacant position and any member may run "from the floor" for any vacant position.
3. In the evening, at the start of the Annual General Meeting, the Election Chairperson will announce the successful candidates by acclamation and from the daytime voting, as well as, declare any vacant positions open for nominations or step down, to follow that night.
4. Candidates defeated on a particular ballot (daytime vote or night-time vote) may "step down" to any other position on the list, that evening, of open positions for which the vote has not yet been taken. This intention must be announced immediately following the vote result being announced for the

position for which the defeated candidate originally stood. There will be **only one “step down” notification accepted** by any one candidate (including daytime defeated candidates).

5. Remaining candidate(s) for office will have the opportunity to address the membership, in the evening, for a period of three minutes prior to the vote for the particular office being taken. In addition, a candidate’s nominator **may** address the membership in support of the candidate for a period of one minute (speaking order will be by draw)
6. All ballots for the elections will clearly identify the positions being voted upon and spaces provided for the name of the candidate to be written to identify your choice for the specific Executive position being voted upon. Names of all candidates standing for a particular office will be projected on a screen for proper identification by the electors as the election progresses.
7. The following positions for the Halton Elementary Unit of OECTA/OECTA Halton Elementary Teachers’ Bargaining Unit Executive are open for nominations in **2009-2010**:
 - ! 1st Vice President
 - ! 2nd Vice President
 - ! Recording Secretary
 - ! Councillors (5 positions)

NOTE:

Executive Counsellor and Committee Chairperson positions are chosen by the newly elected Executive by appointment subsequent to the annual Unit/Bargaining Unit Elections. Invitations to submit names for the above appointed positions will be sent out in May or early June.

The official nomination form (attached) must be **addressed to the attention of Bob Boyle at the O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office** up to and including **Thursday, May 7, 2009 @ 12:00 Noon.**

B) 25 YEAR SERVICE & RETIREMENT AWARDS AND SOCIAL

The second part of the evening, following the Unit/Bargaining Unit Executive Elections, will be the **Annual 25 Year Service Recognition Awards** presented to all teacher employees who have achieved **twenty-five total years** of teaching experience **in Ontario, as a member of O.E.C.T.A.** and recognition of our **Retiring Members.**

Those who have reached twenty-five years of service with the Halton Catholic District School Board #46, or those who are about to retire, will also be recognized on a separate occasion on June 12, 2009 at the Board’s Recognition Night.

On Friday, May 8, 2009, a Fax Gram will be sent to each site indicating the nomination slate for the 2009-2010 Unit/Bargaining Unit Executive. If there are more candidates nominated than positions available, there will be an election. A complete election package will be sent to each site the following week. In the event there is an election/vote:

ELECTION DAY

will be (if necessary)

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

during the **"LUNCH HOUR"** at your site

and the

GENERAL MEETING

will be held

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

@ **6:30 p.m.**

at the

**BURLINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - (NEW VENUE)
422 NORTH SHORE BLVD., BURLINGTON**

Your Partner in Catholic Education,

Bob Boyle, Elections Chairperson
BB:dp

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM

(MAY 21, 2009 UNIT/BARGAINING UNIT EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS)

POSITION: _____

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

RETURN TO:

BOB BOYLE - ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON
C/O HALTON ELEMENTARY UNIT OF OECTA
1182 BLAIR ROAD
BURLINGTON

DEADLINE:

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009 @ NOON

PLEASE NOTE:

DUPLICATE THIS NOMINATION FORM AS NECESSARY FOR
ANY ADDITIONAL NAMES TO BE PLACED ON THE NOMINATION LIST.