



News Digest

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Message from the President

It has been another busy and exciting month. I met with Jonathan Bradshaw, Senior Policy Advisor, to Minister Jaczek as well as the PC Policy Advisory Committee for Social Services to provide them feedback on the needs of the developmental services sector as they develop their election platform for 2018. Randy Pettapiece, PC Critic for the Ministry of Community and Social Services, joined the OASIS Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 11. Flavian Pinto, Chair of the DS Finance Group and member of OASIS Business Resource Committee, also provided the OASIS Board with an update on the work of the Individualized Budgeting Committee.

I am pleased to announce the second member of the OASIS Patron's Council, Mark Wafer. Mark is the owner of six Tim Horton's in the Toronto area and brings an expertise in employment of individuals with disabilities to our Patron's Council. Check out the article on Mark in the February E-blast.

Attached is a copy of the OASIS 2017 pre-budget submission outlining the state of the developmental services sector in Ontario today, the challenges our member agencies face, as well as OASIS-agency based solutions to these challenges: [OASIS Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance](#)

Our Central Asks:

- A 2.5% increase in base funding to agencies for the next three years
- Separate funding for agencies' infrastructure and overhead costs from the provision of direct service costs
- Implement the recommendations contained within the Gender Wage Gap Steering Committee Final Report and fund pay equity adjustments to completion

We are quickly approaching the end of the fiscal year and it is once again time for Nominations for the OASIS Board of Directors. There are currently two vacancies on the Board for next year, 1 volunteer and 1 Executive Director. We encourage member agencies to consider nominating someone for these positions. Please see the links to the nomination form and expectations of board members.

[Call for Nominations to the OASIS Board of Directors](#)

To support succession planning within member agencies, the OASIS Board of Directors has opened up the President's Scholarship and George Braithwaite Scholarship to senior managers this year in addition to the Gerry Sutton Scholarship. A graduate program has been developed with Queen's University and is open to new participants and those who

have already completed the first program. I encourage agencies to apply for these valuable scholarships.

[Presidents Scholarship 2017 Application Form](#)

[George Braithwaite Scholarship 2017 Application Form](#)

[Gerry Sutton Scholarship 2017 Application Form](#)

Nominations are also now open for the Annie Oliver Award and the Member Leadership Award. Please give consideration to nominating a person or member agency for these awards. A \$1,000 cheque is also provided to the recipient's organization for each of these awards.

[2017 Annie Oliver Award Nomination Package](#)

[1st Annual OASIS Member Leadership Award Nomination Package](#)

The next meeting of the OASIS Board of Directors will take place on February 15-16, 2017 in Hamilton. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings, please contact Amanda Brown administrativesupport@oasisonline.ca to let us know you will be in attendance and we will provide you with the meeting details. We welcome you to join us or contact me prior to the meeting to share your ideas and concerns. I can be reached by email at president@oasisonline.ca or by phone at 705-645-6290.

Sincerely,
Ann Kenney
President, OASIS

OASIS Conference 2017

Registration is now open for the OASIS Annual Conference and AGM in Ottawa please see the attached brochure for details: [2017 Conference Brochure and Registration Link](#)



List Serve Etiquette

- Information posted should not be for personal gain of the individual posting the information.
- Post questions on the OASIS Discussion Board and send out email to members letting them know you have posted a question and that responses are to be made on

the Discussion Board. This will enable responses to be gathered in one place including attachments if policies, etc., are provided and is available on a permanent basis.

- If offering congratulations for accreditations, or agency achievements please REPLY ONLY TO THE PERSON who provided the information, not to the entire list serve.
- If you would like to reference OASIS material please contact Amanda at administrativesupport@oasisonline.ca for the link to the website rather than redistributing material.

[Link to Latest Discussion Board Topic - Retirement](#)

Links Included in this Issue...

Basic Income Pilot Consultations: [Ontario Basic Income Pilot](#).

PSHSA OASIS Affiliate Page Web Tutorials: [Fire & Emergencies Web Tutorial](#)

OASIS November-December Board Meeting Minutes: [OASIS Board Meeting Minutes - November 30-December 1, 2016](#)

OASIS Four Pillars: [Four Pillars](#)

OASIS Board and Executive Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017: [Meeting Schedule 2016-2017](#)

OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016, Updated May 17, 2016: [OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016](#)

OASIS 2016-2017 Board of Directors Contact Information: [OASIS Board of Directors 2016-2017 Contact Information](#)

Current OASIS Membership List: [OASIS Member Listing](#)

Government of Canada Consultation – [What Does an Accessible Canada Mean to You?](#)