



Trillium Lakelands
District 15

CONSTITUTION FOR TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT #15 OF THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS= FEDERATION

DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution:

1. “OSSTF” shall mean the Ontario Secondary School Teacher=s Federation.
2. “District” shall mean the District organization of District 15, Trillium Lakelands, OSSTF.
3. “Bargaining Unit” shall be used to designate the OSSTF organizations of those members for whom OSSTF holds bargaining rights under the appropriate legislation.
4. “Constitution” shall mean a system of fundamental principles by which this District is governed, and includes a basic organization of this District.
5. “General Meeting” shall mean a meeting of the District membership to conduct the business of the Unit.
6. “AMPA” shall mean the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly of OSSTF.
7. “AMDA” shall mean the Annual Meeting of the District Assembly of Trillium Lakelands OSSTF.
8. “PSSP” shall mean the Professional Student Services Personnel.
9. “ARM” shall mean Active Retired Members.
10. “TLDSB” shall mean Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

ARTICLE 1 - Name and Authority

- 1.1_ This District shall be known as the Ontario Secondary School Teachers= Federation, District 15, Trillium Lakelands.
- 1.2 Any part of the District Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and/or Procedures which are in contravention to the OSSTF/District/Division Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and/or Procedures are null and void.

ARTICLE 2 - Objects

- 2.1 The objects of District 15 shall be those described in Article 3 of the Constitution of OSSTF.
- 2.2 The ethics of District 15 shall be those described in Article 4 of the Constitution of OSSTF.

ARTICLE 3 - Membership

- 3.1 Members shall be determined in accordance with OSSTF Bylaws and shall include:
- 3.1.1. active members of OSSTF who are employed by the TLDSB;
 - 3.1.2 active retired members who are members of the ARM chapter(s) within TLDSB;
 - 3.1.3 honorary members appointed by Provincial Executive on recommendation of TLDSB and its predecessor boards;
 - 3.1.4 associate members assigned to teach in schools of TLDSB; 3.1.5 voluntary members approved by TLDSB;
 - 3.1.6 Provincial Life Members.

ARTICLE 4 - District Executive

- 4.1 Composition

There shall be an Executive consisting of the following voting members:

- 4.1.1 Teachers Bargaining Unit President, who shall serve as the District President;
- 4.1.2 Teachers Bargaining Unit Treasurer, who shall serve as the District Treasurer;
- 4.1.3 One Teachers=Bargaining Unit Vice-President;
- 4.1.4 PSSP Bargaining Unit President;
- 4.1.5 PSSP Executive member as appointed by PSSP Bargaining unit president
- 4.1.6 Federation Officer, non-voting
- 4.1.7 Occasional Teacher Representative

ARTICLE 5 - Annual Meeting of the District Assembly**5.1 Composition**

- 5.1.1 From the Teachers Bargaining Unit, the delegates to AMDA shall be the Teachers= Bargaining Unit Assembly delegates.
- 5.1.2 From all other Bargaining Units, the delegates to AMDA shall be one delegate for every ten active members or major portion thereof chosen from the active members of the respective Bargaining Units.

5.2 Mandate

The mandate of AMDA shall include:

- 5.2.1 amending the District Constitution;
- 5.2.2 approving the District Budget;

ARTICLE 6 - Amendments**6.1 Amendments to this constitution may be made at the AMDA**

- 6.1.1 by a majority vote of the delegates qualified to vote, present and voting provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to the bargaining units of District 15 OSSTF at least 15 days prior to the date of AMDA;
- 6.1.2 by a three-quarters vote of the delegates qualified to vote; present and voting, prior notice not having been given.

BYLAWS**BYLAW 1 - District Executive****1.1 Duties of Executive**

It is the duty of the District Executive to:

- 1.1.1 manage affairs of the District;
- 1.1.2 hold an Annual Meeting of the District Assembly;
- 1.1.3 call a General Meeting;
- 1.1.4 prepare a District Budget for consideration at AMDA;
- 1.1.5 fulfill financial obligations as described in Regulation 18 of the Constitution of OSSTF;

and

- 1.1.6 select the alternates that the District shall send to AMPA.

1.2 Meetings of District Executive

- 1.2.1 The District Executive will meet at the call of the President and meet at least two times a year;
- 1.2.2 The District Executive will meet either virtually or in person; and 1.2.3 Notwithstanding 1.2.1, The District Executive will meet to prepare the District Budget.