

News Release

CATHOLIC TEACHERS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

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TORONTO – Delegates to the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) Annual General Meeting have elected the Provincial Executive for 2021-23.

Barb Dobrowolski (Eastern Ontario local unit) has been elected OECTA President. Ms. Dobrowolski holds a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, and a Bachelor of Education (Primary/Junior). She began her teaching career in 1992. She has also served students and teachers in a variety of positions with OECTA at the local and provincial levels, including as President of the Eastern Ontario local unit, First Vice-President on the Provincial Executive, Provincial Executive liaison to the Status of Women Committee, and OECTA representative on the Ontario Federation of Labour Executive Board.

The other members of the Provincial Executive are:

Past President	Liz Stuart, York
First Vice-President	René Jansen in de Wal, Toronto Secondary
Second Vice-President	Anthony Rocchio, Sudbury Elementary
Third Vice-President	Diana Corazza, York
Treasurer	Michel Derikx, Hamilton-Wentworth
Councillor	Dean Demers, Kenora
Councillor	Melissa Garrett, Waterloo
OTF Table Officer	Chris Cowley, Brant Haldimand Norfolk

Additionally, five members have been elected Governors with the Ontario Teachers' Federation:

Rick Belisle, Nipissing Secondary
Chris Cowley, Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Tracey Pecarski, Renfrew
Sean Roberts, Halton Secondary
Andrew Robertson, Dufferin-Peel Secondary

All elected officers will serve two-year terms beginning July 1, 2021.

Catholic teachers thank Liz Stuart for her service as OECTA President over the past four years and wish her well on her planned decision to return to the classroom for the 2021-22 school year.

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OECTA represents the 45,000 passionate and qualified teachers in Ontario's publicly funded English Catholic schools, from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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