



REPRESENTING YOUR ASSOCIATION AT THE OFHSA CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

VOTING DELEGATES represent the Association's collective view on issues presented to the membership at the OFHSA Annual Meeting.

At your next Association meeting, the OFHSA Annual Meeting can be the entire agenda:

- encourage members and non-members to register to attend Conference
- the more delegates, the more impressions and ideas gained; a stronger voice
- many Conference workshops occur simultaneously; more delegates can attend more events
- designate **voting delegate(s)**; the number recognized is determined according to each Association's memberships received at OFHSA by Dec 31st and is confirmed by the OFHSA office to each Association in January or February
- review all of the Annual Meeting documents (**Minutes, Audited Financial Statements, Annual Report - from the previous year; Notice of Motion re Fees, Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions - currently being proposed**)
- decide how the Association wants its voting delegates to represent its views and vote on their behalf
- non-voting delegates may attend the Annual Meeting BUT do not carry a vote, but may participate in every other way

Voting Delegates express Association views by exercising the right to vote:

- on Federation policies concerning many vital issues in education, health, safety, social well-being, community, etc.
- on guiding Federation activities, advocacy efforts and representation made to government Ministries on behalf of members
- in determining Federation bylaws, fees, procedures and guidelines

Delegates bring back to the Association:

- enthusiasm for Home & School ideals
- an understanding of OFHSA's structure and efforts on behalf of members
- leadership techniques to share
- shareable knowledge gained through keynote speakers, workshops, and other Conference activities
- new ideas for programs and projects gained through networking opportunities
- valuable information resources for use in the Association
- information about the latest developments in education
- knowledge and confidence in Ontario's education system