

# TRUSTEE CONFERENCE REPORT

**Name: Kathleen Woodcock**

**Date Submitted: June 24, 2022**

**Name of Conference: Annual General Meeting**

**Sponsoring Organization: Ontario Public School Boards' Association**

**Theme (if any):**

**Conference Dates: June 9 - 11, 2022**

**Location: Westin Hotel, Ottawa**

## **Workshops/Seminars/Presentations/Keynote Speeches Attended:**

**Friday, June 10, 2022**

***Forced Opportunity***, 'Brittlestar' Stewart Reynolds

After living through two years of a historic pandemic, Brittlestar shares some stories and examples that reassure us that we've made the best of a bad situation.

***Interpreting the Provincial Election Results***, Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist & Founder Nanos Research

Mr. Nanos reflected on the provincial election results, highlighted key ridings, potential cabinet ministers and previewed what the new government will be looking to address over their four year mandate. He also discussed education issues that a new government may want to advance and provided suggestions to OPSBA and school boards.

[https://www.opsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022AGM\\_InterpretingTheProvincialElectionResults\\_Nanos.pdf](https://www.opsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022AGM_InterpretingTheProvincialElectionResults_Nanos.pdf)

### ***Annual General Meeting and Table Officer Elections***

*President:* Cathy Abraham, Kawartha Pineridge District School Board

*First Vice-President:* Kathleen Woodcock, Waterloo Region District School Board

*Second Vice-President:* Kathryn Pierroz, Rainy River District School Board

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

***Government Relations 101: From Advocacy to Action***, Panel Discussion

Toronto Star's Queen's Park reporter **Kristin Rushowy** and strategists with a background in each of three main parties discussed government relations and the importance of stakeholder relations in the post-election context. Panelists were **Shakir Chambers** from Earncliffe Strategies, **Susie Heath** from Crestview Strategy and **Tom Parkin** from Impact Strategies.

***Pandemic Recovery through Student Voice***, Student Trustee Presentation

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Presenters: **Jazzlyn Abbott**, Public Board Council President, OSTA-AECO & Student Trustee Renfrew County DSB; **Aisha Mahmoud**, Vice President, Public Board Council, OSTA-AECO & Student Trustee Hamilton-Wentworth DSB and **AmaturRaheem Salam-Alada**, Professional Development Coordinator, OSTA-AECO & Student Trustee Ottawa-Carleton DSB.

This student-led workshop provided ways to reconnect with your local student body, what OSTA-AECO has been doing and most importantly, a discussion about how we can aid students in recovering from the pandemic. The student leaders shared students' main priorities and what they need going forward from their elected officials.

[https://www.opsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022AGM\\_PandemicRecoveryThroughStudentVoice.pdf](https://www.opsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022AGM_PandemicRecoveryThroughStudentVoice.pdf)

## ***Regional Council Meetings, Central West Region***

The following were elected during this meeting.

*Regional Chair* - Donna Danielli, Halton DSB

*Regional Vice-Chair* - Martha MacNeil, Upper Grand DSB

*Policy Development Work Group Members* - Linda Busuttil, Upper Grand DSB; Don Werden, Grand Erie DSB; Kathy McDonald, Peel DSB (alternate)

*Education Program Work Group Members* - Carol Ann Sloar, Grand Erie DSB; Katy McDonald, Peel DSB; Martha MacNeil, Upper Grand DSB (alternate)