

President's Message

October 24, 2022

Happy Diwali

This week is the 5-day celebration of Diwali, a festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. For those celebrating, have a happy and safe Diwali.

Council Meeting and AGM

Last week, we held our first Provincial Council meeting of the year, our Annual General meeting and our Awards Dinner. Councillors received the [AGM report](#) and the audited financial statements. Discussions were held about staff shortages, local negotiations, upcoming professional learning opportunities, our local advocacy campaign and planning for the OPC's 25th Anniversary in 2023. Highlights of the meeting will be sent to all Members later this week.

We are also pleased to share that, following an extensive hiring process managed by a national, executive search firm, Council voted to approve the Executive and Hiring Committee's recommendation that Dr. Nadine Trépanier-Bisson be the OPC's new Executive Director, effective December 6th, 2022. The ED transition is now underway and will continue through Allyson Otten's retirement at the end of December.

Finance Update - Fiscal Year 2021-22 Audit Process and Results

The OPC's fiscal year (FY) runs from July 1 – June 30. As a not-for-profit association, we are required to retain an accounting firm to conduct a full audit of our finances each year. RSM Canada LLP has conducted our audits for the past five years. The consolidated financial statements include the results of the OPC (Membership, Benefits, Professional Learning), ISL (International School Leadership) and PAP (Principal Association Projects). We are pleased to report that the OPC received a clean audit opinion, which was reviewed and approved by our Provincial Council on September 28th and received at the AGM on October 20, 2022. [Our audited financial statements](#) are available to Members in the Finances section of our website.

Fall Issue of *The Register* Now Online

The fall edition of our professional magazine is now available in print and [available digitally](#). In response to Member feedback, we will continue to offer our fall issue in both formats. Read through our latest issue with stories about our new president, professional learning opportunities, anti-oppressive education, recruitment and retention of FSL teachers and best practices for planning a healthy school year. If you are interested in writing an article for an upcoming issue, we encourage you to review our [submission guidelines](#) and submit your request to Daisy Dina at ddina@principals.ca.

Media

- [Mediator calls off talks between CUPE and government](#)
- [Government launches career fairs to attract more students to skilled trades](#)
- [EQAO test scores show students struggling with math](#)
- [Inuk creates sharing boxes for teachers and support workers](#)
- [Using TikTok to reach students, but concerns persist](#)
- [“Be the teacher I wish I had”](#)
- [Current and retiring trustees say job is an important one](#)

Queen’s Park

The House is in recess until October 25.