

OSBA ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

OSBA NEWS

As many of you may have heard OSBA has recently received the resignations of OSBA President Greg Hammond and OSBA Vice President John Chapman from the Board of Directors. The Directors have had much discussion on the new appointment of a President and Vice President for the association and these individuals were appointed today at OSBA's Board of Directors meeting. We would like to introduce our new President, Perry Ferguson of Voyageur Transportation and Vice President, Les Cross of Stock Transportation. You will find Perry's message below.

Dear Members,

I am honoured to have been elected as President of the Ontario School Bus Association. As an active Board member of three years I am excited to continue to represent our industry together with our partners and our customers.



As a member for over 20 years, OSBA has been and will continue to be a vital part of my school bus business. The services OSBA provides to members through ongoing relationships with the Ministries of Education and Transportation, the expert advice from Dave Carroll on regulatory and compliance requirements, the active support of supplier members and the important leadership role we can take, together, with our consortia partners are all things I rely on as an operator.

I acknowledge that things are changing, and that it is a difficult time for our industry and Association. This being said, I truly feel that it is our role as members, along with the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and staff to recognize the considerable value of an OSBA membership offers. The Association is committed to building on our strengths and continuing to carry on the good work we do. OSBA represents many companies –from small to large bus operators, schools boards and suppliers. We are an Association that is committed to the safety and reliability of student transportation. Your Board of Directors is embarking on a strategic planning exercise in the weeks ahead reviewing and updating our plan from 2010. We will provide a formal update at our AGM on April 9th.

I welcome your calls and comments as we move forward together and I look forward to seeing you at the Ontario Transportation Expo (OTE) next month. The Steering Committee with representatives from OMCA, OPTA and OSBA has put together an impressive series of educational workshops that will benefit our members and our businesses. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Perry Ferguson
OSBA President

TRANSPORTATION STATION

ADMINISTRATION OF ONTARIO'S MVIS PROGRAM

OSBA is signatory to a letter sent recently to Ontario Minister of Transportation Glen Murray in response to MTO's RFI (Request for Information) regarding the future administration of MTO's Motor Vehicle Inspection Station Program. The existing MVIS program established in 1974 licenses and oversees 13,000 inspection stations and 33,000 technicians who inspect motor vehicles. The MVIS program is in desperate need of modernization. The program has outgrown the government's ability to effectively oversee compliance and uniformity in inspections and the program and has a history of consumer complaints. The letter was signed by 10 stakeholder associations whose members are directly affected by the MVIS program. The letter asks the Minister to consider a more flexible and responsive alternate delivery model to a contractor model being considered by the Ministry, whereby stakeholder associations such as OSBA would jointly form an administrative body to assume administration of the MVIS Program. We will keep you apprised of developments in future issues of *OSBA News*.

OSBA CONGRATULATES NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION

OSBA Executive Director, Rick Donaldson wrote Education Minister Liz Sandals on February 22nd congratulating her on her appointment to the Cabinet. Rick and many of our local members have had the opportunity to engage in a very open and valuable relationship with Minister Sandals over her years as MPP for Guelph and prior as a local Trustee and President of the Ontario Public School Boards Association. She listens to the issues in student transportation and has been a strong supporter of the OSBA. The Minister has agreed to meet with the OSBA where we will continue to advocate fairness, transparency and accountability and elaborate on the issues we have identified and suggestions to improve the competitive procurement process while ensuring a safe and viable student transportation industry.

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EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 15th!!

Haven't registered for OTE yet? The early bird deadline has been extended until March 15th! Registration is online only visit: www.ote.ca

Must attend sessions for OSBA members:

- The Restructured Criminal Background Check Procedure
- Maintenance and Operational Obligations of the new CSA D-250 Standard
- Safety Testing of Vans and Small Buses - Transport

Check out our [conference brochure](#) for all the details!

Looking for more? Find out from attendees first hand why they attend OTE:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VV5mpVgy-D0>



Calendar of Events March & April

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Upcoming Events

March 10 - 15, 2013 - Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program - Burlington, ON

March 15, 2013 - EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FOR OTE

April 7 - 10, 2013 - Ontario Transportation Expo - Toronto, ON

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