

**2023 VIRTUAL OCEA FALL SYMPOSIUM**  
**Mentoring | Refreshing | Learning**  
**October 5, 2023 -- online via ZOOM**



This year's focus was providing information and resources for new(er) Cooperative Education teachers. **THANK YOU / KUDOS TO ALL THE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS!** Without our amazing presenters there wouldn't be an event to plan!

Attendance at our **2023 Virtual OCEA Fall Symposium** exceeded the expectations of the planning committee and feedback from the completed survey forms were very positive. The feedback assists us in improving and planning for our future events! Overall, we had 256 delegates attending 15 workshops with over 19 presenters and 9 sponsors.

**Rebecca Gauthier (OCEA Vice-Chair)** and **Roman Nowak (OCEA Director-at-Large: French)** were the symposium's master of ceremonies. They kept everyone informed and entertained between workshops and throughout the entire event!

The workshops were recorded (*except one at the request of the presenter*) and are now available to current OCEA members in the **\*RESOURCES (Members Only)** area on our website.

**[\\*NOTE: You must be signed into your OCEA account and must have a current OCEA membership to access RESOURCES \(Members Only\) files.](#)**

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## **SOME FEEDBACK FROM OUR DELEGATES**

### **What did you like MOST about the symposium?**

- 1) *Accessible for all.*
  - 2) *Being able to easily transition to different workshops.*
  - 3) *Detailed information on insurance, and dual credit programs.*
  - 4) *Good variety of presenters.*
  - 5) *Hearing from current/former Co-op teachers.*
  - 6) *I am new in Co-op so it was very informative.*
  - 7) *I found it very relevant and applicable to my position. Thank you.*
  - 8) *I learned some neat concepts from other Co-op teachers and gained access to quality resources that I can use in my own practice.*
  - 9) *I like that it's virtual.*
  - 10) *I liked the variety of workshops offered and that we had the opportunity to attend the ones that are meaningful to our own interests.*
  - 11) *I really enjoyed the seminar about the OCEA resources.*
  - 12) *Info and resources that I can use immediately and in the future with my Co-op students.*
  - 13) *The knowledge of each presenter was outstanding. The presenters were patient and answered questions. The length of each presentation was perfect. There was time for questions and answers. Lastly, the topics for new teachers were spot on.*
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### **What did you like LEAST about the symposium?**

- 1) *Because online, I found the day long. Needed more time for lunch break.*
  - 2) *Great presentations, but always the same topics. Maybe diversify topics and have some identified as "first-year" in Co-op, etc.*
  - 3) *I would have liked to have seen a few more options being offered during the first session. One suggestion would be to run a couple of the topics during different times, so that people could take a session that they were interested in during a different time slot.*
  - 4) *It was too early into the semester and many teachers were too busy with continuous intake and first monitoring visit to allocate time for this.*
  - 5) *It would be nice if the resources that speakers share during their presentations were made available during or right after the symposium.*
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**Keep watching our [website](https://oceacon.ca/) and your inbox for details on our upcoming 2024 OCEA Spring Conference!! The planning has just begun!**