



PROVINCIAL REPS HARD AT WORK AT THE OCEA FALL SYMPOSIUM  
– BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT

## OCEA e-NEWS



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## Keeping you connected across the province!

Welcome to your newly redesigned **OCEA e-NEWS!** Instead of one large publication, we will be providing monthly updates from the OCEA leadership team.

### Spring Conference – Apr 23-25 Westin Prince Hotel Toronto

This year's conference planning team is excited to announce that **Paul Lafrance**, HGTV's "Deck Guy" will be our keynote speaker.



Our **annual conference** is a great way to network with your colleagues, get updates from the MOE and MOL, celebrate outstanding educators at the annual awards dinner, and attend the ABM. Registration will be open shortly - continue to check the OCEA homepage for details  
[WWW.OCEA.ON.CA!](http://WWW.OCEA.ON.CA!)



### Calling all members!

OCEA is currently receiving nominations for Vice-Chair, Director-At-Large English and several

Provincial Rep positions. Go to the [Member's Zone](#) for more info.

### Website Redesign

OCEA's website is going through an overhaul. The new and improved website will be easier to navigate and device friendly. Big changes are coming this spring!

### Recognize Exceptional Educators

Do you know a colleague who you feel is worthy of recognition? Now is the time to put in their nomination for one of OCEA's annual awards. Go to [OCEA's website](#) for nomination info.

### From the Ministry

The Ministry of Education is looking forward to attending the 2017 OCEA Spring Conference to continue to work with and support OCEA members in planning for the implementation of the new Cooperative Education Curriculum and Policy Document. [Click here](#) for the overview of the draft Cooperative Education Curriculum presented at the OCEA Fall Symposium 2016.

The Ministry allocated up to \$1 million in funding to support further expansion of community-connected experiential learning projects. Boards were invited to submit projects (application deadline Feb 3)

Regional professional learning sessions for teachers are being hosted by the Ministry throughout

February-early March 2017 entitled **Deeper Conversation on Education and Career/Life Planning: [Supporting the Highly Skilled Workforce Recommendations](#)**.

### School Showcase

Simcoe County's **Bear Creek Secondary School** offers a Co-op program in Heavy Equipment operation and repair. Students get trained in Standard First Aid, Working at Heights, Propane Exchange, & Forklift Safety. Students also meet several industry partners, visit Centennial & Conestoga College and earn a dual credit with Fleming College. For more information, contact Todd Smith at [tosmith@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:tosmith@scdsb.on.ca)



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