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## Advisory Work Group Vacancies 2026/2027

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Dave Barrowclough, Associate General Secretary – Protective Services

### For Action

The Provincial Executive is seeking active OSSTF/FEESO members to fill vacancies on certain Advisory Work Groups for the 2026/2027 year.

Advisory Work Groups provide advice to the Provincial Executive on matters relating to the groups' terms of reference.

Advisory Work Groups meet at least once per year and may have additional meetings held as necessary. Meetings are typically held on a weekday and all expenses related to attending a meeting are covered by Provincial Office as outlined in the Federation Activity Allowable Expenditure Guidelines.

Members of these AWGs can serve concurrently on other OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Standing Committees or Councils.

Members selected to be part of an Advisory Work Group must be able to secure time release from their employer, paid for by OSSTF/FEESO. Applicants should verify with their local President that there are no restrictions for time release from their Bargaining Unit. Individuals appointed to an Advisory Work Group will be notified, along with their Bargaining Unit President, following approval by the Provincial Executive.

The following Advisory Work Groups have vacancies for 2026/2027:

| Advisory Work Group  | Vacancies | Term Length |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| New Member Engagement AWG                                  | 7         | Two years   |
| Employee Life and Health Trust AWG                         | 1         | Three years |
| Environmental AWG  | 3         | Three years |
| Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System (OMERS) AWG | 3         | Three years |
| Equity AWG   | 2         | Three years |

Along with the requirements below, for each AWG, members are invited to send in the attached self-identification.

## **Duties and Application Process for each Advisory Work Group**

### **New Member Engagement Advisory Work Group**

The New Member Engagement Advisory Work Group shall advise the Provincial Executive on matters related to new Member engagement such as resources, workshops, outreach and information and any other matters as may be referred to it by the Provincial Executive.

Applicants must have been Members of OSSTF/FEESO for eight years or less.

Application Process: Application Process: Please fill out the application form (Appendix A) and submit it to Ellen Hinan ([ellen.hinan@osstf.ca](mailto:ellen.hinan@osstf.ca)), Executive Assistant at OSSTF/FEESO.

### **Employee Life and Health Trust AWG**

The ELHT Advisory Work Group shall advise the OSSTF/FEESO ELHT on any matters related to the provincial benefits plan. The ELHT Advisory Work Group consists of representatives from Bargaining Units whose members are eligible for coverage under the provincial OSSTF Benefits plan.

Application Process: Any Member in good standing of an OSSTF/FEESO bargaining unit whose members are eligible for benefits from OSSTF Benefits who is interested in applying to the ELHT Advisory Work Group must complete the attached form (Appendix B) and submit it to John Wells ([john.wells@osstf.ca](mailto:john.wells@osstf.ca)), Executive Assistant at OSSTF/FEESO.

### **Environmental AWG**

The Environmental Advisory Work Group shall advise the Provincial Executive on any matters related to environmental matters within OSSTF/FEESO and as well as any other matters as may be referred to it by the Provincial Executive. The Provincial Executive is looking for Members who:

- have some expertise and knowledge in the area of environmental issues
- are willing to work collaboratively with others
- demonstrate an ability to see a provincial perspective

Application Process: Please fill out the application form (Appendix C) and submit it to Glen Hodgson ([glen.hodgson@osstf.ca](mailto:glen.hodgson@osstf.ca)), Executive Assistant at OSSTF/FEESO.

### **Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System (OMERS) AWG**

The Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Advisory Work Group shall advise the Provincial Executive on any matters related to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Provincial Executive.

Only members of the OMERS pension plan are eligible to apply for a position on the OMERS AWG.

Application Process: Please fill out the application form (Appendix D) and submit it to Thomas Golightly ([thomas.golightly@osstf.ca](mailto:thomas.golightly@osstf.ca)), Executive Assistant at OSSTF/FEESO.

## Equity AWG

The Equity Advisory Work Group shall advise the Provincial Executive on any matters related to inclusion and equity within OSSTF/FEESO and any other matters as may be referred to it by the Provincial Executive.

### *Application Process:*

Submit a brief statement of interest and other documents outlining your experience, expertise and interest on working towards building inclusive and equitable working/learning environments to Munib Sajjad at [munib.sajjad@osstf.ca](mailto:munib.sajjad@osstf.ca).

OSSTF/FEESO is dedicated to equity, anti-racism and anti-oppression, while protecting and enhancing public education. We value the participation of members with various lived experiences and actively seek and welcome applications from members of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and equity-seeking groups. Self-identification is voluntary. If you choose to self-identify, please complete the attached self-identification form.

Any member interested in applying for one or more of these Advisory Work Groups should complete the corresponding application form(s) and return them to the email address indicated. Applications for all Advisory Work Groups are due by **Wednesday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact the Executive Assistant assigned to the specific AWG as identified above.

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