

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



In 2016, it is with great pride that we celebrated OSBIE's 30th anniversary. OSBIE continues to be a leader in the insurance industry by providing risk management assistance to its school board members and maintaining a sound financial presence. OSBIE is fortunate to have the support of its seventy-seven school board and school authority members. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our school board members for their continuous efforts in the risk management area and for their continued support. OSBIE has enjoyed the support and loyalty of its Subscribers and we continue to see our members place faith in the organization to provide their insurance needs.

It is OSBIE's objective to continue to look to the future as it meets its mandate to provide our Subscribers protection against insurable financial losses at stable and competitive premiums. We continue to ensure that our insurance products and services meet subscriber needs. OSBIE member boards demonstrated their complete confidence in the organization by renewing their subscription for a further five year term. The Subscriber's Agreement changes were also approved by the Member Boards.

In support of maintaining a strong financial position OSBIE has responded by seeking out investments that provide the capital protection required as well as providing liquidity and sufficient return on equity to meet our financial obligations for the short and long term.

The Board of Directors held quarterly meetings with full participation of all its members. It continues to focus on monitoring and decision making. The Board's Audit Committee has reviewed and approved the annual audited financial statements, as well as the quarterly and annual Property and Casualty Insurers information returns to the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. These ensure compliance to regulatory requirements as well as maintain a strong and viable Insurance Exchange. The Governance Committee continued to review and develop its comprehensive governance framework for the organization. The committee has developed an aggressive work plan for 2017 which includes policy reviews, strategic planning and director training.

The following actions were also taken by the Board in 2016:

- Reviewed the 2016 Strategic Plan outcomes and the 2017 Operational Plan.
- Approved the 2017 Budget.
- Approved the 2017 Premium Funding Strategy and approved a premium refund to Liability, Property and Auto Subscribers.
- Reviewed reinsurance arrangements for each line of insurance.
- Completed the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer's performance for 2016.
- Reviewed and approved the Investment Strategy and guidelines.
- Reviewed and approved the Capital Management Policy and guidelines.
- Reviewed the succession planning for the CEO position and for all department heads.
- Reviewed and approved three policies.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Directors for their exemplary dedication and their valued input. In 2016, we had four outgoing Directors, Peter Derochie, Tony Rossi, Jim McKenzie and Ed Hodgins. We are appreciative of the different insights that they provided to the organization and thank them for their contributions. As a Board member for the past 23 years, and a past chair, Ed was the longest serving director and contributed significantly to the advancement of OSBIE over the years and the Board is very appreciative of his significant efforts. We would also like to welcome our newly elected directors who are: Jeff Pratt, David Visser and Chris Spina. The Board is looking forward to working with the new Board members in 2017.

In closing, OSBIE is fortunate to have as CEO Jim Sami, who has remarkable leadership skills and provides expert direction to all of OSBIE's dedicated employees who continue to focus on providing excellent service to our member school boards. On behalf of all the Board, a very special thank you, to you all. Merci beaucoup.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Françoise Fournier'.

Françoise Fournier
Chair of OSBIE