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## JULY 2012

### YOUR COLLEGE AND YOU

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Thank you for your interest in receiving breaking news and professional information from the Ontario College of Teachers.



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### NEW COUNCIL HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

The sixth College Council has re-elected **Liz Papadopoulos**, OCT as Council chair and elected **Marc Dubois**, OCT as vice-chair at its inaugural meeting yesterday. Members also elected chairs of all Council committees.

Find out more about the chair, vice-chair and members of the Council on our **website**.

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### COUNCIL APPROVES DISCIPLINE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

At its June meeting, the fifth College Council approved recommendations that will result in improvements to the College’s discipline practices.

Council received the 49 recommendations in an independent report from The Honourable Patrick J. LeSage C.M., O.ONT., more than 60 per cent of which require change to Ontario law. The College has already forwarded 26 of the 49 recommendations to Ontario’s Minister of Education for action.

Among the reforms, the College will:

- make information about discipline hearings available sooner
- report discipline outcomes faster
- share more information with school boards, police and other regulators
- fast-track hearings for members who have been criminally convicted
- name all those found guilty of professional misconduct

Read the full report [here](#).

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## **ADDING UP TO EXCELLENCE**

History, special education, visual arts? Can you guess what is the most popular Additional Qualification course Ontario Certified Teachers signed up for in 2011?

Find out by visiting the [College's online annual report](#). It provides a wealth of statistical information about teachers dating back to 1998 - including key demographic data, teacher qualifications, and where and how they are educated.

With just the click of a mouse, the College's annual report also provides you with our review of Council and College activities, committee reports for 2011, and resources.

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## **COLLEGE CONFERENCE: INSPIRING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE**

[Register now](#) for the College's new conference, Inspiring Public Confidence. With an internationally recognized line-up of workshop presenters, this conference will bring together leaders in the teaching profession, regulators, education stakeholders, parents and the public.

Don't miss your opportunity to attend this premier event. Visit our [conference website](#) to find out all the details, including information about keynote speakers Stephen Lewis and Wendy Mesley.

Space is limited. Register now and receive the early bird rate of \$150.

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## **NEW DISCOUNTS!**

The list of organizations offering discounts keeps growing. Our newest ones include:

[Royal Botanical Gardens](#)

[Soul of Superior Tours](#)

[Cassidy & Young Insurance Brokers](#)

Make sure you have your OCT card with you when claiming a discount!

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## WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE TO PARENTS WHO WANT TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN WITH HOMEWORK?

Take our poll on our [Facebook page](#). Results will be published in the September issue of Professionally Speaking.

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## CONTESTS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

Visit our [web site](#) for upcoming contests that can help to inspire you and your students. New additions include:

**[The Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Canadian Award for Environmental Innovation](#)**

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