

Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association

### 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association recently held its Annual General Meeting April 15 to 17, 2015 in Thunder Bay, ON. This year's meeting found 125 registrants in attendance for the 3 day event and that the presentations and panel discussions were very informative.

*“This year’s event was the best ever. There was a great deal of engagement between members, stakeholders, key government personnel and Cabinet Ministers.”*

*Iain Angus, NOSDA Chair*

NOSDA is confident that going forward Annual General Meetings will continue to improve. It has been confirmed that next year the event will take place in Sudbury. Stay tuned for details.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – ONTARIO ABORIGINAL HOUSING SERVICES

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony took place during the AGM between NOSDA and the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS). Gary Scripnick, NOSDA Chair and Don McBain, Executive Director of the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services signed the Memorandum. The goal of the Memorandum is to continue building relationships and to promote cooperation for mutual benefit. NOSDA is looking to lead, promote linkages and to collaborate by expanding partnerships. NOSDA wants to realize its potential by expanding our scope and impact of human services delivery and by becoming trusted advisors to governments. NOSDA is also looking to innovate by advancing the Service-System Manager model of delivery; and by promoting research into best practices and innovative delivery. Finally, NOSDA is looking to improve outcomes for persons in our communities through productivity, efficiency and effectiveness.



**Don McBain, Executive Director, OAHS  
Gary Scripnick, Past Board Chair,  
NOSDA**

### 2015 AGM ELECTION OF NOSDA EXECUTIVE

Iain Angus from the Thunder Bay DSSAB was acclaimed Board Chair and Barry Baltessen, Board Chair of the Kenora DSSAB was acclaimed Vice Chair of the North East. Janet Gawne, Board Chair of the Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB remains Vice Chair of the North West. Gary Scripnick NOSDA's Past Chair was presented with a gift for his many years of excellent service.



Gary Scripnick, NOSDA Past Chair

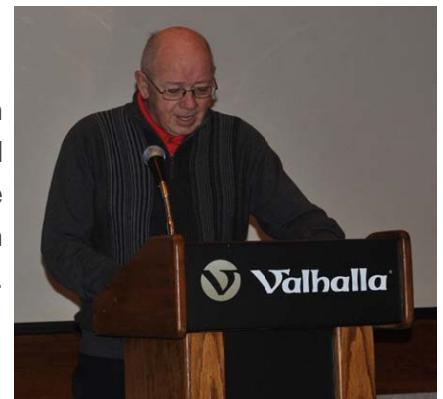


Barry Baltessen, NOSDA Vice Chair, Iain Angus, NOSDA Chair, Janet Gawne, NOSDA Vice Chair

## RESOLUTIONS

A number of resolutions were brought forward at this year's AGM. Each resolution was reviewed and carried. These resolutions have been shared with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). The resolutions can be found in the 2015 AGM Proceedings document on NOSDA's website.

[AGM Proceedings 2015](#)



Jim Whipple, Board Chair, Timiskaming DSSAB and NOSDA Resolutions Committee Chair

## SPONSORSHIP

NOSDA's fundraising goal was surpassed which helped to offset the cost of this year's event. A heartfelt thank you goes out to NOSDA's generous sponsors.

### **PLATINUM**

*Thunder Bay District Social Services Board*

### **GOLD**

*DiBrina Sure Group*

*One Human Services Network*

*Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA)*

*Valhalla Inn and Conference Centre*

*Weilers Barristers & Solicitors*

### **SILVER**

*Housing Services Corporation*

*Tbaytel*

*ZOLL Medical Canada*

### **BRONZE**

*Aultis Insurance and Financial Solutions*

*Crestline Coach Ltd.*

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*InterDev Technologies*

*Grant Thornton LLP*

*Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association*

*Robins, Appleby LLP*

*Royal Bank*

*TD Waterhouse*

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

*Davidson de Laplante Insurance Group*

*Yardi*

*Northern Communications*

## PHOTO MONTAGE

Jenna Howard, NOSDA's Communications Officer, created a Photo Montage of the 3 day event. Please see photos below:



**Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines**



**Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry**



**Karen Glass, Executive Director, Poverty Reduction Strategy Office**



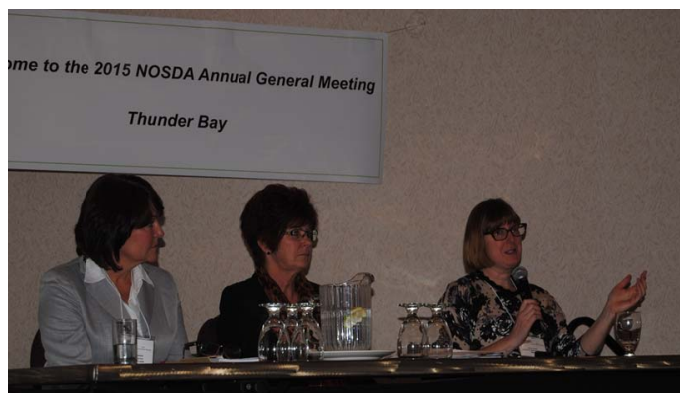
**Left: Bill Badica, CAO, Thunder Bay DSSAB Right: Richard Steele, ADM, Social Assistance Operations, Ministry of Community and Social Services**



**Phil Vinet, Executive Vice President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and Al Spacek, President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities**



**Left to Right: Jena Weber, Urban Aboriginal Issues Policy Analyst , OFIFC, Mike Nadeau, CAO, Sault Ste. Marie, Sally Ledger, Executive Director, Dryden Native Friendship Centre**



**Left to Right: Susan Pilatzke, Senior Director, North West LHIN, Louise Paquette, CEO North East LHIN, Janet Hope Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**



**Janet Patterson, CAO,  
Parry Sound DSSAB**



**David Landers, CAO, Cochrane DSSAB**



**Catherine Matheson,  
President, OMSSA**



**Left to Right: Fern Dominelli, CAO, Manitoulin-Sudbury  
DSSAB, Joseph Bradbury, CAO, Nipissing DSSAB,  
Mike Nadeau , CAO, Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB, Don  
Studholme, CAO, Timiskaming DSSAB**



**Henry Wall, CAO, Kenora DSSAB, Bill Bradica,  
CAO, Thunder Bay DSSAB, and Dan McCormick,  
CAO, Rainy River DSSAB**



**Fern Dominelli, CAO, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB**



**Chris Stewart, Executive  
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New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) funding is available for seniors related projects that could occur in some of your communities. Community-based projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 per year. See the link below for more information:

<http://www.actionplan.gc.ca/en/initiative/new-horizons-seniors-program>



## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

NOSDA, NOMA and FONOM:

NOSDA has recently developed a working relationship with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) with the goal to increase communication and to speak with one voice when approaching the Province on common issues.

North West LHIN:

Henry Wall, CAO of the Kenora DSSAB recently met with the North West Local Health Integration Network (NW LHIN) with the goal of building a stronger working relationship. There will be additional meetings come June. Stay tuned for details.

## WHO WE ARE

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is an incorporated body that brings together all 11 of Northern Ontario's Municipal Service Managers. All are responsible for the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of community health and social services that the Province of Ontario divested to them to locally manage. These services represent a significant portion of the social infrastructure of all Northern Ontario's municipalities.

