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President's Report Roberta Henley

OSLA Council @ your library

There have been substantial changes at council recently. We have passed on our thanks to our esteemed president, Ether Rosenfeld, for her tremendous leadership. And we have passed on our thanks to several council members who have completed their terms. We have also welcomed many new faces to the council table.

Esther Rosenfeld served two terms as president, and during this time accomplished a great deal. Anyone reading her reports in this magazine, or following discussions on our members listserv, know firsthand the tireless work she has done with council to advocate the position of teacher-librarian. Under her leadership, we saw a substantial growth in membership, a much more visible advocacy plan, a drive towards a new policy document for school librarians in Ontario, and involvement through representation on many committees. Her open letter to the Honourable Gerard Kennedy in our last issue was indicative of her ability to present our problem with funding in a positive and knowledgeable manner.

Joyce Cunningham, whose portfolio was Membership, Awards, and Nominations, remained on council until a representative from her region was found. Joyce has a unique gift for

asking the questions we were all wondering about, and for cutting through much discussion to arrive at the core of the issue. We will certainly miss her wry sense of humour.

Rose Dodgson, who maintained the Super Conference portfolio, will be missed for her wealth of knowledge and experience, not only about the conference, but about library programming in general. We will miss her expertise.

Flavia Renon, whose portfolio was Communications, will also be sorely missed. Her representation from the Ottawa region was key to making council work, and her involvement with curriculum—from forum work to her liaison at the university level—broadened our scope.

Angela Di Prima was secretary/treasurer as she managed the Finance portfolio, and did a sensational job of both. She has accepted a position as vice-principal and as such, moves on to a different set of challenges. Kendra Godin Svoboda, in charge of the @your library portfolio, has also taken on a won-



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