



OPPI 2009 Annual Meeting and Mail Ballot Vote Results

OPPI's Annual Meeting took place on October 1st in Niagara Falls. The meeting agenda and annual report are available by clicking [here](#). The results of the mail ballot vote were reported at the meeting by Wayne Caldwell, OPPI President.

A total of 669 ballots were received, representing approximately 24% of voting members. All of the By-law amendments were approved with over 75% of respondents voting yes. The proposed Member Fee increase of \$45 annually for 2010, 2011, and 2012 was defeated by 12 votes. With this decision, Council will need to assess the Strategic Plan objectives and both the short term and long term financial plans of OPPI in order to ensure the ongoing stability and sustainability of the Institute's financial position. Changes will be made so that OPPI can continue to lead the planning profession. OPPI Council and staff remain committed to delivering the core functions of the Institute. A revised budget will be prepared based on the membership vote and members will be advised of the resulting reductions in program expenditures. We will be looking at a full range of options and exploring how the Institute can best be positioned and continue to move forward.

Members will be informed of these plans and the implications on operations, strategic initiatives, and capital and reserve funds. Members can direct questions and comments to our Executive Director Mary Ann Rangam at executivedirector@ontarioplanners.on.ca