



HISTORY OF THE DRAINAGE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

By resolution of the Legislature of Ontario, a Select Committee was appointed on June 30, 1972 to examine study and inquire into matters regarding Land Drainage in Ontario.

The Select Committee in June, 1974 recommended:

- 1. That every Municipality which undertakes projects under the Drainage Act be required to engage a Drainage Superintendent. Two or more Municipalities may jointly retain a Drainage Superintendent or one Municipality may engage a part-time Drainage Superintendent providing he is qualified.*
- 2. That the Drainage Superintendent be required to report periodically on the condition of all the drains within the Municipality.*
- 3. That the Drainage Superintendent be required to successfully complete a course of study satisfactory to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.*
- 4. That the salary of the Drainage Superintendent is borne by the general rate of the Municipality and that the salary is subject to the normal grant structure available from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.*

The Drainage Act was revised and passed into legislature in 1975 and in 1980; the Drainage Act was amended to include the Drainage Superintendents' appointments and the grants for Maintenance.

The first course to qualify as a Drainage Superintendent was held in Stratford in 1981.

With the recommendations of the Select Committee on Drainage, a group of Drainage Superintendents attending the Drainage Superintendent's Course in March 1983 in Kitchener and Ottawa, found interest in forming an Association for the Ontario Drainage Superintendents.

Some of the objectives of the Association could be:

- 1. To educate through the exchange of ideas.*
- 2. To provide a standard means of communication between agencies and groups such as:
 - a) MTO*
 - b) Road Superintendents*
 - c) OFDA*
 - d) OMAF*
 - e) Drainage Engineers**
- 3. To provide uniformity of information for all Drainage Superintendents.*
- 4. To be a Representative Body to lobby for legislative changes.*

Questionnaires were sent out to all Drainage Superintendents and others interested, for comments on the usefulness of such an Organization. Meetings were held on June 3 and July 8, in Toronto, to review the questionnaire and to make changes to a tentative Constitution.

There were 69 forms returned and only 5 not completed. Some of the comments received were:

- a) That this would be a worthwhile Association.*
- b) Newsletter or Bulletin sent out periodically would be beneficial and informative.*
- c) Meet locally or regionally, quarterly and annually on the Provincial Level.*
- d) Association would be a good way to discuss concerns, ideas and experiences.*



1983

At the ADHOC Committee meeting on September 7, 1983 at the University of Guelph, the Committee made plans to be included at the Ontario Farm Drainage Convention held January 18, 1984 in London.

The ADHOC Committee consisted of the following people:

Stan Burdick

Gene Kovacks

Arthur Janse

Bob Kelly

George Harris

Wayne Wood

Charles McGuire

Ralph Davidson

Murray Langford

Ralph Clayton

John Palmer

John Johnston

Richard Guenette

Glen Slater

Prof. Ross Irwin

Also included in the Meeting was the approval of the first Constitution for the Ontario Drainage Superintendents' Association.



1984

*The first Annual Meeting of the Ontario Drainage Superintendent Association was held on January 18, 1984 at the Downtown Holiday Inn in London. A Motion by **Jim Harmer**, “that we form an Association of Drainage Superintendents, affiliated with the Ontario Farm Drainage Association and liaise with the Conservation Authorities and Drainage Engineers”, seconded by **Ray Swain** was approved by the 45 present.*

*The Proposed Constitution was adopted as presented in a motion by **Grant Priston** and seconded by **Ralph Beharrel** and our first Executive was selected as follows:*

Arthur Janse	<i>President</i>
George Harris	<i>Vice-President</i>
Charles McGuire	<i>Secretary</i>
John Palmer	
Frank Van Bree	
Jim Harmer	
Bruce Karr	

*The Executive approved **Art Janse** and **Charles McGuire** to represent the Drainage Superintendents on the ADHOC Committee to consider the working relationship with the O.F.D.A. (Ontario Farm Drainage Association)*

*Several Executive Meetings were held in 1984. At the meeting of June 14, 1984, **Ralph Clayton’s** appointment as representative for O.M.A.F. Drainage Section was accepted. A letter signed by **Ken McCutcheon**, President of O.F.D.A. outlining acceptable travel expenses, formal Budget and a request for a Municipality Membership Fee was presented. The O.D.S.A. Executive appreciated the services and the facilities extended by the O.F.D.A. at the Annual Meeting. Several of the Executive Members held meetings in their areas to recommend Guidelines for the Organization of the Association. There were 34 Drainage Superintendents paid as Members consisting of 29 Drainage Superintendents and 5 Engineering Firms.*



1985

In 1985, the Annual Meeting was held on January 15 in London at the Downtown Holiday Inn at which time the Executive was elected with the following results:

George Harris	<i>President</i>
Arthur Janse	<i>Past President</i>
John Palmer	<i>Vice President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Bruce Karr	<i>Secretary</i>
Claude Taillon	
Marvin Laidlaw	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

At the Annual Meeting, the name of the Association was changed to our present name "Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario."

*Chapter areas were defined by **Bruce Karr** and **Ralph Clayton**. With representation of 48 Drainage Superintendents and Commissioners present at the Annual Meeting.*

*The Executive accepted and adopted a Crest which we now use. Special mention was given to **Pierre Joly** and **Claude Taillon** for their work on designing the crest.*

*The membership was saddened by the death of one of the ADHOC Committee members, **Stan Burdick**.*



1986

January 22, 1986 brought us back to London for the Joint Conference of the D.S.A.O. and O.F.D.A. at the Holiday Inn. The new Executive was presented as follows:

John Palmer	<i>President</i>
George Harris	<i>Past-Present</i>
Bruce Karr	<i>Vice-President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Secretary</i>
Marvin Laidlaw	<i>Treasurer</i>
Arthur Janse	
Ron Symington	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

George Harris reported to the Executive that the Association had grown to 7 chapters with 150 members serving 256 Municipalities.

The Executive presented a motion to the Membership that recommended that the Treasurer for each Chapter collect the Membership dues for the year of 1987 in the amount of \$80.00.

*A Newsletter was drawn up to inform the Membership of the Actions of the Executive and its members with the Editors, **Ron Symington** and **John Palmer**.*



1987

1987 brought about a change in location of the Annual Combined Conference to the Constellation Hotel in Toronto on January 20, 21 and 22. The election of the Executive produced the following results:

Bruce Karr	<i>President</i>
John Palmer	<i>Past- President</i>
Marvin Laidlaw	<i>Treasurer and Vice-President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Secretary</i>
Arthur Janse	
Ron Symington	
Denis Rogerson	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

*The Executive requested that each Chapter appoint a member to act as newsletter person to submit information to **Ron Symington** for the Newsletter. **Ron** was appointed as Editor for the year of 1987. The first edition of the newsletter was printed and presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.*

Membership at this time was 142 consisting of 101 Drainage Superintendent and 31 Associates. In 1987, the D.S.A.O. went public for the first time informing Agricultural people the duties of the Drainage Superintendent. Presentations included a display at the Middlesex Road Superintendent's Trade Show held June 24, 1987 in Ilderton.

*The Membership was saddened to hear of the passing of **George Harris** in June 16, 1987. George was one of the Founding Members of our Association as a Member of the ADHOC Committee and President for the year of 1985.*

By the end of October, the Membership had increased to 162 members. Several new programs were presented during the year, including OSCEPAP, OSCEPAP11, SWEEP AND ODWECP for soil and water management and erosion.



1988

January 28, 1988 brought the Annual Convention which was again held in Toronto at the Constellation Hotel. In the Treasurer's report, we were starting to show that this Organization was standing on its own with a balance of \$8,030.20.

The Elections were held with the following results:

Marvin Laidlaw	<i>President</i>
Bruce Karr	<i>Past-President</i>
Ron Symington	<i>Vice-President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Secretary</i>
Henry Bennemeer	
Arthur Janse	
Sam Leech	
Bob Brown	
Peter Bryan-Pulham	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

The Association has purchased a display which was used at the Ilderton Trade Show and was in use at the Annual Convention.

Peter Bryan-Pulham *presented a pamphlet explaining the Role of the D.S.A.O.*

The Executive has discussions as to drawing up a Drainage Superintendent Manual.

Arthur Janse *was appointed as Editor of the Newsletter.*



1989

On January 19, 1989, the Annual Meeting was moved back to London at the Downtown Holiday Inn. The results of the Voting for the Executive were:

Ron Symington	<i>President</i>
Marvin Laidlaw	<i>Past- President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Vice-President</i>
Bob Carswell	<i>Secretary</i>
Henri Bennemeer	
Sam Leech	
Ralph Beharrell	
Peter Bryan-Pulham	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>
Ken Chow	<i>OMAF</i>

*The Meeting was told of the death of **Norm Alexander** who was an Active Promoter of Water Management for many years. After serving from the start of the ADHOC Committee to this year, **Arthur Janse** was retiring as a Director on the Executive. **Art** was not to be excluded as he was appointed as Newsletter Editor.*

The Membership for 1989 consisted of:

<i>Chapter 1 - Essex-Kent</i>	<i>11 + 8 Associates</i>	<i>Chapter 2 – ELM</i>	<i>24 + 5 Associates</i>
<i>Chapter 3 – Waterloo- Oxford</i>	<i>25+ 8 Associates</i>	<i>Chapter 4 - Central</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Chapter 5 - Niagara</i>	<i>14 + 2 Associates</i>	<i>Chapter 6 – Eastern</i>	<i>20 + 2 Associates</i>
<i>Chapter 7 – Ottawa</i>	<i>1</i>		

Total 96 Members with 27 Associates = 123 members.



1990

In 1990, the Annual Meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel in London. The 1990 Executive was elected and consisted of:

Doug Wilson	<i>President</i>
Ron Symington	<i>Past-President</i>
Ralph Beharrell	<i>Vice-President</i>
Bob Carswell	<i>Secretary</i>
Peter Bryan-Pulham	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
Sam Leech	
Brian Anderson	
Claude Taillon	
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>
Ken Chow	<i>OMAF</i>

The Treasurer reported that the balance as of December 31 was \$8,103.85.

*Copies of the Drainage Superintendent's Manual were distributed for examination and a request that it be reviewed by the chapters and comments returned to **Ken Chow**.*

The Drainage Superintendent's Course was again scheduled for March with a special program set up for the Experienced Drainage Superintendents.

1990 brought a request from the Ministry of Natural Resources stating that work permits may be required when working on Municipal Drains.

Pamphlets explaining the objectives of the Association were distributed to the Members to be handed out to their Councils and the Public.



1991

The Annual Conference was again held in conjunction with the O.F.D.A. at the Radisson Hotel in London on January 30, 1991. The Election produced the following results for the Executive:

Ralph Beharrell	<i>President</i>
Doug Wilson	<i>Past-President</i>
Peter Bryan-Pulham	<i>Vice-President</i>
Brian Anderson	
Sam Leech	
Kevin Grace	
Claude Taillon	
Bob Carswell	<i>Secretary</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

The Drainage Superintendent's Manual was presented to the Membership and that there were two copies available for each Municipality.

*The Upper Thames Conservation Authority presented a letter dealing with the "**Green Awareness**". The Authority requested that the Municipality be responsible for the undertaking and paying for an **Environmental Assessment** where work is done on Municipal Drains. One of the major problems in 1991 was the G.S.T/ program adopted by our Government.*

*The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,976.96 as of July 24, 1991. **Sid Vander Veen** of O.M.A.F. introduced a draft copy of an Environmental Checklist for Drain Maintenance Projects.*

*In 1991, an award called the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was presented to the Association to be given each year to a Drainage Superintendent at the Annual Banquet in March.*



1992

The Executive for the year of 1992 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Radisson Hotel in London on January 22, 1992. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Peter Bryan-Pulham	<i>President</i>
Ralph Beharrell	<i>Past President</i>
Brian Anderson	<i>Vice President</i>
Kevin Grace	<i>Secretary</i>
Ronald Hill	
Sam Leech	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>OMAF</i>

The Membership at the start of the year was confirmed at 115 members. Certificates recognizing Members in good standing were mailed to all Members. The Executive requested the Program Services Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to include the names all Drainage Superintendents in the Municipal Directory. M.N.R. held Meetings in Chatham and Ganonoque to explain their position on local matters. Waterloo-Oxford used the display at the Rural Routes Show in Woodstock.

*The History of the D.S.A.O. from its beginnings was being written by **Wray Ramsay**. Final copies are to be presented at the Annual Meeting in London. A motion was presented to O.M.A.F. to consider holding the Annual Meeting and Banquet at the O.F.D.A. Conference. The Executive reviewed the Land Drainage Program and replied to O.M.A.F. that no changes were necessary at this time.*

*The first winner of the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was **Raymond Theoret** from Chapter 6 – Eastern Ontario.*



1993

The Executive for the year of 1993 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Radisson Hotel in London on January 14, 1993. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Brian Anderson	<i>President</i>
Peter Bryan-Pulham	<i>Past President</i>
Kevin Grace	<i>Vice President</i>
Ron Hill	
Sam Leech	
John Poole	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

Activities reported to the membership were;

- Response to Planning and Development in Ontario*
- Restructuring Resources Management*
- Watershed Management on a Watershed Basis prepared by MNR and MOE*

*The procedure entitled "Fisheries Guidelines for the Review of Agricultural Drains Maintenance Proposals" was completed. **Ralph Beharrell** and **Peter Bryan-Pulham** were part of the Committee which prepared the Procedure.*

*In 1993, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was **Ben Redekopp** from Chapter 5.*



1994

The Executive for the year of 1994 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 27, 1994. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Kevin Grace	<i>President</i>
Brian Anderson	<i>Past President</i>
John Poole	<i>Vice President</i>
Ron Hill	
Dennis Shand	
Sam Leech	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

*Newsletter budget was over-expended due to postage increase. A Draft Policy Manual was introduced by **Brian Anderson** and a Drainage Program Review was underway with a Steering Committee being formed.*

***Brian Anderson** and **Wray Ramsay** undertook to deliver the Practical Aspects of being a Drainage Superintendent at the annual Drainage Superintendent's Course. There was a suggestion of an Apprenticeship Program which would pair a new Superintendent with a seasoned Superintendent. At the Annual Conference, we had both the **Referee-D. O'Brien** and the **Tribunal Chair- B. Goodal** address the membership. Many topics presented were beaver problems, stormwater management systems and the use of the Drainage Act, Aquatic Canary video made debut and got criticism and Fisheries Act interpretation and workshop on Environmental Issues were noted.*

*In 1994, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was **Art Janse** from Chapter 4.*



1995

The Executive for the year of 1995 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 26, 1995. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

John Poole	<i>President</i>
Kevin Grace	<i>Past President</i>
Ron Hill	<i>Vice President</i>
Dennis Shand	
Allan Richmond	
Gary Hillier	
Henri Bennemeer	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

Vern Spencer was appointed as Vice- Chair to the Drainage Tribunal. The DSAO circulated a "Fisheries Resolution" to 154 Municipalities with only 56 replies and only one not in favour. The Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, OMAFRA Minister and the Ontario Premier-elect all responded positively. Municipal restructuring was a concern.

Concern was expressed that Grant monies may be in jeopardy and a letter was prepared and sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. A letter was sent out to all of the Municipalities who use the Drainage Grant Program requesting a Township pin to be installed on a map and at a later date be presented to the Minister of Agriculture and Food showing how many Townships need and use the Grant Program. To date the map has over 110 pins and is still growing.

*In 1995, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was **Peter Bryan-Pulham** from Chapter 5.*



1996

The Executive for the year of 1996 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 25, 1996. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Ron Hill	<i>President</i>
John Poole	<i>Past President</i>
Dennis Shand	<i>Vice President</i>
Henri Bennemeer	
Gary Hillier	
Don Lewis	
Allan Richmond	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

The Newsletter was considered as a means to provide Advertising for partners. This would provide value to both Organizations (DSAO and LICO) showing shared interests.

The Executive decided to provide Policies for the Membership based on Policies received from various members. Some topics that were presented were Drainage issues with Abandoned Railways and Connections to Municipal Drains and these would be included in the DSAO Policy Manual.

*For Drainage Superintendents requiring Surveying, a course initiated and held in Woodstock and instructed by **Jim Myslik** and **Wray Ramsay**.*

The Environmental Checklist was presented and recommended being used.

*In 1996, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award** was **Ralph Bradley** from Chapter 5.*



1997

The Executive for the year of 1997 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 22, 1997. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

<i>Dennis Shand</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Ron Hill</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Don Lewis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Gary Hillier</i>	
<i>Allan Richmond</i>	
<i>Wray Ramsay</i>	<i>Associate</i>
<i>Sid Vander Veen</i>	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
<i>Ralph Clayton</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

During 1997, the Class Authorization System was proposed by DFO – DSAO as an attempt to spend up Maintenance Approvals for Drainage Superintendent to complete their work.

Concern was expressed that the DSAO Executive members may have to be reduced or two years appointments made due mainly to a smaller number of Municipalities as a result of Amalgamations.

A program for new Drainage Superintendent to be part of a DSAO Apprenticeship Program was envisaged but was set aside and not enacted.

The DSAO Executive had prepared a Promotional Brochure for New Members and was completed for the Annual Drainage Superintendents Course.

*In 1997, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon-Stanley Achievement Award** was **Henri Bennemeer** from Chapter 5.*



1998

The Executive for the year of 1998 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 21, 1998. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

<i>Dennis Shand</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Ron Hill</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Don Lewis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Gary Hillier</i>	
<i>Garth Noecker</i>	
<i>Allan Richmond</i>	
<i>Henri Bennemeer</i>	
<i>Wray Ramsay</i>	<i>Associate</i>
<i>Sid Vander Veen</i>	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
<i>Ralph Clayton</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

Performance Guidelines for Drainage Superintendents was presented for consideration.

Computer Programs for Calculating Drain Maintenance Costs and Assessments have become quite common.

*The Municipal Pin Display initiated by **Wray Ramsay** was now completed with 241 pins from the 265 Municipalities that participate in the Drainage Programs. The map was presented to **Sid Vander Veen** with the formal presentation to the Minister of Agriculture to be arranged in the near future.*

*In 1998, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon-Stanley Award** was **Kevin Grace** from Chapter 6.*



1999

The Executive for the year of 1999 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 27, 1999. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Don Lewis	<i>President</i>
Dennis Shand	<i>Past President</i>
Henri Bennemeer	<i>Vice President</i>
Garth Noecker	
Allan Richmond	
Gary Hillier	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

The membership was at 160 for the year of 1998 and the fees for 1999 were set at \$90.00. Our Budget was set at \$9,700.00 with ads in the Newsletter contributing \$500.00.

Several items were dealt with in 1999

- Drainage Act updated to permit multiple Superintendents.*
- Retail Sales Tax exemptions with Farm owner's signatures.*
- Drainage Grant Program was under review.*
- Municipality Amalgamations were well in progress.*
- Support was extended to the Elgin County resolution opposing the Fisheries Act application to Municipal Drains.*
- Drain Classifications program was gaining support.*

*In 1999, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon-Stanley Achievement Award** was **Wray Ramsay** from Chapter 2.*



2000

The Executive for the year of 2000 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 26, 2000. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Henri Bennemeer	<i>President</i>
Don Lewis	<i>Past President</i>
Gary Hillier	<i>Vice President</i>
Matt Stephenson	
Garth Noecker	
Richard Leech	
Jim Reeve	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

During the year of 2000, the membership was 157 members and the fees were set at \$100.00 for the 2001. A Scholarship fund was set up with an additional \$10.00 taken from each membership fee.

Interaction with MOE on Spills was discussed and a protocol for Drainage Superintendents was proposed. Also Water Quality, Quantity and Regulations were becoming a Major Topic with Drainage considered a negative in the reports.

Dennis Shand was appointed as Website Co-ordinator and www.DSAO.net was put into place. DSAO logo registration was discussed along with Liability Insurance coverage proposed.

*In 2000, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Gary Hillier** from Chapter 1.*



2001

The Executive for the year of 2001 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 24, 2001. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Henri Bennemeer	<i>President</i>
Don Lewis	<i>Past President</i>
Garth Noecker	<i>Vice President</i>
Matt Stephenson	
Jim Reeve	
Richard Leech	
Tim Dick	
Wray Ramsay	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

The DSAO was participating in the “Agricultural Sub-Committee” which is a group of stakeholders concerned with Fisheries issues. Drain Classification and Mapping errors were discussed along with Dykes constructed under the Drainage Act may be subject to Dam Regulations. Drainage Primer was also proposed by DFO.

Copyright process to register the DSAO logo was initiated; Constitution review had commenced to be completed by a Committee of Past Presidents. Digital Cameras use by Drainage Superintendents was accepted and the Board considered the Inclusion of Northern Ontario Drainage Superintendents.

*In 2001, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Rene Landry** from Chapter 5.*



2002

The Executive for the year of 2002 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 23, 2002. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Garth Noecker	<i>President</i>
Henri Bennemeer	<i>Past President</i>
Jim Reeve	<i>Vice President</i>
Matt Stephenson	
Marc Gagne	
Richard Leech	
Rene Landry	
Tim Dick	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

With the changes in Procedures since the Drainage Superintendent's Guide was produced, it has been suggested that the Guidelines be reviewed and up-dated.

Due to the changes in Regulations with the Conservation Act, fees have been proposed to review the reports for Drain Maintenance and New reports. This has been reviewed by the Executive and a letter forwarded to each chapter for discussions on this issue.

Nutrient Management Guidelines should include Drainage plans and Tile Mapping.

*In 2002, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon-Stantec Achievement Award** was **Dennis Shand** from Chapter 2.*



2003

The Executive for the year of 2003 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 22, 2003. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Jim Reeve	<i>President</i>
Garth Noecker	<i>Past President</i>
Matt Stephenson	<i>Vice President</i>
Richard Leech	
Rene Landry	
Tim Dick replaced by Eric Chamberlain	
Marc Gagne	
Andy McBride	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

Several items were reviewed in 2003 including Source Water Protection document, Information on Land Transfer and Severances for Drainage Superintendent was being prepared and enclosing of Open Ditches has become a concern of DFO.

Reclassification of drains and concerns with the cooperation of those responsible for fisheries caused initiation of a questionnaire to all Drainage Superintendents including Class Authorizations issues were continuing.

A Recommendation of the Executive to have a Review Committee look at the DSAO Constitution. The Membership expressed concerns that the website was not accomplishing the circulation of the current information.

*In 2003, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Ralph Clayton**.*



2004

The Executive for the year of 2004 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 22, 2004. The new Executive was presented to the membership which included:

Matt Stephenson	<i>President</i>
Jim Reeve	<i>Past President</i>
Marc Gagne	<i>Vice President</i>
Chris Peter	
Rene Landry	
Brian Dobbie	
Eric Chamberlain	
Andy McBride	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

DSAO concerns over fees being charged by CA's for review of new Reports. CA's staff assured that the review was for CA issues. Species At Risk plans were being developed may have implications for townships. DFO questionnaire regarding Classification of Drains was circulated but only answered by 1/3 of the Drainage Superintendents. Non-Profit Organization Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy was in place. A copy of the updated Constitution was circulated to the Directors and was referred to the Chapters for comments.

In late July, OMAFRA announced that the current Drainage Grant Program was being discontinued. DSAO considered and presented some alternatives to the Drainage Co-ordinator and a suggestion that a new program would be put in place.

*In 2004, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Peter Bryan-Pulham** from Chapter 5.*



2005

The Directors for the year of 2005 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 27, 2005. The new Directors were presented to the membership which included:

Marc Gagne	<i>President</i>
Matt Stephenson	<i>Past President</i>
Eric Chamberlain	<i>Vice President</i>
Wray Wilson	
Rene Landry	
Brian Dobbie	
Andy McBride	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

Posters showing procedures for meeting the requirements of the Fisheries Act and the Drainage Act were distributed to all Municipal Offices and to Drainage Engineering offices. An "All Chapters Meeting" was decided to be tried on the Thursday afternoon before the Drainage Engineer's Conference. The Drainage Co-ordinator reported that ten information meetings had been held across Ontario to present details of the new ADIP program and the new grant program was moving ahead. The DSAO Constitution was updated and referred to the Annual Meeting in 2006 for adoption.

*DSAO supported **Wray Ramsay** in establishing signage along the 401 to assist Emergency personnel with Spills with a letter sent to the Minister of Transportation.*

*In 2005, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Brett Ruck** from Chapter 5.*



2006

The Directors for the year of 2006 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 26, 2006. The new Directors were presented to the membership which included:

Marc Gagne	<i>President</i>
Matt Stephenson	<i>Past President</i>
Eric Chamberlain	<i>Vice President</i>
Rene Landry	
Shawn Vanacker	
Wray Wilson	
Brian Dobbie	
Andy McBride	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

The “Tile Outlet Marker” program financially supported by Agriculture Canada was announced and 1000 markers were given to Drainage Superintendents to give to Livestock Enterprises. A review of the Annual Membership Seal was questioned and a permanent Certificate was proposed for the future. Rejuvenation of a Hard Copy of the Newsletter was proposed but costs were a major deterrent. The ADIP program has a fixed figure of \$6,000,000.00 and it will be necessary to prioritize work. A committee known as the “Drainage Action Working Committee” (DAWG) was established with DSAO having two representatives. The revised DSAO Constitution was presented to the Annual Meeting and accepted by the membership.

*In 2006, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Sid Vander Veen** from OMAFRA.*



2007

The Directors for the year of 2007 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 25, 2007. The new Directors were presented to the membership which included:

Eric Chamberlain	<i>President</i>
Marc Gagne	<i>Past President</i>
Rene Landry	<i>Vice President</i>
Wray Wilson	
Brett Ruck	
Wray Ramsay	
Rob Johnson	
Andy McBride	<i>Associate</i>
Sid Vander Veen	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
Ralph Clayton	<i>Secretary</i>

*DSAO Directors established a budget of about \$2,500.00 to cover the 25th Anniversary expenses. A Memento for each member was suggested. A committee of **Eric Chamberlain** and **Wray Wilson** will review ideas and report to the meeting in June. The “DAWG” representatives for DSAO – **Eric Chamberlain** and **Andy McBride** reported to the Directors that the committee was developing a rapport with its members and terms of reference and some recommendations were presented. They are attempting to reach a consensus on every issue of Provincial significance. The third Annual All-Chapters Meeting was held in October in Guelph.*

*In 2007, the winner of the **McNeely-Taillon- Stantec Achievement Award** was **Henri Bennemeer** from Chapter 5.*



2008

The Directors for the year of 2008 was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the Lamplighter Inn in London on January 24, 2008. The new Directors were presented to the membership which included:

<i>Eric Chamberlain</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Marc Gagne</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Rene Landry</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Wray Wilson</i>	
<i>Brett Ruck</i>	
<i>Wray Ramsay</i>	
<i>Rob Johnson</i>	
<i>Andy McBride</i>	<i>Associate</i>
<i>Sid Vander Veen</i>	<i>Drainage Co-Ordinator</i>
<i>Ralph Clayton</i>	<i>Secretary</i>



HONOURARY MEMBERS OF THE DSAO

- 1. Ephram Rout**
- 2. Denis Rogerson**
- 3. Sam Leech**
- 4. Ben Redekopp**
- 5. Marvin Laidlaw**
- 6. Ron Hill**
- 7. Lloyd Werden**
- 8. Peter M. Addison**
- 9. Raymond Theoret**
- 10. Bruce Karr**
- 11. Douglas Wilson**
- 12. Andrew Code**
- 13. Robert Kelly**
- 14. John Poole**
- 15. Michael Theil**
- 16. Andy Spriet**
- 17. Philip McNeely**
- 18. Brent Copeland**
- 19. Andy McBride**
- 20. Ralph Bradley**
- 21. Ralph Clayton**
- 22. Ron Ferguson**
- 23. Don Washburn**
- 24. Art Janse**



McNeely-Taillon Achievement Award

- 1. Raymond Theoret – Chapter VI - 1992**
- 2. Ben Redekopp – Chapter V - 1993**
- 3. Art Janse – Chapter IV - 1994**
- 4. Peter Bryan - Pulham – Chapter V - 1995**
- 5. Ralph Bradley – Chapter V - 1996**

McNeely-Taillon-Stanley Achievement Award

- 6. Henri Bennemeer – Chapter V - 1997**
- 7. Kevin Grace – Chapter VI - 1998**
- 8. Wray Ramsay – Chapter II - 1999**

McNeely-Taillon-Stantec Achievement Award

- 9. Gary Hillier – Chapter I - 2000**
- 10. Rene Landry – Chapter V - 2001**
- 11. Dennis Shand – Chapter II - 2002**
- 12. Ralph Clayton – DSAO - 2003**
- 13. Peter Bryan - Pulham – Chapter V - 2004**
- 14. Brett Ruck – Chapter V - 2005**
- 15. Sid Vander Veen – OMAFRA - 2006**
- 16. Henri Bennemeer – Chapter V - 2007**



DSAO PRESIDENTS

1984 – Art Janse – Chapter IV

1985 – George Harris – Chapter VI

1986 – John Palmer – Chapter VI

1987 – Bruce Karr – Chapter II

1988 – Marvin Laidlaw – Chapter II

1989 – Ron Symington – Chapter VI

1990 – Doug Wilson – Chapter III

1991 – Ralph Beharrell – Chapter II

1992 – Peter Bryan-Pulham – Chapter V

1993 – Brian Anderson – Chapter I

1994 – Kevin Grace – Chapter VI

1995 – John Poole – Chapter II

1996 – Ron Hill – Chapter III

1997 - 1998– Dennis Shand – Chapter III

1999 – Don Lewis – Chapter VI

2000 - 2001– Henri Bennemeer – Chapter V

2002 – Garth Noecker – Chapter III

2003 – Jim Reeve – Chapter IV

2004 – Matt Stephenson – Chapter II



2005 - 2006 – Marc Gagne – Chapter VI

2007 - 2008 - Eric Chamberlain - Chapter I

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