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## New Member appointed to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board

**TORONTO, December 11, 2017** — On behalf of the Executive and Board of Governors of the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), President Chris Cowley is pleased to announce the appointment of Gene Lewis to the Board of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Ontario Teachers') for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2018.

"The wealth of knowledge which Gene brings to the Ontario Teachers' Board is a positive addition to the overall expertise of the Board," states Chris Cowley, OTF President.

Gene Lewis served as General Secretary of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) from 1998 until his retirement in 2013. During his career, he was an active participant on the OTF Executive and Board of Governors. He gained extensive experience and expertise in OTPP through serving on committees such as the Ontario Teachers' Sustainability Workgroup and the Partners' Consultative Committee.

"At the same time, OTF thanks Rod Albert, who completed eight years of service on the Board, for his contributions," states Cowley. "We wish him the very best in his future endeavours."

As well, Patti Croft and Lise Fournel, appointed in 2016, have been re-appointed to the Board for a second term.

"Each member of the Board brings their unique skillset to the table and together, they serve the interests of all Plan members with distinction," concludes Cowley.

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is jointly sponsored by the Ontario Teachers' Federation and the Government of Ontario. Director and Chair appointments are for two years, renewable for a maximum of four terms. Each sponsor appoints five directors and jointly appoint an eleventh person to serve as Chair.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all publicly funded schools in the province – elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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