



ONTARIO MUTUAL  
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

## Staff Changes at the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association

### Retirements



**Chris  
Smith**

Please join us in congratulating Christine “Chris” Smith on her retirement this September 2021.

Chris is the epitome of dedication, having recently celebrated her 41st anniversary with OMIA and Farm Mutual Re.

Chris took a job at Farm Mutual Re (then FMRP) in January 1980 as a Systems Operator. She assisted RJ Slocki with setting up a new computer system – the HP250. In 1990, the statistics function moved to OMIA, with Chris as the Statistics Coordinator/Systems Administrator. In 2012, with a full team behind the system, she settled into the role of Statistics Coordinator.

Chris has remained an integral part of the Statistics and Information Services Department. She is our champion liaison with IBC, CGI, and the mutual system vendors, and most importantly, she takes pride in sharing her rich knowledge about statistical reporting with new colleagues. Her influence will certainly resonate for many years.



**Carol  
Turkheim**

Please join us in congratulating Carol Turkheim on her retirement, this October 2021.

Carol joined the OMIA Insurance Services department as Administrative Assistant in September 2014. She has been a dedicated, hard-working and detail oriented asset to the team every day since then.

Many of our member companies have been assisted by Carol through their interaction with our education events, both online and in person. She is the type of person who truly “keeps the wheels turning” in so many of our day-to-day activities.

We wish you all the best in your retirement, Carol.



**Tammy  
Micallef**

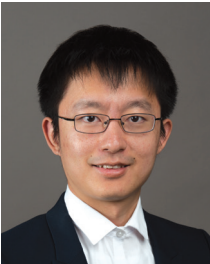
Tammy Micallef had her last day with OMIA on July 2nd. Although Tammy has left the OMIA office, she will still be a familiar face in the mutual community as she joined Westminster Mutual as an insurance agent.

Tammy started at OMIA in 2016 as an Insurance Resource Officer. She was a valuable part of the Insurances Services team and a great resource for the Ontario Mutuels community at large. Join us in sending our best wishes to Tammy as she embarks on this next chapter in her career!



**Jessica  
Knight**

Jessica Knight had her last day with OMIA on May 21st. Jessica joined OMIA as an office assistant in 2017. She was a great asset to everyone in the office and although we miss her greatly we are happy that she is staying in the mutual insurance community. Join us in congratulating Jessica as she takes on an underwriting role at Lambton Mutual!



**Ming  
Pan**

Ming Pan had his last day with OMIA on August, 6th. It was a bittersweet goodbye as we will miss Ming greatly but we are proud of him for taking on a data and modelling analytics position as FSRA.

Ming started his career at OMIA in 2017 as a Business Intelligence Analyst. He was a valuable and dedicated member of the Statistics and Information Services Team. Join us in celebrating Ming as he takes his next steps in his career.



**Brandon  
Mina**

Brandon Mina had his last day with OMIA on December 3rd. Brandon joined OMIA in 2015 as a Marketing Coordinator and was a valuable part of the Marketing Department. Many in the mutual community will remember Brandon for his warm and welcoming presence in the Ontario Mutuels booth at various farm shows and conventions. Join us as we wish Brandon all the best in his future endeavors!







**Danita  
Johal**

We're pleased to welcome Danita Johal to our team as Office Assistant.

Danita is a recent graduate from Conestoga College earning a Bachelor of Early Learning Program Development.

She brings a warm personality and dedication to excellent work to her role. Welcome, Danita.



**Julia  
Sharma**

OMIA is also pleased to welcome Julia Sharma to the role of Business Intelligence Analyst. Julia achieved her Undergraduate degree in Business Information Systems and her Post Graduate diploma in Computer Applications Development. She has worked in a variety of industries including, marketing, government agency, and insurance, where she leveraged her data and analytics skills. Julia will be working in the Stats and IT department to meet the business intelligence and analytics need of the membership.



**Kyle  
Murphy**

We're pleased to welcome Kyle Murphy to the role of Statistical Coordinator. Kyle graduated from the University of Guelph Management Economics and Finance Co-op program in 2016. He started his career as an Account Coordinator at a marketing company in Mississauga, primarily managing agricultural chemical sales data, and was eventually promoted to Account Executive. He has also worked for a non-profit company as a Business Intelligence Specialist, collecting and analyzing waste/recycling collection data across Canada. Kyle is passionate about data management and analytics and has recently achieved two data science certificates from York University.



**Mandy  
Hetherington**

OMIA would also like to welcome Mandy Hetherington to the role of Administrative Assistant. Mandy received her diploma in Office Administration from Conestoga College in 2007 and spent the last 11 years working at Eramosa Engineering in Guelph. Mandy has joined the Insurance Services department and will assist the team as they bring training, resources, and product development to member companies.





**Bob  
Burley**

Bob Burley stepped down from the OMIA Board in March 2021.

Bob was appointed to the Board in March 2013 as the Group 7 (E) Director, and has served on the HTM Board as a Director from 2007. He is also an OMIA Pension Trustee.

Bob is a graduate of Centralia in Animal Health Technology and worked at the Ontario Veterinary College and at a veterinary clinic in Peterborough.

He has been self-employed since 1983.

Please join us in thanking Bob for all he has contributed to OMIA and the Ontario Mutuels community.



**Dave  
Rutherford**

Dave Rutherford joined the board in March 2021. He is Director at HTM Insurance and operates Rutherford's Farm and Roadside Market, near Colborne, Ontario with his wife Sherri, where they specialize in fresh fruit, vegetables and baked goods.

Dave is also a member of OMIA's Education Committee. Welcome, Dave!



**Brad  
Vanstone**

Brad's term with the OMIA Board will end on December 22nd, 2021.

Brad is a Director at West Wawanosh Mutual and joined the OMIA Board in 2012. During his time on the board he has served on the Education Committee and Legislative Affairs Committee. He will continue on as a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee after acting as Chair during his tenure.

Brad has always been involved in his community, having been a Director of the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Board, a public representative on the County of Huron Land Division Committee and Chair of Communications for the 2017 International Plowing Match. He also has a keen interest in politics, something he's maintained throughout his life.

Please join us in thanking Brad for all he has contributed to OMIA and the Ontario Mutuels.