



**The Science Teachers' Association of Ontario
L'Association des professeurs des sciences de l'Ontario**

SUPPORT FOR IN-SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIRS

At the October, 2006 meeting of the STAO/APSO Board of Directors, a new policy was approved that will see money flow to members to support their in-school science fairs.

Funds will be provided to members according to the following policy:

- 1) That only in-school science fairs be supported to a maximum of \$50/school/year. For 2006-07 the total funds available would amount to \$2,000, and would be allotted on a first come first served basis. Members could re-apply on an annual basis for the funds.*
- 2) The funds would be used to support ribbons for participants, trophies for top winners in each category, snacks for participants, prizes (books, supplies, etc).*
- 3) To provide 'value' to a STAO membership the funds will only be made available to current STAO members. Members would be advised of the availability of funds through STAOnews and would apply directly to their Regional Councillor. The Regional Councillor would forward the request to the Treasurer via the Regional Director. A description of this program and contact information would be posted on the STAO web page in the Members Only section.*
- 4) As a condition of funding the members will be asked to complete a one page questionnaire/summary to provide feedback to STAO with information detailing the nature of the fair (in school, in class), grade participating, summary statistics (# of grades, # of participants, # of awards, etc.) and how the funds were spent. This questionnaire will be included with the cheque forwarded to the recipient. Successful recipients would also be encouraged to send photos from the event, along with their report, that could be used in Crucible.*

In order to access these funds, members are requested to contact their Regional Councillor by email:

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