

For the past year and one half, the 7 branches of the organization that was known as the ATSSA and their collective executive have been endeavoring to bring the association to a provincial status.

This endeavor was to include all branches with equal input into a truly provincial wide organization. During our multiple meetings to become clear that the Charter Holders felt that a provincial organization was to be headed by the Toronto Branch with all funds flowing to and through Toronto. This would have resulted in an immediate lack of autonomy.

The executive representing the remaining branches would not have input in this now supposed Provincial organization. The executive representing Kitchener, Ottawa, Sudbury, London, Windsor, Hamilton and Belleville did not vote in favour of this structure.

At an emergency meeting held on December 17th, 2011, with all branch representatives attending, an impasse was reached.

The Charter holder, that being the Toronto ATSSA forbade the use of the ATSSA logo, letterhead and all references to ATS and ATSSA. Thus effectively ending an organization founded in 1938.

Based on this, the executive of the 7 former branches voted to continue as in the past with a name change and no affiliation with the organization called the Toronto Automotive Service Superintendants Association.

With some 800 members in the province, the new as yet unnamed association of Truck, Trailer and Fleet Maintenance Specialists will continue to operate and thrive. This association will continue to deliver to its membership the ongoing quality meetings and materials you have come to expect. Sharing of knowledge, cost reductions in your shops will continue to be the focus.

Along with this departure, the Canadian Fleet Maintenance Seminar will continue to operate with the support of the 7 branches of the newly forming organization.