



**Working Group**  
**on Support Staff Issues**  
October Meeting

# Caterer

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# Introductions

- Co-Convener – Valerie Patilla
  - Clinical Research Center
- Co-Convener – Candy Weaver
  - Division of Health, Science and Technology
- HR Resource Person – Jeannette Gerzon

# Welcome

- **New members**

- Lisa Witzler, Ryan Gray, Valerie Alleyne, Brandy Baker, Mary Curtin , Pam DiFraia, Debora DiGiuseppe, Angela Garraway, Najat Kessler, Bettiann McKay, Luisandra Reynoso, Eliana Runyon

- **East Campus visitors:**

- E25, E17, E18, E23, E33, etc...

# Mission

- Established in 1975, the MIT Working Group on Support Staff Issues (WGSSI) acts to continually improve the working environment and perception of Support Staff at MIT by:
  - identifying issues that concern Support Staff
  - forming groups on these issues that conduct research
  - recommending actions to the appropriate parties
  - communicating results to Support Staff
  - providing networking opportunities for Support Staff and sponsoring events

# Theme

- **Upward and Outward**
  - **Fostering growth in all directions**



# Subcommittee Updates

- **Archiving the History:** ensuring the continuity of the committee's activities through record keeping in the Institute's archives  
**Co-Chairs:** Carol Clarke & Olga Parkin
- **Artists Beyond the Desk:** advocating and producing venues for staff creative expression  
**Co-Chairs:** Valerie Poitier & Shirley Entzminger
- **Commuting:** providing an information conduit on traffic and commuting issues while promoting greener transportation methods  
**Chair:** Joe Hankins

# Subcommittee Updates

- **List Serve:** forwarding communication to and between support staff  
**Chair:** Olga Parkin & David Hogarth
- **Membership:** the gateway to WGSSI; holding the way open for support staff to voice their concerns, and providing a support staff appreciation luncheon  
**Co-Chairs:** Barbara Smith & Shelly Isaac
- **Peer Resources:** advocating ways for the work-related information to get to MIT newcomers and trying to help newcomers connect to the information  
**Chair:** Anne Deveau

# Subcommittee Updates

- **Professional Development:** helping support staff achieve performance excellence in the workplace

**Co-Chairs:** Sally Chapman & Candy Weaver

- **Recycling:** promoting eco-friendly behavior throughout the Institute

**Co-Chairs:** Selene Victor & Ryan Gray

# Wrap up

- New WG monthly meeting rotating location
- Reminders: Excellence awards, orientation
- New issues: MIT's Diversity Initiative
- Dismissal