



**Topics for Sharing (formerly District Liaison Report)
Member Services Committee Meeting November 12, 2020 | RTOERO Zoom
Videoconference**

This document has been sent to district presidents, first vice-presidents, member services coordinators, goodwill reps, recruitment contacts, board of directors, committee chairs and RTOERO staff.

If you are no longer in this role, please advise membership@rtoero.ca.

Please remember that a strong recommendation is made to RTOERO Members to continue to avoid in-person meetings, however, if they chose to meet face-to-face, they have to follow local public health advisories.

Legal documents:

A Guide for any RTOERO member wishing to visit fellow members in hospital, retirement or long-term care facility is being finalized. It should be ready for distribution in the new year.

RTOERO does not provide any benefits or discounts to travel coordinators. Trips logistics and finances is the responsibility of travel agencies. Compensation of any kind for the work done by a volunteer or in recognition of volunteer service is not an appropriate practice. Reimbursement of expenses incurred by volunteers and approved by the district executive is permitted.

Volunteer engagement:

Please visit the link to an education panel put on by Western University called “Building Communities During COVID-19.” Description: Dr. Kathy Hibbert, Acting Dean, Faculty of Education moderates a panel about four unique projects that were created during the COVID-19 crisis and designed to help teachers, students, and families alike.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYWd6gSOmDw&feature=youtu.be>

The Volunteer Recognition Program is being gradually phased in. A special bronze pin is available to be ordered by District Presidents to be used for recognition at the District level. Personalized gifts can be ordered by the Districts from the eStore. <https://www.rtoestore.ca/>. Should you have any questions, requests, or require assistance while using the RTOERO eStore, please contact:

- Kayla McKenzie at kmckenzie@rtoero.ca
- Ryan Lukie, RTOERO eStore Account Manager at ryan@scorepromotions.com

RPWs and Recruitment:

Membership application forms will be modified in the near future to make the process clearer as to which district new members wish to join.

The New Member Webinar is very successful in providing important information to new members. It will also be available to prospective members to answer their questions about RTOERO.



Online RPW's continue to be well attended. They are promoted on social media outlets in English and in French. Please encourage colleagues to sign up for them in your newsletters, websites and Facebook pages. <https://rtoero.ca/events/search-for-a-workshop-near-you/>

The Marketing and Communications team is mailing RTOERO brochures to school boards and to administrative staff in schools such as office managers, principals, and HR. In addition to digital ads, geotargeting is being used; this means that anyone in the vicinity of a school will see RTOERO digital ads. RTOERO is also participating in a webinar series with CACE-ACACÉ (Canadian Association of Communication in Education/Association Canadienne des agents de communication en éducation).

Goodwill:

The RTOERO Foundation presented on November 18th a Webinar on The Impact of COVID-19 on Older Canadians. The presenter was Dr. Rachel Savage, Postdoctoral Fellow at Women's College Research Institute, who provided findings from an online survey administered to RTOERO members in early May 2020. The survey was designed to examine how members had been impacted by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Foundation's webinar is currently available to watch (in English only) on RTOERO's YouTube channel, <https://youtu.be/4CSPV06MZ54>.

Past webinars can be accessed on the RTOERO Foundation website: <https://rtoero.ca/rtoero-foundation/get-involved/webinar-series/>

RTOERO is also exploring ways to organize zoom meetings with Goodwill representatives in the months to come.

Travel:

Work on the Travel Coordinator Volunteer Description is on hold at this time.

The Merit Travel Webinars are postponed until conditions improve for travel within Canada and abroad.

For your information:

OTPP has extended the re-employment limit from 50 days to 95 days, until June 30, 2021. Please check their website for more information. https://www.otpp.com/members/cms/en/life-career-events/retirement-life/working-after-retirement/reemployment-faq.html?intcmp=re-em_w_dmwk-779