



EXECUTIVE MEETING
Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Delmanor, Etobicoke

AMENDED MINUTES

Present: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Janet Thacker, Karl Sprogis, Gabrielle Benedek, Maryanne Chard, Lynn Farquharson, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Janis McCaskill, Anne McIlroy, Bill McIlroy, Judy Paton, Adele Pick, Rose Ramundi, Mary Jean Ricci, Art Witham and Sharon Kular
Regrets: Joel Nasimok, Harold Royle

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Claudia Mang welcomed the Executive to the meeting. Members shared time spent with grandchildren and woes travelling on our very busy GTA highways.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion #1: It was moved by Janet Thacker and seconded by Sharon Kular, that the Agenda for the Executive Meeting be accepted. CARRIED

3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of September 14th, 2016:

Motion #2: It was moved by Pamela Guy and seconded by Rose Ramundi, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of September 14th, 2016 be accepted as amended. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

i. Fall Luncheon

Judy Paton gave details and requested assistance with the reception table, introductions, thanks and closing remarks. Reception table will open at 11:00 a.m. A golf cart will be available for anyone with mobility issues. Door prizes to be purchased by Sheila Tait and Claudia Mang. Entertainment will be provided by The Sparklettes. Presentation tables will include Osteoporosis Society, Best Doctors and Heart and Stroke Foundation.

ii. Joint Executive Meeting in November

The Joint meeting will take place on November 8th at Pioneer Village. Although registration is closed, the guaranteed number has not yet been met, therefore more registrants will be accepted.

iii. Merit Travel Presentation

A presentation on long term stay vacations is being planned, with a \$250 travel voucher prize and funds for refreshments provided by Merit Travel. A date will be set once the availability of Christ

the King Hall has been determined. The presentation is to run from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Claudia Mang and Adele Pick are coordinating the arrangements.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A request from www.freedextrikes.com, Ron McCurdy, who is retiring from his role. He seeks retired teachers to take over. His request will be shared at the Toronto Districts meeting, with a possible email blast to promote this opportunity. He may be invited to speak at the Fall Luncheon as well.

A request for newsletter advertising from the Leading Learning Academy to post foreign teaching positions with their agency. Their RTO membership is to be determined. A referral to RTO provincial will be made if LLA are not members.

Notice has been received that Kelly MacDonald, Membership Assistant, is on Maternity leave. Sam Gyesus has been hired to fulfill the role of Membership Assistant, while Kelly is away. Please send all emails to membership@rto-ero.org and either Dianne or Sam will respond.

Governance Committee will present A Case for Change document at Senate. Any comments or questions should be sent to Claudia Mang, Janet Thacker, Karl Sprogis or Shelia Tait who will share these concerns.

Yolanda Bronstein sent her regrets for the Fall Luncheon.

Member Services has published a list of publications in which RTO advertises.

A memorandum from Simon Leibovitz notes that TICO legislation only applies to overnight travel.

Ontario Gaming Commission rules require licenses for raffles and lotteries or fines will be levied. Other Districts have been so penalized.

Resources from the RTO/ERO Chair in Geriatric Medicine Dr. Paula Roshon was sent from foundation@rto-ero.org

The membership graph showing demographics by age and gender has been received and will be added to the January newsletter.

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

No report.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Current balance is \$37 886.02

Motion #3: It was moved by Karl Sprogis, and seconded by Art Witham, that the Treasurer's report/current budget be approved. CARRIED

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Claudia Mang will seek information regarding low registration from other Districts for the November 8th Joint Districts meeting.

Senate on October 25th-26th will discuss Governance and Code of Conduct. Karl Sprogis stated that the Strategic Plan survey has been sent to random members. Any comments regarding the survey should be forwarded to Karl Sprogis.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Awards

Sharon Kular requested submission of any known retirees who volunteer.

b. Communication/Website

Joel Nasimok's report was delivered by Claudia Mang. Email blasts will be sent out mid-month to augment newsletters. An initial explanation of the email blast will be sent by Claudia Mang.

The Communications Committee requests submissions for the Spring 2017 Renaissance magazine on topics related to the internet.

c. Constitution

No report.

d. Foundation

No report.

e. Goodwill

Maryanne Chard shared hard copies of the N11 and 211 telephone systems.

There were no notifications of recent deaths or notable birthdays.

The next Have A Java will be Thursday Oct. 20th.

f. Health/Insurance

Anne McIlroy referred to the resources on Healthy Aging as provided in the RTO email from Dr. Paula Rochon.

g. Members/Telephone

Lynn Farquharson reported a total of approximately 98 volunteers. Executive members are encouraged to make calls in January to achieve best results.

h. Newsletter

Bill McIlroy reported that the newsletter would be in the mail shortly. All executive members will receive a hard copy as well as the web version.

i. Pension/Retirement Concerns

Janice Mc Caskill reported news of the OTPP surplus which will provide an increase to COL amounts from 70 to 90% for those who retired after 2009. This will take effect in January 2017. Full details are available on the OTPP website.

j. Political Advocacy

Art Witham reported that another Provincial by-election is upcoming in Ottawa. The Provincial Government has reached out to one teacher group to extend their contract in an effort to avoid bargaining during the next election campaign.

k. Recruitment/Membership

Adele Pick will seek two dates at CTK, one for the Merit Travel presentation and one for the Alzheimer's presentation.

As of October, District 22 has a total membership of 2,479 with 2241 full and 238 associate members.

Adele Pick will give her monthly lunch group organization to Maryanne Chard as of November.

l. Retirement Planning Workshops

Sheila Tait reported that the next workshop will be held November 3rd at the Markland Wood Golf Club. To date there are 80 registered attendees.

m. Social

See Business Arising item i)

n. Travel

Pamela Guy reported that there are a few seats left for Alice in Wonderland at Shaw Festival on October 12th. Details of other trips are posted on the website.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) Harold Royle will retire as Treasurer as of Dec.31st. His contributions are greatly appreciated. Rose Ramundi will assume his responsibilities as Treasurer.
- ii) Bill McIlroy invited the executive to contact him for information regarding a Halloween event in Port Credit on Oct. 29th
- iii) Janet Thacker shared her interest in a TVO series Striking Balance, a journey across Canada to look at our nation's biosphere reserves in this eight-part cinematic documentary series.
- iv)

Motion #4: It was moved by Art Witham, and seconded by Bill McIlroy, that RTO District 22 express disapproval to the Provincial Executive of OTPP concerning the decision to contract out IT functions to outside and offshore companies. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday, November 1st at Delmanor Etobicoke