



**RTO DISTRICT 22
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Del Manor, Etobicoke**

MINUTES

Present: Sheila Tait, Claudia Mang, Karl Sprogis, Gary Parkinson, Maryanne Chard, Lynn Farquharson, Pamela Guy, Marilyn Jones, Sharon Kular, Janis McCaskill, Anne McIlroy, Joel Nasimok, Judy Paton, Harold Royle, and Janet Thacker

Regrets: Helen Gill, Bonnie Hamilton, Adele Pick and Art Witham

1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:

Sheila Tait welcomed the Executive to Del Manor. They have been most hospitable and welcoming! Art Witham is representing District 22 at District 16's AGM this morning. News around the table included the fabulous Kingsway Flea Market, a winning "hand" at a mahjong tournament and an upcoming trip to China and a Baltic cruise. A busy bunch! Karl Sprogis was thanked for taking the April Minutes in Janet Thacker's absence.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of April 5th, 2016:

Motion #2: It was moved by Anne McIlroy and seconded by Judy Paton, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of April 5th, 2016 be accepted as ammended. CARRIED

Janet Thacker thanked Karl Sprogis for the keeping of the Minutes in her absence.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

i. Meeting of the Toronto Joint Executive

Claudia Mang is the Chair of the workshop/meeting in November and outlined some details of the day. Several from the Provincial Office have been invited. Joel Nasimok is sending out a broadcast email to all Executive participants from across the Toronto Districts. Recruitment could be a possible focus for the whole group.

ii. AGM/Luncheon is Tuesday, June 7th, 2016

Judy Paton circulated the food selection list for the Executive. Please advise her if you will not be attending. Duties were discussed and assigned: Bill McIlroy - parking lot; Marilyn Jones and Janis McCaskill – front door greeters; Lynn Farquharson and Anne McIlroy – registration desk; Judy Paton – reserve tables for the 25 year guests; Sheila Tait – pens and pads from RTO-ERO; Harold Royle – manage the book table with Terry Fallis’ books. Judy Paton will suggest that Terry Fallis donate a couple of his books for a draw.

For the meeting, Judy Paton will arrange for two front rows for Executive and set up as per last year.

iii. Nominating Committee Report

Gary Parkinson and the committee of Sheila Tait and Claudia Mang, have accepted the resignations of Bonnie Hamilton, Helen Gill and Gary Parkinson. Their service to RTO-ERO has been much appreciated and valued over the years.

The following are the new members and changes to the roster:

Sheila Tait – Past President

Claudia Mang – President

Karl Sprogis – First Vice President

Janet Thacker – Second Vice President

Mary Jean Ricci – Secretary

Gabrielle Benedek – Member at Large

Rose Ramundi – Member at Large

Gary Parkinson will outline the process to the membership at the AGM and will call for nominations from the floor.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Provincial Office has indicated that the current printer for Renaissance and all other publications from RTO-ERO has gone out of business. Harmony Printing is being replaced by Mi5 Print and Digital, following a tendering process.

6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:

Sheila Tait shared that the next meeting is the end of May. There is a new location for the RPW’s which can accommodate more people. The November 3rd workshop will be held at Markland Woods.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Harold Royle presented his report. The balance is \$38,981.95 as of April 28th, 2016. The new signing officers will go to Toronto Dominion Bank to sign the official cards.

Motion #3: It was moved by Harold Royle, and seconded by Karl Sprogis, that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as ammended. CARRIED

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

i. Presidents' Workshop

Claudia Mang and Karl Sprogis attended the Provincial Presidents' Workshop and led discussion on governance, code of conduct and a membership survey on the vision and strategic plan of RTO-ERO.

ii. RTO/ERO Governance

Karl Sprogis circulated the proposal for a governance model which addresses the Canadian changes to not for profit groups. The Ontario legislation, introduced in 2010, has yet to be passed. RTO-ERO has consulted with a number of experts and lawyers on a governance model and it is suggested that the organization not delay much longer. The membership will be consulted at different stages and the proposal will be presented at Senate mid-May. The greatest issue is liability and risk management for the organization. This will be a process, not an event as RTO-ERO addresses the issues.

iii. Survey

Karl Sprogis reviewed the RTO-ERO survey, Strategic Plan 2020. Questions focus on what the mission statement should say, attracting new members to RTO, and healthy ageing programs. Please send your comments to Karl Sprogis by the weekend.

Claudia Mang announced that RTO-ERO has a new partnership with McMaster University with free health resources. Watch for www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org.

Karl Sprogis circulated a power point that outlines the Top Ten Reasons to Choose RTO/ERO Group Health Insurance. Gayle Manley, the Chair of the Provincial HSIC presented this at the workshop. The Number 1 reason to join: The sole unifying voice of retired education employees in Ontario!

iv. RTO/ERO Code of Conduct

The consultative process is ongoing. Twelve districts have responded. Karl Sprogis indicated that the maximum penalty is exclusion from all membership privileges, except the health plan.

Sheila Tait shared that the iPad sessions have been popular, with more to come. The sessions on wills, power of attorney and executor responsibilities have been excellent as well. Friday, May 13th is the Financial Planning for Seniors session at Christ the King. All sessions have been well received.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Awards

Sharon Kular announced that Irwin Kelly, past Executive, will be recognized with the Outstanding Community Service Award, as will Margaret Arscott.

Ten Year Awards will be presented to Maryanne Chard and Bonnie Hamilton.

We can expect a total of 12 of the 25 Year Certificate Awardees to attend.

b. Communication/Website

Joel Nasimok reported that he updates continually, but asks for the input of Executive whenever there is an activity or event. The website will have a different look shortly.

c. Constitution

No report at this time.

- d. Foundation**
No report at this time.
- e. Goodwill**
Maryanne Chard reported that she received notification of one recent death, Gordon Coll. There are three 90th birthdays: Iona Willson, Emeric Simac, Geraldine O'Meara. There are three 95th birthdays: Ruth I. Royle, Betty MacGregor, Gordon S. R. Hollowell. Have a Java has 46 members. Upcoming dates: May 19, June 16, July 21. Claudia Mang volunteered to run the May 19th Java.
- f. Health/Insurance**
Anne McIlroy will attend the May 30th workshop.
- g. Members/Telephone**
Lynn Farquharson has distributed the caller lists with scripts. There are 2,445 names and 83 volunteer callers (including the Executive).
- h. Newsletter**
No report at this time.
- i. Pension/Retirement Concerns**
No report at this time.
- j. Political Advocacy**
Art Witham forwarded his brief to Sheila Tait. The primary watch item for our members at present is the negotiations between OMA and the province. There will be much posturing and fear mongering.
- k. Recruitment/Membership**
No report at this time.
- l. Retirement Planning Workshops**
Gary Parkinson reported that the next workshop is November 3rd.
- m. Social**
Judy Paton has the AGM/Luncheon under control as she is the social diva! (Although she would never say that.)
- n. Travel**
Pam Guy reported that Mamma Mia is coming up, the cruise is full. There have been numerous compliments to the committee with respect to the organizing of all trips. There could be some changes soon with regards to day trips and TICO (Travel Industry Council of Ontario).

10. ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CHARITY AWARD

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

AGM/Luncheon: Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 at Crowne Plaza