



**EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, Sept.14th, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Canadiana Restaurant, Etobicoke**

**MINUTES**

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

**Regrets:** Pamela Guy, Janis McCaskill.

**1. WELCOME AND ROUNDTABLE:**

Claudia Mang welcomed the combined Executive to the meeting. Congratulations were extended for a most successful THWTB Breakfast. A special thank you was extended to Adele Pick who rushed back from a recent family funeral.

Many stories were shared ranging from exotic world travel, including China, Russia, Italy, Croatia, Iceland and the world of Disney, as well as typical summer fun at cottages with family and friends.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**3. MINUTES of the Executive Meeting of June 8th, 2016:**

**Motion #2: It was moved by Art Witham and seconded by Bill McIlroy, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be accepted as amended. CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING:**

**i. THWTB Breakfast Review**

Claudia Mang offered congratulations to the Executive and in particular, to Adele Pick and Judy Paton for the successful event. Janet Thacker offered the "Why I Joined RTO" speech with a novel and entertaining reprise of her talk last year. Presentations from Johnson explaining RTO benefits as well a brief overview form Merit Travel were well received.

Several suggestions for next year arose out of further discussion:

To increase recruitment by approaching Provincial to consider opening a window annually, and to stress benefits of membership at the RTO Retirement Workshops. Joel Nasimok offered to take suggestions to the Communications Committee.

ii. Joint Executive Meeting in November

The Joint meeting will take place on November 8th at Pioneer Village. As Etobicoke York is the host this year, it is hoped that all will attend. Two years ago there was full attendance by the Executive. Claudia Mang shared the list of speakers, who include Jim Grieve, Martha Foster and Martin Higgs. Joel Nasimok collected forms and topic preferences from members who plan to attend.

iii. Fall Luncheon

Judy Paton has successfully arranged the change of venue to the Islington Golf Club for the November 16<sup>th</sup> date. Registration forms are available on the website. Information will be included in the upcoming newsletter as well.

Claudia Mang has contacted several organizations to set up information tables at the luncheon this year. These include: The Osteoporosis Society, The Heart & Stroke Foundation and Best Doctors.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Claudia Mang has received many notices and requests throughout the summer months.

RWTO has requested contributions to their upcoming June 2016 Conference in Ajax. Upon discussion, the group consensus was that Claudia Mang will respond with thanks for their interest and a referral to the District Council.

A member from District 14 Niagara requested a newsletter article submission regarding podcasts which will be accepted.

RTO Resolution was passed which will provide subsidies and a list of suggestions for each district in planning for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Merit Travel has offered to provide a presentation on long term stay vacations for travel in 2017. The CTK church hall insurance has been paid until December, hence may be the appropriate venue. Communication for the event would be via an email blast and perhaps members will be approached to share testimonials of their long term stays.

RTO will share a letter written to Hon. Jane Philpot, Minister of Health, regarding the Trade Deal and its impact on seniors.

Governance Committee work is ongoing

Nominations for 2016-2017

RTO-ERO Scholarship Nomination information will be posted on the website when it becomes available.

Provincial RTO has stressed that only the Membership Department is to be contacted with membership inquiries.

**6. TORONTO DISTRICTS:**

The first meeting will be held October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Harold Royle explained the closing of a Tangerine account and a switch to TD exclusively. It was decided to consolidate all funds in one bank account after exploring GIC alternatives. Current balance is \$38 880.82

**Motion #3: It was moved by Harold Royle, and seconded by Marilyn Jones, that the Treasurer's report/current budget be approved. CARRIED**

**8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Claudia Mang thanked the Executive for all the support and involvement at the THWTB breakfast. Most of the President's report was covered in the previously addressed correspondence items. Senate attendees on October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> will include Senators Claudia Mang and Karl Sprogis, with Observers Janet Thacker and Sheila Tait.

Karl Sprogis will represent as Treasurer in lieu of Harold Royle's attendance.

The seminars that Sheila Tait initiated and organized have been so well received as to be oversubscribed. It is hoped that the iPad workshop, taxes and estate planning seminar will be repeated in the coming months.

As Past President, Sheila Tait will be our representative for the Retirement Planning Workshops. Maryanne Chard, Judy Paton and Rose Ramundi have volunteered to assist.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Awards**

Sharon Kular reviewed the amounts which were granted last year, noting that there has been some uncertainty from the STO Committee regarding criteria for submissions. Clarification was requested for future submission protocols at the last Senate. Anne McIlroy received a thank you for the donation to the Red Lake Camp which resulted in opportunities for thirty girls.

**b. Communication/Website**

Joel Nasimok announced that the new website has been operational since July.

Every effort has been made to assure clarity and ease of use. Redundant/outdated archived material has been removed. The site will now maintain newsletters for three years and minutes for one year henceforth.

Joel encouraged suggestions, as well as reports of any errors or omissions from all executive members.

In addition, Provincial is moving toward a new system which will encompass and synchronize information from all districts. Joel has submitted District 22 information, i.e. email addresses.

**c. Constitution**

No report at this time. Although Janet Thacker noted that the Constitution will be changing in the next two to four years in order to comply with Provincial and Federal regulations with regard to the status of Not for Profit organizations such as RTO/ERO.

**d. Foundation**

Janet Thacker reported that there is a new Foundation Executive Director being sought. In the interim an Acting Director has been appointed.

**e. Goodwill**

Maryanne Chard reported that she received notification of the following recent deaths: Horace Moore, Ruth Hackett, Diane Hughes, Saverio Monaco, Thomas Throop, Mary Walsh.

Notable birthdays:

90<sup>th</sup> - Iona Willson, Geraldine O'Meara, and Gordon Hollowell.

95<sup>th</sup> - Murray M. Young

101<sup>st</sup> Isabel Johnson

Maryanne Chard attended the Goodwill Workshop in June. Some groups are using telephone outreach and some have more social activities.

There are now donor cards for the RTO Charitable Foundation which are being shared with funeral homes. It was suggested that these donations could serve in lieu of sending flowers. A session was conducted on the 211 information and referral service to health social community and government phone service. The complete N11 system brochure was shared with the committee and it was suggested that the link be posted on the website.

**f. Health/Insurance**

Anne McIlroy reminded everyone of the Best Doctors option which will be noted in the newsletter.

**g. Members/Telephone**

No report at this time. Telephone volunteers were requested at the THWTB breakfast.

**h. Newsletter**

Bill McIlroy thanked the Executive for their contributions. A draft will be ready in the next week.

**i. Pension/Retirement Concerns**

No report at this time.

**j. Political Advocacy**

Art Witham commented on the busy month with the Provincial by-election and ensuing short prorogation at Queen's Park, Discussion arose regarding rising energy costs and the economic stressors arising out of natural disasters in the north and west.

**k. Recruitment/Membership**

Adele Pick thanked the Executive for THWTB success. As of Sept.1st, District 22 has a total membership of 2,438 with 2207 full and 231 associate members.

**l. Retirement Planning Workshops**

Sheila Tait reported that the next workshop will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Markland Golf Club. To date there are 60 registered attendees. There has been a shift toward the use of professional financial speakers at these events.

**m. Social**

See Business Arising item iii) Judy Paton reminded that the Fall Luncheon is November 16<sup>th</sup> at Islington Golf Club.

**n. Travel**

Claudia Mang shared Pamela Guy's report that there are a few seats left for the upcoming trip to see Alice in Wonderland at Shaw Festival on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS:**

i) Sheila Tait commented on the success of the iPad Seminar in July. It was noted that Tapestry is available on Wednesdays and Fridays for future events.

ii) Several members agreed that a presentation by the Alzheimer's Society should be investigated.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at Delmanor Etobicoke**