

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 8325 RIVERSIDE RD. E., WINDSOR, ON, MONDAY, April 3, 2017
AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Gord Miall, Marg Clarke, Roger LeBlanc, Marilyn Laframboise, Judy Bowden, Emy Mc Bride, Freddie Beekhuis

1. President Jim Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and welcomed all.
The Statement of Purpose was read by Executive Member Roger LeBlanc.
Jim made several announcements:
Reminder of Newsletter labelling on Thursday, April 6;
May Breakfast Club has been changed to May 4
June Executive meeting has been changed to June 19 at Lilly Kazilly's
Leo is collecting \$20 for the luncheon
The AGM will start at 11:00
2. **Motion to approve the Agenda as amended – moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried**
George Merrett, Leo Couture, and Bill Bowden each declared a Conflict of Interest for the first item under New Business.
3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Executive Meeting as amended (item 4 (a) remove the word “Assistant”) - moved by Gord Miall; seconded by Judy Bowden. Carried.**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - a) RPW Report – Marilyn Laframboise
The RPW workshop was offered on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Caboto Club. Two workshops were offered in separate rooms: an English workshop and a French workshop. No registration fee was collected as per Executive Committee motion.
English workshop: 16 participants and 7 guests
French workshop: 19 participants and 2 guests
Staff and volunteers from RTO/ERO Provincial presented.
Evaluation form returns indicated very favourable response from both English and French attendees. A summary of responses is attached to the hard copy minutes.
Discussion was held regarding possible timeline for 2018 and methods of ensuring advance notice reached a greater audience.
 - b) 50th Anniversary – Leo will call Val to discuss next steps.
 - c) PSTO – Marg will monitor a current situation with a local organization.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Jim Sparrow
- Communication from Provincial as forwarded to the Executive
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Leo Couture
Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet.
Motion – That the Treasurer's Report for April 3, 2017 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Judy Bowden. Carried.
Motion – That the Treasurer be reimbursed for the purchase of a new printer and appropriate supplies. – moved by Judy Bowden; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried.
7. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
President– Jim Sparrow
- relatively quiet since our January meeting. Some member questions regarding such topics as scholarships, new members wanting to access our newsletter, No upset members. No emails or calls regarding the decision to email newsletters to those with email addresses.
- passed on provincial information to appropriate Executive members

- tried to find a 2nd VP and PAC Rep, without success
- several inquiries regarding the letter the Director of Education sent to retirees regarding the leaking of information. Contacted the Director and was assured the letter was for information only and no personal information was passed on or leaked to anyone. Attempted to put members at ease.
- some preparation for annual meeting
- assisted at the successful March 4 RPW
- attended January and March Breakfast Club. They are becoming very popular.
- wrote articles for April Newsletter
- attended three meetings in Toronto for the Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Past President – Judy Bowden N/R

First Vice-President/President-Elect – Marg Clarke

- attended Presidents'/Senators' workshop in Toronto March 19/20

Second Vice-President – Bill Bowden

- attended Presidents'/Senators' workshop in Toronto March 19/20

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride N/R

Awards Committee – Bill Bowden

The recipient of the Outstanding Service Award has been selected. The award will be presented at our Spring Luncheon.

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden

No applications have been received despite sending flyers to the university and several mentions in our Newsletter.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke

- participated in the District Foundation Representative teleconference on January 25
- emailed summary to Executive
- need to find someone to participate in teleconference with Dr. Paula Rochon on Monday, April 24, 4:00 as Marg is not available

Communications Committee

- a) Newsletter – John McLaughlin – N/R
Assistant Newsletter Editor – Gord Miall
The mailing list for labels has been culled.
- b) Public Relations and Media Representative – Judy Bowden – N/R
- c) Website – Eleanor Douglas
Eleanor has done a great deal of work on the site and is almost ready to make the Drupal 7 version of the site live.
Eleanor has suggested April 7 as the date that the new site should appear.
The Drupal 6 version can then be retired.
- d) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason – N/R

Glenna Hemphill

51 Birthday cards were mailed for the months of January, February, and March.

61 Thinking of You cards were sent in January, 67 Valentine cards and 73 St. Patrick's Day cards were mailed to members.

I visited 9 members and attended 2 funerals.

Val Luscott

-carried out duties as usual

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

I received a call from member re-communication between member doctor and Johnson's re estimates mailing or faxing. I called Johnson's and hopefully resolved the problem for the member. I am not sure. I received my copy of the new health plan booklet just like everyone else at the same time as everyone else. I have been asking at our annual meeting to receive the booklet in advance of members. I was told no because it costs too much due to mailing. So this year the district health representatives did receive another copy of the booklet, last month. Postage? I will attend our annual meeting of district health representatives and the unit health representatives with the health services insurance committee in Toronto June 4 and 5. If you have any concerns or wish to see additions to our plans, please let me know.

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill

Our membership total as of March 1, 2017, is 2336.

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc N/R

Nominating Committee – Judy Bowden

Art Dube, a new member transferred in from Guelph, has volunteered to let his name stand for Second Vice-president. No one has volunteered for PAC Chairperson.

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall

The TPP reported a surplus of \$1.4B for last year.

Members are remembered to access the excellent TPPB website.

Two members called regarding Survivor Benefits. They were advised to call OTTPP. Followup indicated successful answers were received.

PAC Report- Jim Sparrow

I have forwarded to you during the past three months anything I thought was pertinent i.e from or regarding LHIN's, Ontario Health Coalition and regarding the Mega-Hospital.

I had the pleasure of being invited to the Ministry of Finance pre-budget consultation on January 12 to address the consultation committee on our support for the mega-hospital. The event in Windsor was one of about 20 being held throughout the province to find out people's priorities for the spring budget. Moving ahead with the hospital, completing the four-laning of Highway 3 and providing more support for people as they age were the highest priorities outlined by the fourteen presenters.

MPP Yvan Baker (L—Etobicoke Centre), chairing the meeting, told the audience following the morning presentations at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts he wouldn't speculate on whether the hospital plan will be approved as part of this year's budget — that will be up to Health Minister Eric Hoskins and Finance Minister Charles Sousa. Baker did say "I've been to Windsor three times over the past year and each time I've come I've heard about how important the hospital is to the community here and how important it is to the community that the project moves forward. I will certainly relay that to Ministers Sousa and Hoskins."

Windsor Regional Hospital CEO David Musyjtold Baker that the level of support for the hospital plan "is truly unprecedented." I echoed his comment adding that our District Executive, representing over 2300 retired educators, support the efforts of Musyjt and his mega-hospital planning committee. Fortunately there were no dissenters at this meeting.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk, Freddie Beekhuis

The AGM Luncheon menu will include roast beef and chicken.

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

Our Stratford trip is set and over two thirds sold out even before publication in our Newsletter. Thanks to word of mouth and our fine web master we are well on our way. Interesting, it is a Friday. We hope to get a larger bus as I Have 40 tickets to sell and do not wish to return any.

One thing of note we have the small highway coach seating 30. All the larger buses are reserved by schools for end of year Our August trip to Petrolia is set to go and I hope it is as successful as Stratford. Please see our Newsletter for details. I hope you will all support all of our activities wherever possible.

We are in discussion with a travel agency to create a trip to celebrate RTO/ERO's 50th birthday next year. Not trying to step on Provincial RTO toes, we have decided upon a winter cruise. We are looking for something reasonably priced and if the cruise starts in Florida, even Snowbirds could participate with everyone else. Nothing is set yet but we are looking at a

7-10 day cruise in the latter part of January (reasonably priced time). Notices will go to our website soon and be published in our August and October Newsletters. Also we hope to involve the two surrounding districts of Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton.

Please join us on April 13 at the Deluxe in Essex. All Breakfast Club Meetings may be found in our Newsletter and on our website and in our e-communications.

My thanks to Eleanor and Judy for their invaluable assistance and expertise

May I conclude my reports with a big thank you to Eleanor Douglas for invaluable help in updating our trips, breakfasts etc. on our website and the great E communications she produces each month. The position she holds, like many others, is so important to District 7 in relaying information to our Members in a timely fashion. Our website is definitely a great companion to our printed Newsletter and it's hard workers. In conclusion, as I ramble, thanks also to Judy for her fine presentations of my Newsletter submissions and other contributions.

9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Committee – George Merrett

The committee has not met since September but was invited to the recent Presidents/Senators meeting to review governance issues.

The Committee will meet April 7 to review the status of governance changes and how they will impact District constitutions.

Governance Ad Hoc Committee Report- Jim Sparrow, Judy Bowden

Jim and Judy presented a detailed report of the progress of the Governance Committee and answered questions.

Provincial Executive – Judy Bowden

Judy has forwarded to the Executive the March 22-23 Provincial Executive meeting Highlights.

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion – That the provincial Committee applications of Bill Bowden and Leo Couture and the Committee reappointment application of George Merrett be supported. – moved by Marilyn Laframboise; seconded by Freddie Beekhuis. Carried.**

2 Annual Meeting Tasks

Jim will bring extra agendas. George will bring extra minutes from last year. Draw tickets for a free lunch will be distributed. Emy will sell 50'50 tickets. Gord will arrange Memoriam materials. Bill will arrange for Outstanding Service Award presentation.

3. **Motion – That Jim Sparrow and Leo Couture be District 7 Observers at the May Senate - moved by George Merrett; seconded by Marg Clarke. Carried.**

11. Important Dates to Remember

April 6 – address and mail Newsletter

April 13 – Breakfast Club, Deluxe Essex

April 26 – Annual General Meeting and Spring Luncheon

May 1 – Executive Meeting

May 4 – Breakfast Club

May 11 – Pre-Senate (Chatham)

May 15-17 – Senate

June 19 – Executive Meeting (Lilly Kazilly's)

The meeting adjourned at 12:16.

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7

