

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT 8325 RIVERSIDE DR. E., WINDSOR, ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Bill Bowden, Leo Couture, George Merrett, Marg Clarke, Judy Bowden, Marilyn Laframboise, Gord Miall, Toni Michalczuk, Emy McBride, Art Dubé, Val Luscott

1. President Marg Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. and welcomed all, The Statement of Purpose was read by Gord Miall..
2. **Motion to approve the Agenda, as amended – moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Gord Miall. Carried**
3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Executive Meeting - moved by Judy Bowden; seconded by Val Bland. Carried.**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 1. Pre-Senate arrangements – to be determined. Bill Bowden will arrange all.
 2. Revision of District 7 brochure – George, Art, and Leo presented the latest version of the brochure.
Motion – That 500 copies of the revised brochure be printed following confirmation of proper French translation by Marilyn Laframboise – moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Gord Miall. Carried.
George will arrange for printing at Minute Man on Walker Rd.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Marg Clarke
 - Memo from S Leibovitz – Membership Services Update
 - Email from Columbia Sportswear
 - Revised Membership Services Update
 - Memo from M. Higgs – Timelines for election process to RTO/ERO Board of Directors
 - Memo from Paul Brazeau – 2018 Provincial Elections – June 7
 - Memo from S. Liebovitz/P. Duquette Newman re: Names fo 2018 Spring Senate*
 - Revision – Membership Change Forms
 - Memo- RTO/ERO Awards – 2018
 - Memo from R. Regimbal/P. Duquette-Newman – PRCC Workshop – April 15-16*
 - Richard Goodbrand – Highlights and Resolutions from Provincial Executive Meeting – January 15-18
 - Highlights of December 4-5 HSIC Meeting
 - Richard Goodbrand – Letter sent to CODE
 - Memo from David Kendall – District Historical Review
 - Richard Victor – News Release – Ontario Investing in Hospital Beds to Improve Access Care
 - Memo from David Kendall – 50th Anniversary Update – Volume IV
 - Memo from David Kendall – 50th Anniversary Planned District Events/Activities-Vol III & IV
 - Email from Richard Victor – Latest Edition of Inside Queen's Park*
 - Memo from J. Grieve/E. Romanski – 2018 Annual Grant*
 - Memo from Carol Carkner – RTO Scholarship Application – Change in Date
 - Series of email regarding the June election with input from districts
 - Memo from M Foster/D Kendall/J. Grieve – RTO/ERO Banner Delivery
 - Email from Richard Goodbrand – P.E. Highlights and Resolutions- February 8-9
 - Memo from Rick Victor – More News from Queen's Park
 - Email from D. Rosebrough – Elgin – Trip Invitation
 - Memo from M. Foster- Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act
 - Rick Victor – Inside Queen's Park*
 - Email from M. Foster – RTO Grants to Charity
 - Memo from M. Higgs- Application Form for 2018 Board of Directors and for 2019 Nominating Committee
 - Email from Anne Marie Farnworth – Member Services Committee – Request for Input
 - Email from Rick Victor – Highlights of the Federal Budget
 - Memo from Mary Lou Smitherman-Topics for Sharing from Communications Committee
 - Ray Guillett – Political Advocacy Report
 - Memo from J Grieve- Manual for Treasurers and Insurance Summary

Rick Victor- Inside Queen's Park

Memo from D. Kendall – 50th Anniversary Update – Volume IV

RTO/ERO Charitable Foundation – Embracing Aging

Email from Arlene Vietch – RWTO Save the Date

Goodwill Committee – Flyer for Fun and Fellowship – October 10

Email from Deanne Byrtus – Charitable Foundation Representatives Teleconference – April 3

Motion – That the RTO/ERO intended for use at our 50th Anniversary celebration banner be returned to the Provincial Office due to its generic quality and the “capital” mistake in the French language print. – moved by Marilyn Laframboise; seconded by Leo Couture. Carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Leo Couture

Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet.

7. Approval of the Treasurer's Report **Motion – That the Treasurer's Report for March 19, 2018 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President – Marg Clarke

Forwarded all correspondence to Executive

Dealt with several phone calls from members

Forwarded names for May Senate

Checked with Gord Miall to see if he could attend the PRCC Workshop and forwarded his name to Provincial Office

Followed up on an email received from Martha Foster regarding RTO charity grant

After several phone calls to the Provincial Office and Souvenir Canada finally ordered and received the 50th Anniversary Pens

Attended the February Breakfast Club

Met with Toni briefly about our AGM

Met with Judy briefly about updating the Executive Binders

Reminded Executive about reports for the Newsletter and meeting

Prepared the President's Message

Prepared a report for the Newsletter about the Charitable Foundation

Prepared the materials needed for the March 19th Executive Meeting

Past President – Jim Sparrow

The past two months since our last meeting have been quiet- no meetings, no e-mails (other than what President Marg forwards from Provincial) or phone calls of importance. As the Past-President also serves as Nominations Committee Chair, I did submit a brief article for the newsletter advertising the position of Treasurer, as this position will become vacant June 1.

First Vice-President/President-Elect – Bill Bowden N/R

Second Vice-President – Art Dubé

- communicated with Eleanor Douglas, Laurie Fontaine, and Charles Tabone

- updated District 7 Facebook page

- updated District 7 Web site

- monitored traffic/engagement of Facebook Page

- worked on District 7 brochure with Leo and George

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee – Art Dubé N/R

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden

No applications have been received despite considerable publication of availability

Constitution Committee – Jim Sparrow

We have not received the new guidelines or a new Model District Constitution from provincial. Hopefully we will have these to work on before our May 9 Annual Meeting.

Nominating Committee – Jim Sparrow N/R

Resolutions Committee – Bill Bowden N/R

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist – Emy McBride N/R

Communications Committee

a) Newsletter Editor – John McLaughlin

Assistant Newsletter Editor – Gord Miall N/R

b) Public Relations and Media Representative – Judy Bowden .

c) Website – Eleanor Douglas

Eleanor expressed appreciation to Art Dubé for all his work on the Web site.

d) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason N/R

Glenna Hemphill

Birthday Cards – 33; Thinking of You – 69; Valentine’s Day – 95; St. Patrick’s Day – 52; Telephone Calls Received – 3
Visits Made – 4; Telephone Calls Made to Members – 6

We have lost 45 members since the end of September. For the first time, I needed to buy additional candle holders for our In Memoriam Service.

What a blessing Helen Biales is! Without her help I would not be able to do all the cards I do. When I was doing the Christmas deliveries, so many people mentioned how much they mean to them. This is certainly a very important part of our committee’s work.

Val Luscott

Colasanti’s has been booked for the October 10 Fun and Fellowship.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden N/R

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill

From the age – banding report

Females – 1475

Males - 853

Total - 2328

A decrease of 14 since the last report.

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

The RPW is set for April 7, 9:00 – 11:30 at the Caboto Club. Over 70 people are expected. Marilyn requested help for the morning. Several Executive members indicated they would be there. Marilyn suggested 8:15.

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall

Federal Bill C-27 is still a hot topic and presents considerable concerns. Gord will write an article for a future Newsletter.

Political Advisory Committee- Ray Guillet

Ray has forwarded the following article which he wrote for inclusion in our Spring Newsletter:

In June there will be an election and the political direction of Ontario for the next four years will be decided by the voters of our province. As members of RTO/ERO, we represent a powerful voting bloc. Are we preparing to make a significant comment about our priorities? Are we evaluating the statements and positions of the candidates in our ridings and their party leaders? Are we endeavouring to ensure that our power to impact the future of Ontario is being used to advantage? We are all aware of the high cost of energy, the high rate of taxation and many other issues of general concern. To help us

think about some of the other priorities that may be of significance to retired and aging educators, RTO/ERO has prepared some talking points that we, as individuals and as a group, may want to share with aspiring members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. As the campaign gets into high gear between now and the election, I will be sharing these points with you. I hope that you will find time to peruse the information about the following topics.

1. **Age Friendly Communities**
2. **Geriatric Training**
3. **Elder Abuse**
4. **Bill 33 – Amending the Long-Term Care Homes Act**

In today's article I have decided to focus on Age Friendly Communities. I will address the other priorities in subsequent newsletters. If you have any issues which you feel should be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me through the newsletter or at my e-mail. (r_guillet@hotmail.com).

Age Friendly Communities

According to RTO/ERO, an age-friendly community optimizes opportunities for health, participation and security, to enhance quality of life as people get older. There are some challenges. If communities are not age-friendly, it can affect health outcomes, add to the burden on the health care system, and increase demand on spaces in long-term care facilities. Social well-being and vibrancy may be affected. Without age-friendly strategies, we can lose many of the contributions that seniors make, from their own families to local causes. We must endeavour to meet the needs of diverse communities. There is no single approach to making the range of communities, from urban centre to rural and remote areas, age-friendly. Here are some questions that can be presented to prospective MLA's.

1. How does the concept of age-friendly communities fit into your party's policy?
2. Where is your community on the spectrum of age-friendliness?
3. What benefits do you foresee from promoting age-friendliness in our community?
4. What are the challenges to implementing an age-friendly community?

For more information:

- i. Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide <http://bit.ly/agefriendlyguide>;
- ii. Age Friendly Checklist: <http://bit.ly/age-friendlychecklist>;
- iii. Age-Friendly Rural and Remote Communities: A Guide <http://bit.ly/agerural>.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk, Freddie Beekhuis

Discussion was held about the May 9 Annual General Meeting.

Motion – That the May 9 Annual General Meeting be held in the meeting room at 8325 Riverside Dr. E. – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Emy McBride. Defeated.

Toni received input as to schedule and refreshments for the morning.

Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

Both Frankenmuth(May 22) and Stratford(June26) are about half sold.

11. AD HOC COMMITTEES

50th Anniversary – Leo Couture

To be discussed during 50th Anniversary meeting to be held following this Exec. Mtg.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Margaret Clarke

All information received has been forwarded to the executive.

Grant and PSTO Committee – Bill Bowden

We have not submitted a PSTO application for a number of years.

TELC – Judy Bowden – N/R

12. PROVINCIAL REPORTS

Provincial Executive – Judy Bowden

Judy sent Highlights and Resolutions from the PE meetings in separate emails to Executive members. A copy is attached to the hard copy of these minutes.

Constitution Committee – George Merrett N/R

PSTO Committee – Bill Bowden

I anticipate considerable necessary reading of applications prior to the April meeting.

13. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special projects for 2018 – Executive members should bring suggestions to the next meeting.

2. Board of Directors Nominations

Motion – That District 7 support the nomination of Judy Bowden to the Board of Directors – moved by George Merrett; seconded by Leo Couture. Carried.

Motion – That District 7 donate \$500 to Judy Bowden for campaign expenses – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by George Merrett. Carried.

3. Nomination Committee

Motion – That District 7 support Marg Clark’s nomination for the Nominating Committee – moved by Bill Bowden; seconded by Val Luscott. Carried.

4. Request from Book of My Own organization.

Motion – That District 7 support the Book of My Own organization’s application for the Provincial RTO/ERO Annual Charitable Donation – moved by Judy Bowden; seconded by Marilyn Laframboise. Carried.

Marg Clarke will contact a representative of the organization and suggest a number of enhancements to the application.

5. Caboto Club

The Executive discussed the membership policy of the Caboto Club. It was agreed that:

The District 7 Executive supports the contributions of the Caboto Club membership to the community as a private club and will monitor their progress on the membership issue while honouring our current commitment to use their facilities.

6. There will be no 50/50 draw at the May 9 Annual Meeting but there will be one at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Bill Bowden will arrange.

Important Dates to Remember

March 28 – Deadline for District 7 Bursary Applications

April 6 – 50th Anniversary Committee meeting – 9:00

April 6 – Newsletter Mailing – 10:30

April 7 – RPW

April 12 – Breakfast Club

April 25 – 50th Anniversary Celebration

April 30 – Executive Meeting

May 9 – AGM

May 10 – Breakfast Club

May 22 – Trip to Frankenmuth

May 24 – pre-Senate Meeting

May 26-28 - Senate

The meeting adjourned at 12:08.

Minutes submitted by: George Merrett, Secretary, District 7