

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WFCU BUILDING, 2800 TECUMSEH RD. E., WINDSOR, ON,  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Judy Bowden, Bill Bowden, Toni Michalczuk, Leo Couture, Jim Sparrow, George Merrett, Norm Renaud, Marilyn Laframboise, Val Luscott, Gord Miall, Glenna Hemphill, Jim McLaughlin

1. President Jim Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M.  
The Statement of Purpose was read aloud by President Jim Sparrow.
2. **Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Glenna Hemphill; seconded by Gord Miall. Carried**
3. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the August 31, 2015 Executive Meeting - moved by Norm Renaud; seconded by Val Bland. Carried**
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
  - a) Judy gave an update on her campaign. Several issues were discussed.
  - b) The Communication Committee will meet immediately following this meeting.
  - c) RPW update – Marilyn Laframboise  
Subsequent to communications between the local president of RTO/ERO District 7 and Gail Knox, as well as myself and Gail, it has been decided that the simultaneous English/French RPW that had been requested last May for the fall of 2015 will need to be postponed until late winter/early spring.  
Although I was offered a French-language RPW for late November, I declined based on our executive decision in May to run a simultaneous English/French RPW. I indicated to Gail that I expected District 7 to be given its first choice of date given that the Provincial office was not able to grant our previous request.  
I plan to contact the local AEFO president to determine when their retirement workshop will be offered in order to avoid a conflict of dates.  
I will provide updates as needed so that the social committee can assist in locating the necessary space for the RPW.
  - d) A notice for the Childcan Volunteer Tutoring program was included in the last newsletter.
  - e) Judy will resume work on the grief Pamphlet following completion of her campaign. The intention is to develop a letter to accompany the pamphlet when it is sent to local Funeral Homes and to school Board Grief Counselor program managers.
  - f) The District 7 motion to the Fall Senate will be introduced and then a motion to postpone to the 2016 Senate will be presented. This is in light of the Provincial Executive's Pilot Project.
  - g) **Motion – That new District 7 members receive the newsletter by email only. – Moved by Jim Sparrow; seconded by George Merrett. Carried.**
  - h) Yolanda Bronstein, Director of Advancement and Fundraising for our Charitable Foundation will be invited to speak at a future luncheon.
  - i) Jim Grieve, Executive Director, has accepted our invitation to speak at our Spring Luncheon.
  - j) Discussion of ideas for fundraising for the Foundation is postponed to our next Exec. Mtg.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Jim Sparrow
  - communications from Provincial were forwarded to Executive Members
  - information was forwarded regarding the qualifications of a possible member recipient of the Community Service Award
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Leo Couture
  - A discussion was held regarding future investments.
  - Leo presented the Balance Sheet, Interim Income Statement, and Monthly Transactions Sheet. **Motion – That the Treasurer's Report for May, 2015 be accepted – moved by Leo Couture; seconded by Bill Bowden. Carried.**
  - Leo reminded us that the Budget Forecast sheet for 2016 is due next Executive meeting.

## 7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President– Jim Sparrow

- contacted Jim Grieve re: attendance at Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- had a telephone call with Jim Grieve re: District update and concerns. Jim had arranged a telephone call with all District Presidents to acquaint himself with the Districts
- attempted to clarify the PRW situation with Gail Knox and Lori MacDonald-Blundon of Provincial office
- attended the Bell Breakfast
- attended the September Breakfast Club
- responded to member concerns re: RPW, membership, and political party support
- made calls and sent e-mails to drum up support for Judy's campaign for Provincial Executive
- calls from President June Szeman and Executive Liaison Dave Kendall regarding Provincial Executive motion to change travel expenses rules

Past President – Judy Bowden

- requested Membership Kits from Provincial - Harmony Printing sent out 25 kits in French so I have given those to Marilyn for the upcoming RPW; I had only one request for a Membership Kit at the Breakfast and I have sent that out
- attended the Bell Breakfast and the September Breakfast Club
- purchased the necessary labels for updating the District 7 Brochure, created the labels and have updated 90 brochures
- prepared the invitations for the Lenore Graham Award recipients.

President-Elect – Marg Clarke

- attended Hell With The Bell Breakfast
- attended Breakfast Club

Vice-President – Norm Renaud

- attended Hell With The Bell Breakfast

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Emy McBride – N/R

Awards Committee – Norm Renaud – N/R

Bursary Committee – Bill Bowden

I received a call from a member regarding bursaries. Provincial Scholarships was more appropriate so I directed her to the Provincial website and said if she needed more assistance to call back.

Charitable Foundation Rep – Marg Clarke

The 2015 Granting Process is underway with all Ontario Medical Schools aware of the RTO/ERO Foundation granting Process. The deadline was September 18, 2015

These will be reviewed and it is hoped that the 2015 grant recipients will be announced at the Fall Senate.

Jack Panozzo, Program Manager, Catholic Charities has been appointed to fill one of the two Director positions from the community.

Deanna Byrtus is the new part-time Foundation Coordinator.

Funeral Donation Cards are now available to Districts and can be picked up at Fall Senate

Communications Committee

a) Newsletter – John McLaughlin

Articles for the upcoming Newsletter are due by Oct. 7. Mailing will be Oct. 22.

b) Public Relations and Media Representative – Judy Bowden

I continue to work on draft policy and budget for November.

I welcome your ideas (one I am working on is RTO/ERO bookmarks).

c) Website – Eleanor Douglas

The website continues to be updated on a regular basis. All present agreed that Eleanor was doing an excellent job.

d) Data Manager – Paul Barber –N/R

Goodwill Committee

Mary Mason – N/R

Glenna Hemphill

Cards sent: Birthday – 53, Sympathy – 15, Thinking of You – 131, Thanksgiving – 98, Congratulations – 1. Visits to members – 12. Telephone calls to and from members – 6.

I purchased and sent Shoppers Cards to Val Luscott and Mary Mason.

Val Luscott

I am now contacting the volunteers to discuss the purchasing of Christmas Gifts. It is a good time to get bargains. I will also have them send me a report.

Health Services and Insurance Committee – Bill Bowden

1. Interesting phone call: member went on vacation and became ill near the end of her vacation. She had to interrupt her trip and flew home. Member submitted documentation to Allianz regarding proof of date of departure from Ontario – documentation from Robert Q indicating when Robert Q had picked her up prior to departure. Member's claims for medical and travel expenses have been denied. The member called Allianz to appeal and was told they would get back to her in a week following an investigation. That was several weeks ago and the member still has had no reply. I suggested that the member may want to find additional proof of the date of departure - such as a credit card receipt. The member has done so and now waits for a reply from Allianz. I contacted Provincial to see if they could advise as to how to proceed further. Lori is out of the office for a few days and will be in touch when she returns.
2. Received a call from the GECD SB inquiring as to who was our President.

Membership Records – Glenna Hemphill N/R

Member Services – Marilyn Laframboise, Roger LeBlanc

See report under Business Arising

Nominating Committee – Judy Bowden N/R

Pension and Retirement Concerns – Gord Miall

I attended the Provincial workshop, September 27/28, at the Bloor/Young Marriott in Toronto. It was very well organized and the Pension Retirement material was presented in an effective straightforward manner. I will try to work some of the materials into a future newsletter.

I now breathlessly wait to see how my expense sheet will be processed.

Political Advocacy – Norm Renaud

The Chair of the ESC LHINs reported that they have secured the expertise of an outside consultant to carry out evaluations of the Board, individual Board members, and the Chairs of the LHINs. The Vice-Chair of ESC will be the “point person” for this activity. The Chair and the Vice Chair along with the CEO and Senior staff met with the Deputy Minister, Dr. Bob Bell, and his associates to discuss how various aspects of the health care system can be better coordinated. The next day this group toured different areas of the ESC LHINs, including the site for the new Mega hospital in Windsor, along with the various sites of the satellites and post-acute services.

Ontario's Auditor General released a thorough and thoughtful review of the Community Care Access Centres (CCACs) that reveal in detail how impossibly complex the home care system in Ontario has become. Of the \$2.4 Billion per year in public funding for CCACs 62% is given to private care companies (260 contracts with approximately 160 home care companies) contracted to provide home care services which is approximately \$1.5 Billion a year

The radio ads for the upcoming Federal election began last week and will continue until Oct. 16, the Friday before the election.

Andre Marin, Ontario's Ombudsman for the past 10 years, has been replaced by Barbara Finlay. She will be the acting Ombudsman pending the Legislative Assembly's selection process to fill the position permanently. Ms. Finlay has served with the Ombudsman's office since 2005 as the Deputy Ombudsman and Director of Operations.

Social Committee – Toni Michalczuk,

The Caboto has been booked for the November luncheon. Toni asked for input regarding the menu.

Teacher Education Liaison Committee – Judy Bowden

The first meeting was held September 16, 2015 to set future meeting dates, budget and committee responsibilities. I will be returning for my 7<sup>th</sup> year on the Faculty Pre-Service Committee. We finalized plans for the OTF Federation Day and Pinning Ceremony that was to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is yet another Acting Dean at the Faculty - the 3<sup>rd</sup> in less than 2 years. I am sorry I failed to write down her name

but I can tell you that she is not from the Faculty of Education. The Centre for Teaching and Learning that was paired with the Faculty last Spring is no longer paired with the Faculty. Enrollment at the Faculty is around 207 in the first year of a 2 year programme. There are about 29 students in the fifth and final year of the concurrent programme and about 25 in the final year of the ECE programme. I will find out more on these details at the first Pre-Service Committee meeting not yet scheduled.

I attended the OTF Federation Day and Pinning Ceremony on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Travel Rep – Bill Bowden

The Vegas travellers returned on September 25<sup>th</sup> after a fun-filled adventure

The bus for our November shopping trip is half full and looking for more shoppers

The Breakfast Club in September attracted 18 members. This Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we meet at Bakers' on Wyandotte Street, East and November 12<sup>th</sup> we will be in LaSalle (check Newsletters for precise location).

I continue to work with our travel agency - Travel Excellence - on planning an extended trip. We did not meet our minimum on the Vegas trip so our Agent has suggested we survey our members for numbers interested in an extended trip - possibly an Alaskan Cruise - prior to any tentative bookings that may result in additional costs to the Agency.

#### 9. PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Committee – George Merrett

The Committee met on September 18 and reviewed the agenda for the Fall Senate. There is one other District motion in addition to ours.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) A brief discussion was held on Jim Grieve's suggestion for our AGM format.
- b) Gord Miall asked for input on Golf Tournament format.

#### 11. Important Dates to Remember

Newsletter Submission deadline – Oct. 7

Goodwill Fun and Fellowship – Oct. 8, Amica 2-4pm

Oct. 15 - Pre-Senate - London

Oct. 19/20 - Senate – Toronto

Oct. 22 – address and mail Newsletter

Nov. 2 – Executive Meeting – deadline for Budget submissions

Nov. 19 – Fall Luncheon

Dec. 7 – Executive Meeting - Budget

#### Breakfast Club

Oct. 9, 9:30 – Bakers' – Wyandotte St. E.

Nov. 12 – L.A. Grill – Malden Rd. LaSalle

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Minutes submitted by:

George Merrett, Secretary, District 7

