

Conference 2013 Hamilton, June 4 to 6 The following conference notes were submitted by Carol Coutu.

This year's RWTO Conference in Hamilton was attended by Marlene Falls (Area Director), Sandy Fulcher (incoming area director for 2013 to 2015), Mary Kidd, Betty Wells, Rita Wagner (past president), Gerry Yeo (Social Convenor) and Carol Coutu (First Vice President).

The Conference began on Tues afternoon with several workshops. Many creative ideas for meetings, fundraisers and musical skits were presented. All meetings held to our motto of Caring and Sharing. Hopefully some of these ideas can be incorporated into our branch next year.

Wed.'s AGM formally presented the financial report and proposed budget for next year. Provincial RWTO operates a very balanced budget. If anyone wants specific details, Carol has a copy that can be viewed. Investments help to keep the organization running with a slight surplus of \$116.

Four Resolutions were presented and voted on.

1. **Be it resolved that Article IV (b) Executive Officers be amended to include the elected officers, the Parliamentarian and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (both are non- voting members of the executive).** This resolution was passed. The Parliamentarian helps to keep order to the meetings so that other members can focus on the issues. The Parliamentarian is well versed in the constitution and provides direction to the executive on constitutional matters. The Secretary Treasurer attends the meetings and provides further information as needed. It was pointed out that passing this resolution returns us to the intent of the constitution that voting be in the hands of the elected officers.
2. **Be it resolved that the position of Assistant Insurance Convenor become an appointed position.** This resolution was passed. The assistant works for two years alongside the convenor, doesn't have a vote on the executive and still needs to be elected to the position of Insurance Convenor when the position needs to be filled.
3. Resolution 3 was amended to read: **Be it resolved that all resolutions from the past seven years be made available on the RWTO/OERO website.** All Branches would then have access to past resolutions when formulating resolutions for the next convention.
4. **Be it resolved that, in years when there is a surplus of more than \$1000 in the RWTO/OERO budget , RWTO/OERO donate \$1000 to a charity in Ontario that supports women and or children in need, such charity to be determined by the Executive.** This resolution was defeated. Popular opinion was to leave charitable donations at the branch level. Provincial level rarely has a surplus, and if it did, a buffer for lean years would be the preferred choice of action.

Looking ahead-- The 2014 conference will be in Ottawa, and the 2015 Conference will be in Stratford.



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