

RWTO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Stage West Hotel Mississauga ON

June 3 and 4, 2009

SESSION 1 – JUNE 2, 2009

1. **Welcome** – President Carole Watson welcomed all in attendance. O Canada was sung. Carole Watson read a selection “Beauty Tips”. Announcements were made. Happy Birthday was sung to Past President Helen Mutton.
2. Marilyn Emmett gave the gathered delegates the necessary voting information and procedures.) One hundred and forty- two delegates were present. A count of 60% is necessary for constitutional amendments to pass and a count of 80% for any constitutional amendment that was not previously published in the newsletter and is moved from the floor.
3. **Motion # AM-01**
Moved by Leslie Uttley, seconded by Erna Fex that the Annual Minutes 2008 be adopted as printed in the Annual Report 2009. *Carried.*
4. **Business Arising From The Minutes:**
 - a) Re: 2008 Resolution 10 from Hamilton-Wentworth referred to the Board: Investigation of the possibility of making a DVD for branches regarding insurance – this would not work for many branches who would lack the equipment and means for such use – many meeting rooms would prove unsuitable for the viewing – the carrier was not supportive of this – an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to investigate information presentation methods
 - b) Re: 2008 postponed Resolution 11: Bilingual Name Change – this was investigated – will be discussed when this resolution comes to the floor
 - c) Small branches needing help – J. Patyk provided a workshop with many ideas to help small branches
 - d) All pension questions should be referred to RTO as they have expertise in that area
 - e) President Carole Watson gave a brief overview of the Visioning exercise that the Board commenced working on in October 2008. The Vision, the Goals and the Mission of the organization are being revisited in order to meet the needs of new, younger members and our valued present members. The Board has a preliminary overview of what to achieve. A revised set of goals and vision will be made at the 2010 convention for approval. Membership help will be a topic in 2009-2010.
5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Gloria Drake, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, gave a detailed account of the past year’s financial transactions. The Auditor’s report found that that all statements present fairly the financial position and the statement of operations for the year ending March 31, 2009. In all, she highlighted the Investments, Cash Flow, and Financial Statements. A full explanation of the proposed Budget for 2009-2010 and possible changes were also presented. She

noted that the Board passed a policy change that mileage would be reimbursed at the rate of \$.40/km rather than \$.45 in an effort to add a cost saving measure.

Motion # AM-02

Moved by Diana McKendry, seconded by Kathryn Derby the acceptance of the Executive-Secretary-Treasurer's Report as presented. *Carried.*

NOTES: - **143** delegates now present

5. **Motion # AM-03**

Moved by

Mary Jane Finn, seconded by Jeannine Renaud that the Constitution and Resolutions Report be accepted as printed. *Carried.*

Parliamentarian, Lee Beech, assumed the chair for Resolutions.

Resolutions from the Board of Directors

Motion # AM-04

Moved by Jeannine Renaud, seconded by Mary Jane Finn

RESOLUTION 1 (Actually Resolution 11 postponed from last year's AGM)

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article I Name

The organization shall be called the "Retired Women Teachers of Ontario/ Organisation des enseignantes retraitées de l'Ontario", hereinafter referred to as RWTO/OERO. *Carried.*

Motion # AM-05

Moved by Annette Rhodes, seconded by Jean Axcell

RESOLUTION 2

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article IV Organization

1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of RWTO and shall consist of the following:

(a) Executive Officers

- (i) Past President**
- (ii) President**
- (iii) First Vice-President**
- (iv) Second Vice-President**
- (v) Program Coordinator**
- (vi) Recording Secretary**
- (vii) Parliamentarian**
- (viii) Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

(b) Area Directors

(c) Archivist

- (d) Provincial Insurance Convenor**
- (e) Convention Convenor**
- (f) Communications Convenor**
- (g) Membership Convenor**

Motion # AM-06

Moved by Linda Seath, seconded by Margaret Gee

That Resolution #2 be amended by moving Provincial Insurance Convenor from section (d) to section (a) (ix) Ballot Vote 62 in favour, 81 against. ***Defeated.***

Motion # AM-07

Moved by Kathryn Derby, seconded by Diana McKendry

That it be resolved that Resolution #2 be amended by the addition of the Provincial Insurance Convenor, the Communications Convenor and the Membership Convenor to Article IV Organization 1. Board of Directors a) Executive Officers. ***Withdrawn.***

Motion # AM-08 Moved by Marilyn Branch, seconded by Regine Baker that Resolution # 2 be postponed to next year's Annual Meeting. ***Defeated.***

Motion # AM-09

Moved by Regine Baker, seconded by Judy Anderson that the question be called on Resolution #2. ***Carried***

Vote by ballot, Resolution #2 -1 abstention, 52 opposed, 89 in favour. Defeated.

RESOLUTION 3

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article VI – Duties of the Executive Officers

1. Past President

The Past President shall:

- (j) install the elected officers and members of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting**

Note: Resolution #3 was dependent on Resolution #2 being passed therefore it was ruled out of order.

Motion # AM-10

Moved by Carol Bell, seconded by Pat Depencier

RESOLUTION 4

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article IV Organization

2. Terms of Office

- (a) The term of office for the Past President, President, First and Second Vice-Presidents shall be one (1) year.**

- (b) **The term of office for all other members of the Board of Directors, except the Recording Secretary, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the Parliamentarian, and the Convention Convenor, shall be two (2) years and they shall be eligible for a second term of two (2) years.**
- (c) **The term of office for the Recording Secretary shall be one year unless the incoming President chooses to extend that term of office.**
- (d) **The term of office for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be on a continuing yearly basis subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.**
- (e) **The term of office for the Parliamentarian shall be unspecified.**
- (f) **The term of office for the Convention Convenor shall be one year.**

Motion # AM-11

Moved by Regine Baker, seconded by Jean Sauro that Resolution # 4 be amended to read; Article N Organization

2. Terms of Office

- (e) the term of office for the Parliamentarian shall be one year, renewable
Carried.

Note: To the Parliamentarian, from Marilyn Childerhose that Honorary President needs to be added in the terms of office.

Motion # AM-12

Moved by Carol Bell, seconded by Pat Depencier Resolution #4 as amended. *Carried.*

Motion # AM-13

Moved by Ruth Ferguson, seconded by Gerri Wilson

RESOLUTION 5

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article III Membership and Fees

3. Life Member

- (b) **A member who reaches the age of 100 shall become a Life Member and shall no longer be required to pay membership fees as of the September following her one-hundredth birthday. *Carried.***

Motion # AM-14

Moved by Margaret Gee, seconded by Carol Nelson

b) Resolution 5 be amended to – A member who reaches the age of 90 shall become a life member and shall no longer be required to pay membership fees as of the September following her 90th birthday. *Defeated.*

Motion # AM-15

Moved by Jackie Aird, seconded by Elizabeth Van Dongen that Resolution 5 be amended by the addition of To be revisited in 2014. *Defeated.*

Motion # AM-16

Moved by Darlene Poirier, seconded by Suzanne Wilson-Marjerrison

RESOLUTION 6

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Article VIII Duties and Structure of Provincial Committees

B. Appointed Committees/Convenors

1. Goodwill Convenor

- (e) **send flowers to members celebrating their hundredth birthday *and inform any centenarian who is still paying dues that she now qualifies as a Life Member who is no longer required to pay dues. Carried.***

Resolutions from the Branches

RESOLUTION 7 from Central Algoma

Be it resolved that:

- a. **the appointed position of Provincial Recording Secretary be eliminated from the Executive and Board of Directors
and**
- b. **the responsibilities for recording and distribution of minutes of the Executive, Board of Directors, and Annual Meetings, and preparation of the Annual Report be included in the Job Description of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer
and**
- c. **the dollar amount of the honorarium paid annually to the Recording Secretary be incorporated into the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

Parliamentarian ruled that Resolution # 7 was out of order. J. Ratz challenged the Chair. Rationale was provided by both parties. The chair's view was upheld that the resolution had been dealt with two times at the meeting.

Jeannine Renaud and the Directors conducted an In Memoriam Service. Red roses were placed in memory of those who have passed away in the past year.

Jean Axcell presented the proposed Slate of Officers and asked for further nominations from the floor for all the elected offices. A. Graham and A. Rhodes gave speeches of 3 minutes in length as they contested the position of second vice-president. Voting occurred by ballot for the position of second vice-president. A. Rhodes was the elected candidate for second vice-president.

Motion # AM-17

Moved by Betty James, seconded by Betty Wells to destroy the ballots. *Carried.*

Judy Anderson withdrew her name for the position of Insurance Convenor.

Motion # AM-18

Moved by Judy Drummond, seconded by Doreen Watt that Anne Graham be nominated for the position of Provincial Insurance Convenor. *Carried.*

Judy Anderson was acclaimed as Assistant Insurance Convenor. The original nomination was from Pauline Milne and Margaret Gee.

Motion # AM-19

Moved by Jean Axcell. Seconded by Linda Jarvis that the Nominations Report be accepted. *Carried.*

Highlights of all the other Reports printed in the Annual Booklet followed. The leaders and members of RWTO should be congratulated for all the Caring, Sharing and Fun undertaken during the past year. It is evident that many hands do make for light work. The variety of programs, opportunities and imitative undertaken is simply wonderful.

Motion # AM-20

Moved by Anne Graham, seconded by Carolle Kennedy that the Program, Membership, Honorary Membership, Issues and Concerns, Archivist, Goodwill, Insurance and Communications be accepted as printed. *Carried.*

New Business

Insurance Update

Teri Kennedy presented the cost sharing cheque to RWTO for the amount of \$22101.23.

Motion # AM-21

Moved by Barb Sutor, seconded by JoAnne Chrysler that the rate for mileage be stated in the policy manual reimbursement of expenses part B travel point b) mileage @ \$.45/km.

Note: Board changes policy and this was already in place at \$.40/km

Ruled out of order. New mileage to take effect June 6, after delegates have returned from the Annual Meeting.

Budget Approval

Motion # AM-22

Moved by Astrida Chalmers, seconded by Kathryn Derby that the 2009-2010 Budget be approved. *Carried.*

Motion # AM-23

Erna Fex made a motion to adjourn. *Carried.*

