

# **RWTO/OERO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Hilton Fallsview, Niagara Falls, ON

June 8 and 9, 2011

## **SESSION 1 – JUNE 8, 2011**

- 1. Welcome** – President Carol Bell welcomed all in attendance. O Canada was sung.
- 2.** Pat Depencier gave the gathered delegates the necessary voting information and procedures. One hundred and forty-three delegates were present. A count of 66% (94 delegate votes) is necessary for constitutional amendments to pass and a count of 50 % (72 delegate votes) for other matters. Resolutions from the floor require a count of 80%.
- 3.** Announcements- Marilyn Emmett related tour times and also hotel check out information.

### **4. Motion # AM-01**

Moved by Carol Nelson, seconded by Betty Wells that the AGM 2011 Agenda be approved. *Carried*

### **5. Motion #AM-02**

Moved by Peggy Stock, seconded by Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers that the 2010 Annual Minutes be accepted as printed in the Annual Report. *Carried*

### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting.**

None

## **7. Reports**

**.01 Treasurer's Report** – Gloria Drake, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, gave a detailed account of the past year's financial transactions. She noted that the year-end Branch statements which 38 branches submitted for the Audit, were very well received by the Auditor. The Auditor's report found that that all statements present fairly the financial position of RWTO/OERO for the year ending March 31, 2011. A full explanation of the proposed Budget for 2011-2012 and possible changes was then presented. G. Drake stated that any questions would be entertained on Thursday morning after delegates had a chance to study the proposed budget.

### **Motion # AM-03**

Moved by Marion Jutzi, seconded by Judy Anderson that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. *Carried.*

### **.02 Constitution and Resolutions Report**

The Constitution and Resolutions Report was presented and chairperson, Annette Rhodes, thanked members of the committee.

### **Motion # AM-04**

Moved by Annette Rhodes, seconded by Betty Wells, the acceptance of the Constitution and Resolutions Report as printed. *Carried.*

## **8. Resolutions**

Parliamentarian, Joy Patyk, assumed the chair for Resolutions.

## **Resolutions from the Board of Directors**

**Note: Resolutions that amend the Constitution, which are submitted by the deadline, require a 66% majority vote of the registered delegates. Amendments without prior notice require an 80% majority vote of the registered delegates – Constitution Article X – Annual Meeting, Section 4 (a)**

### **Motion # AM-05**

Moved by Leslie Uttley, seconded by Judy Anderson

### **Resolution #1**

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

#### **Article IX Branch Organization**

##### **5. The Branch Treasurer shall:**

**(iv) forward a copy of the Branch Annual Financial Report to the Provincial Office no later than April 30. *Carried***

### **Motion #AM-06**

Moved by Anne Graham, seconded by Bev Pickard

### **Resolution #2**

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

#### **Article X Annual Meeting**

##### **5. Voting delegates:**

**(d) Branch delegates selected to attend the Annual Meeting must be representing the Branch through which they pay their Provincial fees. *Carried***

### **Motion #AM-07**

Moved by Barbara Moorcroft, seconded by Annalee Ladouceur

### **Resolution #3**

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

#### **Article VIII Duties and Structures of Provincial Committees**

##### **B. Appointed Committees / Convenors**

##### **3. Convention Committee Convenor**

**(f) send a financial statement of Convention income and expenses, including the original invoices and expense reports, to the Provincial Office by the respective October Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting. *Carried***

## RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BRANCHES

### **Motion #AM-08**

Moved by Rita Wagner, seconded by Bernice Whalen

### **Resolution #4 from Sault Ste. Marie Branch**

Be it resolved that RWTO/OERO fund the expenses (mileage, meals and accommodation) for a branch delegate for the entitled branches. *Defeated*

### **Motion #AM-09**

Moved by Jane Cartier, seconded by Sylvia Barnard

That **Resolution #4** be referred to the Executive, enabling them to look at other aspects including but not limited to: paying partial payment for a second delegate; only for branches of fewer than 100: a sliding scale based on membership. *Defeated*

### **Motion #AM=10**

Moved by Bernice Whalen and seconded by Nancy Konzuk

That Resolution #4 be amended to read that RWTO/OERO fund the Convention fee for a branch delegate for the entitled branches. *Defeated*

*The meeting moved out of Resolutions and into hearing Committee Reports*

## **Committee Reports**

**Nominations Report:** Mary Jane Finn presented the proposed slate of officers for 2011-2012. All appointed positions are filled. A candidate has been nominated for each elected position. There were no more nominations from the floor.

### **Motion #AM-11**

Moved by Mary Jane Finn, seconded by Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers that the Nominations Report be accepted as presented. *Carried*

## **End of Session 1**

## **Session 2, June 9, 8:30 a.m.**

Carol Bell opened the meeting today with a warm welcome to everyone.

**In Memoriam Service:** Barbara Moorcroft and the Directors conducted a moving and fitting tribute to honour those of our members who had passed away this year. We reflected on their contributions to teaching, to their communities and to our organization. The Area Directors each placed a carnation in memory of these members.

## **8. Resolutions (Continued)**

**Parliamentarian Joy Patyk assumed the chair.** She addressed the delegates and directed that they return to the consideration of Resolution #4. She stated that, upon consultation with Bourinot's interpretation of Amendment, (Bourinot P 13 Glossary) Motion #AM-10, which had been defeated on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, did not in fact require a 66% majority to pass. It only required a simple majority, and had indeed achieved that count. Thus, since, Motion #AM-10, as an amendment to Motion #AM-08, had passed, it was now able to be considered as a main motion. Motion #AM-10 was read as follows.

### **Motion #AM-10**

Moved by Bernice Whalen, seconded by Nancy Konzuk

That **Resolution #4** be amended to read **that RWTO/OERO fund the Convention fee for a branch delegate for the entitled branches.** *Carried*

### **Motion#AM-12**

Moved by Pam Gillan, seconded by Carol Nelson

### **Resolution #5 from Scarborough and York North Branches**

Be it resolved that the practice of paying the RWTO/OERO President an honorarium be discontinued. *Defeated*

### **Motion #AM-13**

Moved by Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers, seconded by Barbara Moorcroft

### **Resolution#6**

Be it resolved that the Provincial Recording Secretary be granted \$750.00 annually. *Carried*

### **Motion #AM-14**

Moved by Mary Jane Finn, seconded by Sandy Houlgrave.

### **Resolution #7**

Be it resolved that the 2010-2011 Provincial Recording Secretary be granted \$750.00.  
*Carried*

### **Motion#AM-15**

Moved by Maret Sadem-Thompson, seconded by Dale Dixon

### **Resolution#8**

Be it resolved that branches with up to and including 50 members; be entitled to an alternate delegate and that RWTO/OERO fund the convention registration fee for those branches.  
*Carried*

Joy Patyk thanked the delegates for their careful consideration of all resolutions and stated that the Resolutions session had ended. In return, delegates and all convention attendees

thanked Joy for her dedication, professionalism and expertise in chairing the Resolutions portion of the AGM.

## **9. Committee Reports (continued)**

**Programme Coordinator's Report:** Pat Depencier presented her report as written in the Annual report. She added that an approximate total of \$100,000 was donated this year by the branches in all their outreach projects.

**Communications Report:** Bev Pickard announced that our Provincial Website will soon be offering a link to every branch website.

**Membership Report:** Annalee Ladouceur stated that the Membership Matters Incentive Grant has resulted in new members and in a renewal of energy and enthusiasm towards programs and outreach. She thanked both Jean Axcell, as the author of the original Membership Proposal, and Carole Watson, for taking on this project.

**Insurance:** Anne Graham reported on the success of the Open Enrolment Insurance Campaign. She introduced Terry Kennedy, our Agent of Record, and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to our RWTO Insurance Plan. Terry presented a profit sharing cheque in the amount of \$36,430.82 to our organization. This is the largest profit sharing amount to date.

**Highlights** of the other reports printed in the Annual Booklet followed, namely, **Goodwill, Issues and Concerns, Honorary Membership, and Archivist.**

### **Motion #AM-16**

Moved by Dianne Rice, seconded by Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers, the adoption of the Annual Committee Reports, namely the Programme Coordinator, Communications, Insurance, Membership, Goodwill, Issues and Concerns, Honorary Membership and Archivist Reports, as they are written in the Annual Report. *Carried*

**10. Call To Convention:** Come North To Algoma for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of RWTO/OERO! The Central Algoma and Sault Ste. Marie Branches presented a colourful, enthusiastic and fun-filled tribute to the history and culture of their unique part of our province. The convention delegates warmly received their presentation.

## **11. Budget Approval**

### **Motion #AM-17**

Moved by Astrida Jenkinson Chalmers, seconded by Marion Jutzi the approval of the Proposed Budget for 2011-2012. *Carried*

## **12. New Business**

Sandy Houlgrave submitted a request from the Owen Sound and Area Branch that the Board and all Branches consider for 2011-2012 Conference year, the possibility of extending membership in RWTO/OERO to include all retired women who worked in a professional capacity in the field of education, e.g. educational assistant, college professor, university professor.

## **13. Motion to Adjourn**

### **Motion #AM-18**

Moved by Mary Jane Finn the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.