

**RWTO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Holiday Inn, Sarnia, Ontario**  
**June 5-7, 2007**

**SESSION 1** Wednesday, June 5, 2007

1. Welcome, President's Remarks: Sherri Stokes:  
The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President, Sherri Stokes, who welcomed all delegates and visitors. She began the meeting with a poem by Maya Angelou "A Women Needs.....".
  
2. Announcements:  
Co-Chairs, Marie Labelle and Judy McLaughlin gave an overview of the locations and the events that will take place during the conference.
  
3. Delegate Voting Information:  
Judy Moulton, Program Convenor, reported that there were 144 voting delegates present. A simple majority for voting purposes would be 50% plus 1, equalling 73 votes. 66% would be 95 votes and 80% would be 115 votes. Resolutions 1,4,5,6,7, and 8 require a 66% majority to carry. Resolutions 2 and 3 require a simple majority to carry.  
The Steering Committee, the Timer and the Scrutineers were introduced and their roles explained.  
The voting cards are blue. When a delegate needs to leave the room during the resolutions she must surrender her card at the table located next to the exit.
  
4. Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting:  
Donna Parkhill, Recording Secretary, referred to the minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in the Annual Report.  
Motion #AM-07-01  
Moved by Donna Parkhill, seconded by Judy Anderson, that the minutes be accepted as printed in the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Report.  
Carried
  
5. Treasurer's Report:  
The Executive Secretary-Treasurer explained the financial statement and budget printed as a separate report for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. She reviewed the year's progress highlighting the liability insurance, the fees cycle and the mailings that involved the 52 Branches plus the Directors. She also explained that the committees minimized their expenditures because of the concern over the deficit

budget that was passed the previous year. The work of the Committees was largely done by phone and email; this was not an optimal way to conduct business but it was felt that the programs could sustain this type of operation for the one year.

There were questions asked concerning the Investments.

6. Constitution and Resolutions:

The following resolutions were read by Jean Axcell, Constitution and Resolutions Chair; Lee Beech, the Parliamentarian was in the Chair.

Resolutions from the Board of Directors:

Resolution # 1

Moved by Carole Watson, seconded by Jeannine Renaud

Be it resolved that the membership fee for members who retired on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> 1980 be frozen in perpetuity at a flat fee of \$15.00 (Fifteen dollars)'

Carried

Resolution # 2

Moved by Carole Watson, seconded by Jeannine Renaud

Be it resolved that the membership fee for members who retired after August 31<sup>st</sup> 1980 shall be \$40.00 (Forty dollars) annually commencing with the 2007-2008 membership year.

Carried

NOTE: There was concern about the definition of who could be a member and when retirement takes place. The delegate would like clarification from the Board as the definitions have financial implications for the Branches.

Resolution # 3

Moved by Martha Summers, seconded by Mavis Rupnow

Be it resolved that the annual Branch rebate per each paid Provincial member shall be 20% (Twenty percent) of the membership fee of \$40.00 (Forty dollars) as set in the preceding resolution (#2) commencing with the 2007-2008 membership year.

Amendment:

Moved by Eileen Collins, Hamilton-Wentworth, seconded by Jackie Aird, Hamilton-Wentworth.

Be it resolved that the annual Branch rebate per each paid Provincial member shall be 25% (Twenty-five percent) of the membership fee of \$40.00 (Forty dollars) as set in the preceding resolution (#2) commencing with the 2007-2008 membership year.

Defeated

Vote on the main motion ( #3)

Carried

Resolution # 4

Moved by Linda Seath, seconded by Marion Kasha

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended by adding:

Article VII, (2) Duties of the Archivist

(d) be the official photographer for any Provincial events.

(e) arrange for archival material to be taken to York University for storage.

(f) coordinate, with the Convention Convenor, the display of material related to the Cora Bailey Award at the Annual Meeting.

Carried

Resolution # 5

Moved by Marion Kasha, seconded by Sandra Train

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended as follows:

Article IV, Section 1 (b), add (xiii) Archivist and removed section (d) Archivist  
And renumber accordingly.

Carried

Resolution # 6

Moved by Marilyn Emmett, seconded by Joyce Foster

Be it resolved that the Constitution, Article III Membership and Fees  
2 "Honorary Life Member" be amended to read "Honorary Member".

Carried

Motion #AM-07-02

Moved by Linda Seath, seconded by Mary Jane Finn that Northumberland  
Reintroduce their referred resolution from the 2006 Annual Meeting. This would  
now read as resolution # 7.

Carried

Resolution # 7

Moved by Barbara Moorecroft, Northumberland, seconded by  
Vicky Cubitt, Northumberland

Be it resolved that the Constitution, Article III Membership and Fees

3. Sustaining Member be amended to read 3. Life Member. (This resolution was  
referred to the Board of Directors for consideration at the June 2006 Convention)

Carried

Resolutions from the Branches:

Resolution # 8 Mississauga Branch

Moved by Ann-Marie Buna, seconded by Marilyn Childerhose

Be it resolved that the Constitution, Article III Membership and Fees add a new Category of 4. Interim Member

1. An Interim Member shall be a woman teacher who is currently on Long Term Disability (LTD).
2. An Interim Member shall fulfill the following criteria:
  - be nominated for this status by a member in good standing
  - be approved by the Branch Executive
  - provide verification of LTD from her school board
  - be 55 years of age or older
  - pay the regular yearly membership fee
3. An Interim Member shall not hold a Provincial or Branch Executive Position, be a delegate at the Annual Meeting, or be eligible for insurance plans of RWTO.
4. If an Interim member does return to teaching, her membership ceases to be valid.

After discussion on the floor as a friendly amendment the mover and seconder Removed "be 55 years of age or older"

Amendment:

Moved by Gayle Broad, Windsor-Essex, seconded by Judy Taylor, Hamilton-Wentworth

Be it resolved that "be approved by the Branch Executive" be removed

Defeated

Resolution # 8 Mississauga Branch as amended:

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Carried

5. Nominations Report:

Joy Patyk presented a full slate of officers as printed on pages 13-14 of the Annual Report with the addition of Joyce Fee as Communications Coordinator. She called for further nominations and as none were forthcoming the slate was declared elected.

Motion # AM-07-03

Moved by Joy Patyk, Executive, seconded by Carmelita Salizar, Rendezvous  
That the Nominations report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Session 1 ended at 11:30 to allow participants to board the buses for the tours.

**Session 2: June 7, 2007 8:30 a.m.**

1. Opening Remarks: President Sherri Stokes welcomed everyone back and read a poem

“The Value of Time” given to her by a Branch president. Marie Labelle and Judy McLaughlin gave the final announcements.

2. The In Memoriam Service was conducted by Mary Jane Finn, the Archivist. Area Directors placed yellow roses in a vase in memory of the 152 members who passed away this year. The ceremony continued with the theme of Memories and Dreams. Our colleagues remain a part of our history never to be forgotten. Three of our departed colleagues were past Provincial Presidents. The service was conducted in a poignant combination of French and English.
3. Archivist’s Report:  
Mary Jane Finn, the Archivist, referred to her report in the Annual Meeting booklet, on page 14, and indicated that one of the deceased members was a sitting member of the Board of Directors: Patricia Fremlin, Honorary President. She further indicated that all RWTO documents are stored in the Archives at York University.
4. Program Coordinator’s Report:  
Judy Moulton referred to her report on Page 14 of the Annual Meeting report and particularly congratulated the Area Directors and the Branches for the wonderful work that they are doing in their communities.
5. Communications Convenor’s Report:  
Martha Summers referred to her report on Page 33 of the Annual Meeting report. She was the first member to take responsibility for “Connections” and she expressed her hope that she had served the Board and the Membership well in this capacity. She thanked everyone that had assisted her in her three year tenure and wished us well for the future.
6. Issues and Concerns:  
Linda Seath referred the assembly to her report on page 33 of the Annual Meeting report, which highlighted the three item of concern that she addressed in her articles. As she will continue in the position, she invited input from the membership concerning future issues to be included in “Connections”.
7. Membership Convenor’s Report:  
Sandra Train referred us to her report on page 34 of the Annual Meeting report and expressed her delight in the fact that Membership growth and Community involvement is positive. The Feather in Your Hat Award and the Barbara Bain Award will be presented at the luncheon this afternoon.
8. Honorary Life Membership Report:

Jeannine Renaud referred members to her report on page 36 of the Annual Meeting report. She commented on the high quality of the submissions and stated that each nomination received the award. She thanked her committee for all of their work and encouraged Branches to continue to submit nominations for this award.

9. Executive Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Martha Abra reminded Branches to continue to sending in their directory updates and that the remittance lists would be sent in July. At the Insurance workshop in fall there would also be a Treasurer's workshop with an afternoon and an evening session.

She gave an overview of her reasons for retiring in November and expressed her admiration for the work that RWTO members do on behalf of their communities and their members who need special "caring and sharing". She was given a standing ovation.

Motion AM # 07-04

Moved by Carolyn Pitt, Brockville, seconded by Jeannine Renaud, Director Area 10, Sudbury.

Be it resolved that the above reports be accepted as printed.

Carried

10. Insurance Convenor's Report:

Judith Hood referred the members to page 37 of the Annual Meeting report book. She introduced Terry Kennedy as our Agent of Record. Terry expressed her pleasure at, once again being involved with RWTO and she thanked Judith Hood, Carolle Kennedy and Sherri Stokes for their cooperation and the ease with which she was able to work with them.

Judith highlighted the upcoming workshop in Peterborough, the profit sharing and the ongoing benefits of having RWTO insurance. She expressed her pleasure at serving on the Board for the past five years in an insurance capacity and welcomed Carolle Kennedy, the new Insurance Convenor for 2007-2008

11. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Project Report:

Carol Martin thanked the various members of the committee for their dedication and long standing commitment to this project. She thanked those who donated money and time, and the interviews, the story tellers and the editor. She awarded special commendations to: Eileen Collins, Carol Bell and Sherri Stokes.

Motion: AM # 07-05

Moved by Judy Vanleewen, Belleville, seconded by Diana McKendry, East  
Grenville

Be it resolved that the Insurance and Book Project reports be accepted as  
Presented.

Carried

12. Budget Approval

Motion: AM #07-06

Moved Elanor Pound, Belleville, seconded by Mavis Rupnow, Area 7 Director

Be it resolved that the Budget presented on Tuesday June 6, be accepted.

Carried

13. New Business:

Motion: AM #AM 07-07

Moved by Ann Davelaar, Ottawa-Carlton, seconded by Adele Muldoon, Ottawa-  
Carlton.

Be it resolved that the RWTO Provincial Executive strongly urge the Ontario  
Provincial Government to introduce as soon as possible legislation to correct  
the present inequities among school boards in fees and cost of supplies.

Carried

14. Invitation to Blue Mountain:

Area 1 presented, in song and Power Point, the invitation to join them at the 2008  
Convention; they also drew the name for the weekend that the Blue Mountain  
Resort had donated. It is certain that we will have "Mountains of Fun in Area  
One"!!

15. Adjournment:

Motion AM 07-08

Moved by Martha Summers that the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting be adjourned

Carried