

***Eight Board resolutions and four Branch resolutions were submitted for the 2020 AGM. Due to cancellation of this year's Convention, the resolutions are being deferred to our next Convention in 2021***

## **BOARD RESOLUTIONS for 2020 AGM**

### **Board Resolution #1 Sales and Materials Convenor**

Be it resolved that Article VII Duties of Other Members of the Board of Directors, 5 Sales and Materials Convenor, The Sales and Materials Convenor shall: be amended with the addition of,

1. collaborate with Area Directors to track and manage distribution of Membership and Cora Bailey pins on an annual basis,
2. manage all aspects of the sales of RWTO/OERO pins and materials during the year and at a display at the Annual General Meeting and Convention,
3. maintain records of all sales and inventory, and
4. recommend purchases as required to maintain inventory and suggest new items for consideration.

#### **Rationale:**

**At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, a resolution was passed to establish the appointed position Convenor-Sales and Materials to promote and manage sales of RWTO/OERO materials. This section describes the Duties of this position to be included in Article VII, Section 5.**

### **Board Resolution #2 Appointed Committees /Convenors**

Be it resolved that Article VIII Duties and Structure of Provincial Committees, B Appointed Committees/Convenors, 5 Communications Website Convenor, be removed and replaced with the following:

#### **Communications Website Committee**

The Communications Website Committee shall:

- a) be chaired by the Communications Website Convenor,
- b) be comprised of the Communications Website Convenor and members representing different areas of the province, duly approved by the Board of Directors,
- c) ensure the RWTO/OERO website is maintained and updated as required,
- d) support and assist Branch Communications Convenors.

#### **Rationale:**

- **Currently, the position of Communications Website Convenor does not have a committee. By creating**

**this committee, the Communications Website Convenor would then have members to assist her with her duties.**

- **Creating this committee gives non board members an opportunity to work on our provincial website.**
- **Creating this committee does not have any financial implications.**

### **Board Resolution #3 Duties of Other Members of the Board of Directors**

Be it resolved that Article VII Duties of Other Members of the Board of Directors,

3 Communications Convenors, The Communications Website Convenor shall: be amended by the addition of a) and b) and renumbering of the current a) through d) to c) through f) respectively.

- a) chair the Communications Website Committee,
- b) liaise with the Webmaster and Communications Newsletter Convenor,

#### **Rationale:**

**These duties apply to the Communications Website Convenor now that a Communications Website Committee has been formed.**

### **Board Resolutions #4 Elections**

Be it resolved that Article IV Organization, 4 Elections (b) "If more than one candidate is nominated for any position then a secret ballot shall be held. Election of these candidates shall be by majority vote of the delegates present at the Annual Meeting" be amended to read,

**"If more than one candidate is nominated for any position then a secret ballot shall be held. Election of these candidates shall be by majority vote of the registered delegates at the Annual Meeting."**

#### **Rationale:**

- **Adding the word 'registered' clarifies that the delegates have received their voting cards and are eligible to vote.**
- **Deletion of the word 'present' delineates that the majority vote shall be based on registered delegates who are in attendance at the Convention.**

## ***Resolutions From The Board of Directors - continued***

### **Board Resolution #5: Annual Meeting**

Be it resolved that Article X Annual Meeting, 1 “There shall be an Annual Meeting of RWTO/OERO in June of each year” be amended to read,

“There shall be an Annual Meeting of RWTO/OERO in June of each year. Refer to the Voting and Election Procedures Handbook for details.”

#### ***Rationale:***

**A detailed Voting and Election Procedures Handbook has been created by an Ad Hoc Committee. Procedures for nominations of elected positions, voting, elections, et cetera are detailed in the handbook and can be referenced.**

### **Board Resolution #6: Quorum**

Be it resolved that Article X Annual Meeting, 3 Quorum “A quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) of the registered delegates” be amended to read,

#### **3. Definitions**

##### **a) Quorum**

A quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) of the eligible delegates.

##### **b) Eligible Delegates**

Eligible delegates who may attend the Convention are based on paid membership numbers for each Branch.

##### **c) Registered Delegate**

An eligible delegate becomes a registered delegate upon receipt of her voting card at the Convention.

#### ***Rationale:***

**Definitions are now clarified.**

### **Board Resolution #7: Voting Delegates**

Be it resolved that Article X Annual Meeting, 5 Voting Delegates, c “Each Branch is entitled to delegates according to the following formula” be amended to read,

“Each Branch is entitled to eligible delegates according to the following formula.”

#### ***Rationale:***

**By adding the word, “eligible”, the delegates entitled to attend the Convention is more clearly defined.**

### **Board Resolution #8: Election and Appointments of Board Members**

Be it resolved that Article X Annual Meeting, 8 “The election of officers and the appointment of the other members of the Board of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting” be deleted.

#### ***Rationale:***

**This information is redundant (see Article IV Organization, 4 Elections (a) Election of Executive Officers, (c) Election or Selection of Area Directors, and (d) Appointments to the Board of Directors).**

## ***BRANCH RESOLUTIONS for 2020 AGM***

### **Resolution #9 (from Daisy Wilson Coldwater)**

Be it resolved that Article IX, Branch Organization, be amended by the addition of 10

“Whenever possible, endeavour to ensure that RWTO/OERO Branch meetings and events take place in a location or facility that is accessible to all.”

#### ***Rationale:***

**We are an organization who cares about the well-being and needs of our members. We seek to retain our members as they age and their health, comfort and safety needs may require careful consideration when planning our events and activities. We strive to be inclusive and responsive to our members' special needs so we may all benefit from each other's participation in our organization.**

### **Resolution #10 (from Daisy Wilson Coldwater)**

Be it resolved that Article V Duties of the Board of Directors, 2 Board of Directors, be amended by the addition of f, “Whenever possible, endeavour to ensure that RWTO/OERO Provincial meetings and events take place in a location or facility that is accessible to all.”

#### ***Rationale:***

**We are an organization who cares about the well-being and needs of our members. We seek to retain**

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our members as they age and their health, comfort and safety needs may require careful consideration when planning our events and activities. We strive to be inclusive and responsive to our members' special needs so we may all benefit from each other's participation in our organization.

#### **Resolution #11 (from Windsor-Essex)**

Be it resolved that Policy and Procedures RWTO/OERO document Appendix C 3 13 "Visit Branches at the request of the Branch" be amended to read, "Visit Branches at the request of a Branch. Each Branch is entitled to a visit by the Provincial President once every two years."

#### **Rationale:**

- **Presidential expenses for travelling across the province over a one-year period would be reduced, therefore this measure will be more cost-effective.**
- **There would be fewer restraints and challenges for the Presidents regarding travel conditions and timeframe.**
- **It would allow local branches a broader timeline to plan visits from the President.**

#### **Resolution #12 (from Windsor-Essex)**

Be it resolved that Policy and Procedures RWTO/OERO document section III, Finance Policies, 3 Fees, b Fee Rebates to Branches i "The annual Branch rebate per paid Provincial member shall be 25% of the membership fee, commencing with the 2008-2009 membership year. The rebate on the fifteen dollar membership fee shall remain at \$8.00" be amended to read,

"The annual Branch rebate per paid Provincial member shall be 40% of the membership fee, commencing with the 2020-2021 membership year. The rebate on the \$15.00 membership fee shall remain at \$8.00 for those members who retired on or before August 31, 1980."

#### **Rationale:**

- **Local Branches are facing the challenges of rising costs and operating expenses (e.g. Convention expenses/ Goodwill cards & gifts /Membership activities / Special Events: 80+ Tea / Archives / Office supplies / Luncheon venue deposits/etc.).**

- \*\* The existing 25% rebate per member is a minimal return in assisting with actual costs per member.**
- \*\* A minimal number of members/delegates are subsidized to attend Convention. The major work of RWTO/OERO occurs within the Local Branch.**
- **Promoting "Caring & Sharing" in our communities is a Local Branch priority demanding "time, talent and treasure."**
- **Rebates are guaranteed based on membership to provide monies for local expenses wherever needed. As local membership increases, Provincial also sees an increase in funding. Grants may or may not be forthcoming and their use is directed by Provincial.**
- **It has been ten years, established in 2008/2009, that the membership rebate was implemented at 25% as stated in the "Policies and Procedures" document.**
- **The amount of rebate is only defined in the "Policies and Procedures" document and not in the Constitution.**
- **Fundraising to increase membership for the purpose of generating revenue at the local level is increasingly demanding of time and energy due to the reality of an aging membership.**

Respectfully submitted by  
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**Note:** Board Resolutions # 4-8 originated from the creation of a Voting and Election Procedures Handbook.