

RWTO/OERO 59TH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Arden Park Hotel, Stratford, Ontario

June 3 and 4, 2015

SESSION 1 - JUNE 3, 2015

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks- President Marilyn Emmett welcomed all in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion #AM-01 Moved by Judy Anderson and seconded by Terry Hamilton that the meeting agenda be approved with the addition of limiting debate on motions to 15 minutes in order to get all resolutions looked at within the time limit. **Carried.**

3. Announcements: Programme Coordinator Nancy Papiez went over voting procedures and delegate changes.

There are 147 voters with the percentages being 97 for 66% and 74 for a simple majority.

4. Acceptance of 2014 Annual General Meeting minutes

Motion #AM-02 Moved by Patricia Depencier and seconded by Judy Anderson the acceptance of the 2014 AGM minutes with corrections of spelling mistakes of names.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting:

Ad Hoc Committee report: Chair Peggy Stock reported on the study that was a result of Resolution 2014 AM-04. She gave a detailed report and has a binder full of responses from individuals with 70% of the branches replying. She also included the committee's five recommendations. Each delegate received a copy of the 17 page report.

Motion #AM-03 Moved by Peggy Stock and seconded by LeAnne Taylor that the Ad Hoc committee report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

6. Elections:

(i) Second Vice President candidates Terry Hamilton and Lois Lockhart presented their election platforms. When the secret ballots were counted Lois Lockhart became the 2015-16 Second Vice President nominee.

Motion #AM-04 Moved by Diana McKendry and seconded by Kathleen Bradley that ballots for 2nd Vice President be destroyed. **Carried.**

(ii) Recording Secretary candidates Sandie Bender and Judy Drummond presented their platforms. After the secret ballots were counted Judy Drummond became the 2015-16 Recording Secretary nominee.

Motion #AM-05 Moved by Margot Smith and seconded by Mary Maxwell to destroy the ballots of recording secretary. **Carried.**

7. Insurance Broker Terry Kennedy gave an overview of the Open Enrollment results. The open enrollment resulted in 885 new plan participants. There are now 2513 insured RWTO/OERO members with a total of 3480 participants. She also told us there will be no premium increase for the coming year. As a result of this success, she presented a profit sharing cheque for \$62,516.90 to President Marilyn Emmett. Nancy Iannizzi spoke about working with Terry. Insurance Convenors Nancy and Bertha Breen presented Terry with a token of RWTO/OERO's appreciation for working so hard on our behalf.

8. Nominations Report: Anne Graham presented the slate of nominated officers for the year 2015-2016 including the result of the above elections.

Motion#AM-06 Moved by Anne Graham and seconded by Phyllis Robson the adoption of the nominations report. **Carried.**

Coffee Break

9. Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2015-16 Budget: Gloria Drake presented the Financial Report in detail. Each line on every page was carefully explained giving a comprehensive explanation of how the Reserves are utilized throughout the year. As well she reviewed the auditor's report.

A full explanation of the proposed budget was then presented reviewing both the Income and Expense columns. Gloria left the budget for delegates to go over and will answer any questions on Thursday.

Motion #AM-07: Moved by Marie Rempel and seconded by Diana McKendry the acceptance of the financial report. **Carried.**

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution #1

Motion AM-08 Moved by Judy Drummond and seconded by Karen Rynard.

Be it resolved that Article VIII Duties and Structures of Provincial Committees #5, Audit Committee, section (c) be amended to read:

If the Executive Secretary Treasurer has the auditor's report by the Spring Board meeting the report will be presented. The Board will review the financial status of the organization and make recommendations as deemed necessary. If the auditor's report is not ready until after the Spring Board meeting, the audit committee will meet to review the financial status of the organization and make recommendations to the Board of Directors following the receipt of the financial statements. **Carried.**

Resolution #2

Motion AM-09 Moved by Judy Drummond and seconded by Karen Rynard

Be it resolved that Constitution Article V, Duties of the Board of Directors #1, Executive, section (a) be amended to read:

Meet in September and May or at the call of the President. **Carried.**

Resolution #3

Withdrawn (Ad-Hoc committee was formed at the Spring Board meeting.)

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Memorial Service

The 'In Memoriam' Service allowed everyone the opportunity to honour those members who had passed away during the year. The service was conducted by Lois Lockhart and the 12 Area Directors. Henedine Weiman assisted with the French readings. Beautiful music accompanied the laying of pink roses in tribute to these valued women making this service special and meaningful for all.

Budget

Motion AM-10 Moved by Diana McKendry and seconded by Maret Sadem-Thompson

The approval of the 2015-2016 budget. **Carried.**

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BRANCHES

Resolution #4

Withdrawn

Resolution #5

Motion #AM-11 Moved by Mardie Panabaker and seconded by Joyce Fee

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VIII, Duties and Structures of Provincial Committees, section B -Appointed Committees/Convenors, Item 4, Communication Committee, line (b) be amended to read:

Be comprised of the Communication Convenor and members representing different areas of the province duly approved by the Executive. The number to be determined by the needs of the Communication Convenor. One Board member may be included as an Editor on the Committee.

Carried.

Resolution #6

Motion #AM-12 Moved by Lois Lockhart and seconded by Judy Drummond

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VIII, Duties and Structures of Provincial Committees, section B- Appointed Committees/Convenors, Item 5, Membership Committee, be amended by a new line (g):

Be comprised of the membership Convenor and including non-board and board members representing different areas of the province, duly approved by the Executive, the numbers to be determined by the needs of the Membership Committee.

Carried.

Resolution #7

Motion #AM-13 Moved by Moira Plexman and seconded by Maret Sadem-Thompson

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VIII, Duties and Structure of the Provincial Committees, Section A - Standing Committees, Item 2, Nomination Committee line (b) be amended to read:

Advertise vacancies for Provincial Executive and Appointed Committee members in the Provincial Newsletter.

Carried.

Resolution #8

Motion #AM-14 Moved by Bev Pickard and seconded by Nancy Parkhill

That resolution #8 be withdrawn and referred to the Constitution and Resolutions to forward to the Board.

Carried.

Resolution #9

Motion #AM-15 Moved by Gwen Moore and seconded by Judy McLaughlin

Be resolved that Constitution Article X Annual Meeting Section 4 Amendments to the Constitution be amended by the addition of a new line (d): when a resolution presented at the Annual General Meeting has been defeated, then the same resolution cannot be submitted again for a period of 3 years.

Defeated.

Resolution #10

Motion #AM-16 Moved by Maret Sadem-Thompson and seconded by Carol Nelson

That Resolution #10 be withdrawn and referred to the Constitution and Resolutions Committee to forward to the Board.

Carried.

Resolution #11 (from the floor)

Motion #AM-17 Moved by Linda Sargeant and seconded by Hope Leon

Be it resolved that Article III Membership and Fees 5. Fees be amended with the addition of: (f) Membership fees sent to Provincial through Canada Post or an alternate delivery service and postmarked before or on November 30th, will be accepted by Provincial for the purpose of determining the number of eligible delegates to the Annual Convention, regardless of the date received.

Defeated.

Coffee Break

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Complete reports are printed in the Annual Report Book.

1. Constitution and Resolution Committee: Chair Dianne Rice thanked the branches for sending in resolutions.

2. Archivist Lois Lockhart reported that she now has everything in acid free containers. The past five years will be held until after our 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2016. Then they will go to York University.

3. Communications: Mardie Panabaker showed the new poster that will be available to use as is, or to use as a template to put in their own pictures. As well, she showed the provincial map with the areas and branch locations colour coded.

4. Goodwill: Peggy Stock reported that she sent numerous cards this year but also has received many responses from these ladies saying how much they enjoy hearing from the organization during the year.

5. Honorary President Annette Rhodes reported there will be two recipients (Patricia Depencier and Marilyn Emmett) of the **Honorary Life Membership** this year.

6. Honorary President Annette told us how much she enjoyed being part of this organization.

7. Insurance Nancy Iannizzi thanked everyone, especially Terry, for their support during the past four years as her term comes to a close.

8. Issues and Concerns: Judy Drummond reported that there were many positive responses to her three articles in Connections.

9. Membership Convenor Kay-Anne Broger noted that the open enrollment resulted in some new members joining and the constant need for gaining new members. Only 2 branches applied for The Feather in the Hat Award this year and would like to see more.

10. Policy and Procedures: Anne Graham noted that there were many changes noting that, revisions should be discussed at branch level prior to forwarding them to the Director, who should consult with the Policy Committee before bringing them to the Board. This is to be sure the revisions are consistent with the rest of the document.

11. Programme Coordinator Nancy Papiez-Carbone drew attention to the Branch reports in the AGM book. She noted that all branches have been very busy during the past year. She also welcomed 4 new Directors to the Board.

12. President's Report: President Marilyn thanked everyone for their well done reports. She highlighted some of her experiences of the past year. She also congratulated the 5 branches of Area 2 on the very successful 'festival fantastique' Convention of 2015.

Motion #AM-18 Moved by Joanne Daniels and seconded by Lynn Anderton
Approval of the Committee reports.

Carried.

Call to Convention 2016: Windsor-Essex called everyone to 'Come and Rally by the River' for RWTO/OERO's 60th Anniversary on June 7 - 9, 2016 at Casino Windsor.

Break and Hotel Check-out

Reassembled for Closing Luncheon

Honorary President Annette Rhodes installed the 2015/16 Officers.

Introduction of 2015-16 President by Sarnia-Lambton Branch.

Marilyn Emmett gave closing remarks and handed the gavel to incoming President Dianne Rice.

Newly installed Dianne Rice gave her remarks and adjourned the successful 2015 Annual Meeting.

Motion #AM-19 Moved by Dianne Rice
The meeting be adjourned