

# RTO EXECUTIVE MEETING DISTRICT 31

April 2, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Marina Howlett	Pauline Brown
Mike Curtis	Stephen O'Connell
Denyse Gray	Bob Paul
Brenda McGinnis	Terry Sullivan
Anne Smith	Mary McNabb
Audrey Lowe	John Ritchie
Joan Ksenych	Carol Christie

Absent: Lynn Morrison, Audrey Gunson, John Ritchie

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes: Stephen moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Anne Smith

Reports:

Treasurer:

A grant of \$6257.93 was received. The balance is now \$11070.28.

Denyse has expense and mileage forms that are to be used by members of the executive.

It was suggested that the executive offer invitations to members of Parliament to our dinners and luncheons. A motion was put forward by Denyse to destroy receipts from 1990 to 2000 with the exception of the final report for each year. Seconded by Terry Sullivan.

Membership:

Mike Curtis noted that retirements will be down in number to 15 to 20. Letters and kits will be sent out to those retiring.

Health:

The rate increase has produced a modest surplus. 86% of premiums go to claims. There is a new process in place for appealing non-payment of claims. Members are to call the health plan "RTO" not Johnson. Be aware that there is a government grant of \$1500.00 per year available to severely disabled persons. There will be two minor amendments presented at the Spring Meeting. There will be a Health Conference in June. Please forward any questions to Bob Paul. Stephen suggested a comparison chart OTF/RTO coverage be put in an upcoming Newsletter.

Newsletter:

The Newsletter went to the printer on Friday. It will go to Arc Industries on Wednesday and hopefully be out by the beginning of next week.

It has been sent to John Ritchie to put on the website. Fall Newsletter submissions are due September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Newsletter will go out the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Goodwill:

Pauline noted that with 10 members on the Goodwill Committee there is a lighter work load for everyone and more can be accomplished. Since Christmas the Committee has received 13 replies and 1 phone call concerning the wish to be remembered on special occasions. A number of cards were "returned to sender" so it is important that our lists be updated. In the last three months, there have been 18 cards mailed, 7 visits, 5 telephone calls and 1

bouquet sent out to our people. The March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was changed to April 4<sup>th</sup> as there was a conflict with the Guelph Retired Women Teachers' meeting.

#### Political Action:

RTO encourages members to become involved with the political process. Provincial election will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>. There are rumors of a Federal election, possibly in the spring. There are numerous upcoming events:-e.g., Symposium on Health Care, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Norfolk United Church, Guelph. Tickets will be \$5.00 available at the Bookshelf. Provincial RTO is preparing "fact sheets" for the upcoming elections. These will consist of issues to lobby and questions to ask candidates.

#### Travel:

Terry presented for Lynn. There will be a Toyota Plant/ Wings of Paradise Tour on May 7<sup>th</sup> - \$35.00. On June 12<sup>th</sup> there is a trip planned to see Oklahoma/ Castle Kilbride- \$98.00. June 27-30<sup>th</sup> -Hummingbird Centre-Lerner and Loewe's Camelot- 10-20% discount. Blue Jays game- August 19<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 plus a small donation.

#### Website:

John went to a workshop and found that most members use the website only if needed. Only a core group seems interested in the activities provided by RTO.

#### Pension:

Marina noted that RTO policy states spousal/survivor benefits are to go to the spouse the member has upon retiring. There is presently an underground movement to try to change RTO policy in this area. More details are available in the Newsletter.  
T.P.P. Annual Meeting April 20, 2007

#### President's Report:

RTO Senate- Senators: Stephen O'Connell, Anne Smith  
Observers: Carol Christie, Marina Howlett. Guest- Brenda McGinnis  
Pre-Senate Meeting- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Anne and Stephen to attend

District 31 Spring General Meeting- Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Victoria Park East

Program: Health Seminar to precede meeting-Geri Brombal lead.

RTO Liaison- Marg Couture- Marina to introduce, Mike to thank

Entertainment- Blazing Fiddles- Terry to introduce, Stephen to thank

Travel Report

Political Action Report

RTO Recruitment Posters- Mike Curtis to pick up about 100 posters to be distributed.

ARC Industries- Terry Sullivan put forward a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Norm Jary Golf Tournament to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Denyse Gray.

STO Potential Project Proposals:

Funding for schools in El Salvador?

Anne was encouraged to pursue the correct process to make this project become eligible.

Books for Babies in hospitals is another possibility.

Fall Meeting:

Date of Fall Meeting: Oct. 10, 2007

Location: Arthur

Marina to contact hall. Mary to contact caterer and check price. Carol to get entertainment.

Install new executive- Recruitment Committee- Stephen, Marina, Mike

Members not wishing to remain on the executive are asked to notify the committee by the end of May.

Meeting Dates 2007-2008- September 11, 2007- lunch to follow at David's (Tuesday)

December 3, 2007- Monday

April 14, 2008- Monday

May General Meeting- date TBA?

Other Business: Stephen found the protocol to propose the naming of district be kept to geographical names. It will be put on hold until the present motion is made in the Senate.

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carol

Next Meeting: May, 9, 2007 (General Meeting)