**RTO DISTRICT 32 EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

1. **WELCOME**: Pat welcomed everyone..
2. **PRESENT:**  Pat Rogers, Caroll Carkner, Jill Cass, Ruth Barton Dempster, Linda MacKinnon, , Valerie Allen, Melanie Beaupre, Anne Marie Farnworth, Sandy Rainey, Dorothy Kinkaid

**Regrets:**  Lynne. Eileen, Kathy, Pauline, Richard, John, Mary, Bill

1. **AGENDA**: addition: Business Arising covered in President’s report
2. **MINUTES:** At President’s workshop it was decided that since minutes are notes there is no need for a motion to accept.

Minutes were accepted with no errors by consensus

Executive was in agreement that financial needs will need a motion as per Caroll’suggestion

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

1. Fall Luncheon will be held at Vieux Chateau. There will be 3 meals offered at $ 32.50 plus gratuities for a total of $ 41.50. We will charge the members $25.00.

Hearing Life will make a small presentation.

Sandy and Jill informed us that money can be e-transferred. Coffee will be served at 10:30 an lunch at 12:15

Motion by Ruth that we give Sandy & Jill $300.00 for prizes etc. Seconded by Caroll.  ***Carried***

**6.PRESIDENT’S REPORT**  Pat

Re: By-Law 5.07:

The Highlights and Decisions of the June 2023 Board meeting was sent to all executive members. In that document the Board changed By-Law 5.07 to read:

A Director is eligible for election for three (3) year terms on the Board, for greater clarity, regardless of term or position on the board, directors are limited to a cumulative lifetime limit of nine (9) years on the board.

This change made by the Board differed from what the Corporate members voted on at the May 2023 Annual meeting. Several Corporate members objected to the Board making this change. Therefore, at the August Board meeting the motion passed by the Board at its June 22 meeting amending By-Law Section 5.07 was rescinded. The motion will remain as carried at the May 2023 Annual Meeting until the Annual meeting in May 2024, in which there will be another vote.

The Highlights and Decisions of August Board meeting have been forwarded to you.

Main topics at the presidents’ workshop and at the presidents’ liaison meeting:

1. The membership survey report was handed out and was discussed

2. Membership fee proposal plan, to be voted on at the Special meeting in October:

The recommendation is not not charge an annual membership fee for members who are part of the Health plan. Non Health plan members would still be subjected to inflation factor. Fees as of January 2024 would be $76.50.

3. Back to Re-naming:

There is process underway to change our name from RTOERO. Even through these letters are not supposed to stand for any words, there is still some confusion.

4. There is a projected pension increase of 4.7%

5. Motions are no longer necessary. Minutes are now called Notes

6. All executive members are encouraged to look at the district executive guide.

7. One president at the Liaison meeting raised a concern about meeting being held on a Sunday as this is a family day.

8. Pam Baker mentioned she would like to be invited to our District, either an executive meeting or district meeting. She would prefer that a couple of districts close by could coordinate as she is travelling from nova Scotia.

9. It was a also mentioned that Lori Hunter would be a good person to invite on Cyber Security.

1. **VICE PRESIDENTS’ REPORT**  Val (No report)

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT** Anne Marie

Thank you note received from Eva Levesque for our donation and from Rockland Distrct High School for our bursary.

Current Balance $21, 185.09

Outstanding cheques 57.34

Balance $21,127.75

Motion to change donations at passing of district members. At the death of a district member, a donation of $50 will be made. If a member served on the executive, the donation will be increased from $50 to $100. Preference will be given to the RTOERO Foundation.

Motion to continue to give $200 each to the different Meals on Wheels programs in Prescott-Russell. There are 14 affiliated with Community Services in Hawkesbury and one in Vankleek Hill, for a total of $3000. Letter is to be sent by Pat.

Motion by Anne Marie to accept the Treasurer’s report. Seconded by Pat.

**8.. SECRETARY’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you notes were received from students at Thomas Aquinas who received bursaries and from the administration at Rockland District High School.. Thank you notes were also received from Majorie McGinnis & Nancy McGregor for their 25 year recognition as members of RTO. Eva Lvesque sent a thank you note for our $500 support to the Senior’s Art Project Artful Aging and so District 48 for our donation to the Golf Tournament.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **GOODWILL** (Melanie)

**July:** Birthdays: 4 birthday cards were sent Condolences: to the family of Helen McCormick

**August:** Birthdays: 3 cards were sent Flowers were sent to Elizabeth Stewart for a special birthday

**September:** Birthdays: 3 cards were sent Flowers were sent to Shirley Folkard for a special birthday Condolences: flowers were sent to the family of Eric McCrae To Eileen Rainey on the sudden passing of her husband John To Sandy Rainey and Eric on the passing of her brother-in-law/ his brother To Kathy Findlay on the passing of her sister-in-law, Shirley Bishop Get Well: Get well wishes sent to Shari Baldwin

**B) MEMBERSHIP & RPW (**Pauline & Bill)**)**

1) Membership Changes for May, June, July, August, 2023 Address Changes: Previously reported

Transfer Out: 6 transferred out to EstaRiO

New Members:

1. Betty Bradley 5) Anne Marie Seguin
2. Kelly Canning 6) Nathalie Levesque
3. Charlene Debransky 7) Kathleen Mannion
4. Chantal Villeneuve 8) Danielle Sauve

Cancellation: 1

Deceased: 1) Barbara Rutherford 2) Helen McCormick 3) Marguerite McCrank

Retired membership # as of August 31, 2023: 183 Actively employed membership #: 24

2) Annual Summary- From October 2022- August 2023

We have 14 new members, 12 transferred out to another district, 2 cancellations and 4 deaths. New Members:

1. Danielle Wackid 5) George Tomas 9) Charlene Debransky 2)Lise Théoret 6) Scott Hepburn 10) Chantal Villeneuve 3)Richard Jennings 7)Betty Bradley 11) Anne Marie Seguin 4)Sylvie Simon 8) Kelly Canning 12) Nathalie Levesque 13)Kathleen Mannion 14) Danielle Sauvé Villeneuve

Transferred Out:

1) Sylvie Grenier 2) Jeanine Goudreau 3) Martine D’Aoust-Collin 4) Sylvette Sergerie 5) Louise Lanctot 6) Diane Legault 7) Francine Dupras 8) Johanne Beauregard 9) France Lanois 10) Eric Miner 11) Francois Murphy 12) Nathalie Phaneuf

Cancelled Membership :

1) Annick Millette 2) Helen Jackson

Deceased Members:

1) Marion Christie- L’Orignal 2) Barbara Rutherford- Hawkesbury

3) Helen McCormick- Rockland 4) Marguerite McCranck- Orleans

3) Gift Bags will be prepared for presentation to the new members.

The gift bags will each contain; Book- Family Documents, RTO mug, RTO pen, RTO pin in a RTO totebag

**C) COMMUNICATION**  (Caroll)

All is going well with help from Toronto. Pamphlet is a similar format to District 27 with our information

We have a new district. They want you use our old pamphlet. No objections. Passed by consensus

Kathy would like reports for the newsletter as soon as possible (Oct 5) Invites will be sent by email. Pauline will take care of new members

**D) MEMBER SERVICES**  (Anne Marie)

The Member Services Committee held its meetings on September 11-12, 2023. On September 11th, we had an Orientation session with information on how the different departments of RTOERO can help the committee members.

At our meeting on September 12th, we discussed the results of a survey filled out by the participants of the Member Services Workshop in the spring. We also discussed the 2023 RTOERO Membership Survey in regards to volunteering in districts.

Charles Tabone spoke to us about the Change Report and the importance of avoiding confidentiality breaches. The Member Services Committee will hold regional virtual meetings with districts on October 23-24-25 to discuss district succession planning. This is a follow-up to the workshop held in the Spring.

**E)HEALTH** (Ruth)

Members of RTOERO Extended Health Plan should have received an invitation to a webinar on November 14 at 10 am in English.

KNOW YOUR HEALTH PLAN is  1.5 hour presentation for districts 27, 32 and 45.

You can submit questions in advance to   [Insurance@rtoero.ca](mailto:Insurance@rtoero.ca)

1. **SOCIAL** (Sandy & Jill)

District 32 Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday the fourteenth of June at the Casselview Golf Club in Casselman. A delivery hot buffet featuring sliced roast beef with rosemary gravy was served. Thirty-six members attended to hear the chair of the board of directors RTO/ ERO Martha Foster. She spoke of the dedication and involvement at levels of the members of this district. Milestone certificates were presented to Jacqueline Houde, Nancy MacGregor and Marjorie McGinnis for their years of membership with RTO/ERO. Caroll Carkner received a pin as past president and Pat Rogers received one for being incoming president. Door prizes were chosen and everyone went home feeling full and happy.

1. **GOVERNANCE & NOMINATION** (Caroll)

Evaluation form for committees for the Board.

1. **COMMUNITY GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS** (Mary)

Discussion about whether we can use the Senior’s Art Show as a project to apply for a community grant.

**I ) RTOERO FOUNDATION (**Dorothy)

 The Foundation has approved six new grants for a total of $213,000. These grants will be awarded in 2023. The goal of the grant program is to identify and partner with creative and results-based organizations in order to address the most critical issues faced by our aging population.

The RTOERO Foundation invests strategically in three critical activities through the grant program. Geriatric research initiatives take a scientific approach to an examination of healthy aging health services and the quality of life for older adults. Seniors health and well-being have as their primary focus improved physical, mental, and social health. Social engagement initiatives have as their focus improved social engagement for older adults.

All three of these focus areas are represented in the following grants to be awarded Trent University, Sheriden College, Compassionate Communities, Dementia Society of Ottawa, and Societe Alzheimer Society of Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay. With the support of the RTOERO Foundation Dr. Elizabeth Russell will be piloting an Intergenerational classroom model within her Psychology of Aging course at Trent University. It is anticipated to reduce ageist beliefs among students.

Former RTOERO Chair Joanne Murphy is leaving the Foundation as Past Chair after serving since 2014. Marg Werkhoeven a past Chair is also leaving the Foundation Board. She was an effective and impactful board member..

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting Date:** November 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:**