

**Northumberland District 30 RTO/ERO
Fall General Meeting
October 18, 2011**

President John Christie opened the meeting, to the 60+ members attending, with words of welcome.

- 1. David Staples made a motion, seconded by Bob Moorcroft, that the minutes from the Spring General Meeting be accepted as printed in the Apple Press. Carried.**
- 2. Treasurer Dave Randall was unable to attend, so David Staples read his report: “To Hell With the Bell” was celebrated in five areas. The Committee thanks everyone, especially the area organizers. 136 retired teachers/guests attended. Volunteers are needed next year for Brighton, so please let Dave Randall know if you can help.**

Treasurer’s Update:

Bank Balance as of Oct. 15	\$8,845.24
Fall Luncheon Expenses	-\$1,500.00
Anticipated Senate Expenses	-\$1,200.00
Anticipated Oct. 31 Balance	\$6,145.24

David S. made a motion, seconded by Allan Kirby, that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. Carried.

3. Committee Reports:

Membership – Anne Tryon reported that we now have 744 members.

Political Advocacy – Jane McCaig noted that due to an illness by the Provincial Advocate, there has been no new information.

Communications – Philip Palmer reported (Don Colby was absent) that he attended a June workshop with Don; the Renaissance can be received online if we let RTO know; Don would like to get everyone’s email address; a volunteer is needed to run our local website.

Archives – no report

Travel Tips – Fay Farmer mentioned tour companies she recommends: Untours, DH Tours, Senior Tours and Craig Travel; as well, Merit provided “Long Stay” brochures.

Service to Others -

John reminded us about the Scholarship Fund for university bound, (teacher program) high school grads. RTO/ERO offers up to \$4000 to districts for community projects involving children.

Anne had application forms available for interested groups.

Constitution – Philip Palmer reported that it is under review and would be submitted to the provincial office in January, 2012.

Health – Bob Moorcroft noted that his report was in the Apple Press.

4. New Business:

a) Slate of Officers for 2011-2012 introduced by Jane McCaig -

President – John Christie

First Vice – Charlotte Majic

Second Vice – Philip Palmer

Past President – Jane McCaig (not elected)

Treasurer – Dave Randall

Secretary – David Staples

Health – Bob Moorcroft

Communication – Don Colby

Recruitment – Anne Tryon

Political Activity – Jane McCaig

Pension – Morris Tait

Travel – Fay Farmer

Executive at Large – Allan Kirby

Goodwill – Glenys Nielly

***** Archives**

***** Social**

***** We need volunteers for these two positions.**

Jane made a motion, seconded by Anne, that the slate of officers be accepted. Carried.

b) Fall Senate: Senator 1 John C.; Senator 2 Philip P.;

Observer 1 Jane Mc C.; Observer 2 David S.

5. Joanne Murphy, RTO/ERO President:

She brought greetings and updated us on provincial matters. Joanne thanked Morris, Bob and Don for serving on provincial committees; there is a funding evaluation of OTTP because of the current

Joanne continued- shortfall; we have 66, 000 members; our pension is secure; our charitable foundation will be launched at Fall Senate.

6. Guest Speaker:

President John introduced Gordon Cressy, Director of Advancement and Fundraising RTO/ERO Charitable Foundation. He is a great story-teller with extensive fundraising experience; his success at selling Christmas trees in Trinidad launched his career in the fundraising business. RTO/ERO will have an endowed chair at the University of Toronto to focus on geriatrics and enhance our image; he encouraged us to call an old friend, talk with others about the Foundation and to donate, if possible. Morris thanked Gordon for his inspiring speech.

An excellent meal followed, catered by the Lion's Centre. Draw prize winners were: Marilyn Girdwood, Marion Marsh, Cyril Peister, Mary Mitchell, Lorraine Pratt, Allister Gillespie, Marion Davidson, Sharon Staples and Ruth Scott.

Our next meeting is May 23, 2012 at the Cobourg Lion's Centre.

These minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of RTO/ERO, District 30, Northumberland.