## Northumberland District 30 RTO/ERO Executive Meeting September 13, 2011

Attending: Jane McCaig, Anne Tryon, Fay Farmer, Connie Poole, Philip Palmer, Dave Randall, John Christie, David Staples, Charlotte Magic, Allan Kirby, Don Colby and Morris Tait.

Regrets: Bob and Barbara Moorcroft

- 1. Treasurer's Report Dave R. reported that we have a balance of \$9,223.46; anticipated expenses are \$3,700.00, leaving an anticipated balance at the end of October of \$5,523.46. Dave made a motion, seconded by Don, that we accept the report as printed. Carried.
- 2. Communications Report Don reported that the fall edition of the Apple Press is done and is in the process of being sent to members.
- 3. Political Advocacy Jane noted that she has not recently received any provincial information.
- 4. Membership Anne reported that we now have 728 members; 65 of them being associates.
- 5. Pension Morris reported that active teachers will receive a 1.1% cost of living allowance (as of January 2012); those who retired after June 2009 will receive 60% of that amount. As well, we need to apply to host a 2012 Retirement Workshop by September 30.

## **Old Business:**

6. Archives – Connie reported that she can not find any of the old data, at the printers, from the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Schools of Northumberland". John made a motion, seconded by Anne, that we give Connie and Fay permission to proceed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, conditional on a reasonable cost. Carried. They agreed to take the 1<sup>st</sup> edition apart, and see what needs to be added.

## **Old Business Continued**

- 7. Retirement Workshop The date will be October 15. John reported that it is now organized; Jane will substitute for Dave; Charlotte will do the advertisements (CUPE, OSSTF, Directors etc.). Dave suggested that we contact Peterborough District to see about an "every other year" switch with them.
- 8. Travel Fay reported that MERIT offers few guided tours and their service depends on your individual agent. She also noted that because District 30 is so spread out geographically, it is difficult to organize local travel initiatives. Fay will now bring travel "tips" to our dinner meetings.
- 9. Hell With The Bell RTO states clearly that a member can only belong to ONE district, but can attend our social functions and receive our newsletter. Bowmanville area had 46 attendees, with the other four areas each having between 16-18 attending. On the sign-in sheet we will add a column "Are You a District 30 Member?" Charlotte will do a news release for this social event.
- 10. Fall Senate John, Philip (Senators) and Jane, David (Observers) will attend.

## **New Business:**

- 11. Big Brothers/Big Sisters We decided their request to have a speaker address the Clarington members was not worthwhile.
- 12. Constitution Philip reported that it is time to do a review of our Constitution. He, Charlotte, Fay and Jane will form the committee. They will also address the issue of the length of the President's term one or two years?
- 13. District Executive 2012-2013 John will continue until the Spring. According to our Constitution, we can move up the  $1^{st}$

Vice to President, if needed. Charlotte also agreed to fill in for John if he can not attend a function. Looking ahead, it appears we need these positions filled: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- President, Recruitment, Archives and Executive at Large.

- 14. Service to Others Philip will write up the final STO form. At the October meeting, we will ask for initiatives for 2012. Dave will have application forms available; the information will also be available on our website.
- 15. Other Items a) Gordon Cressey (RTO Charitable Foundation) will be the keynote speaker on our October 18<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting.
  - b) The Spring Dinner will be on May 23.
  - c) Possible themes for our Spring Dinner Charity Heritage Travel
  - d) Next Executive November 22 @ Casey's @ 10:00 a.m.

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