

**NORTHUMBERLAND RTO DISTRICT 30 EXECUTIVE MEETING
May 1, 2009**

Attending: Jane McCaig, Dave Randall, Bob and Barbara Moorcroft, Jim Sterling, David Staples, Don Colby, Charlotte Magic, Faye Farmer, John Christie and Morris Tate.

- 1. Secretary's Report: Bob moved, seconded by Barb, that the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting be accepted as printed. Carried.**
- 2. Treasurer's Report: Dave reported that the current balance is \$17, 687. 45, which includes the RTO Grant of \$3,100.00. Moved by Dave, seconded by Don, that the report be accepted as printed. Carried.**
- 3. Correspondence: a) refusal letters for the June meeting – Mowats, Pat Shene, Shane Peacock; b) acceptance letters/calls – Calay Fiddick, Brenda Clark, Peggy Lowery, Ted Staunton, Richard Scringer and Linda Hutsell-Manning. c) Barbara noted that we received a thank you from Alpha House for our past donation.**
- 4. Spring Senate (May 25-27)**

Senator #1 – Jane	Observer #1 - Dave R. or Bob
Senator #2 - John	Observer #2 - Barbara
- 5. Fall Senate (Oct. 26-28)**

Senator #1 - Jane	Observer #1 - Charlotte
Senator #2 - John	Observer #2 - looking for possible volunteer at Spring Dinner

Barbara made a motion, seconded by Charlotte, that we provide the money needed to purchase a display board for use at Senate etc. Carried.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - a) Project Service to Others – Dave R. reported that Blacklite Theatre was the recipient of \$3,100.00 from our district. This will be used to fund props and provide support where needed. Dave made a motion, seconded by Don, that we sponsor an evening for the Blacklite Theatre. Carried. At our fall dinner, this group has volunteered to do a performance.**
 - b) A discussion occurred about possible projects for next year. Don will post this on-line to see if our members have a special project in which they have an interest.**
 - c) Spring Luncheon: June 2 @ The Lion's Centre**

i) Registration, Social, Displays and Refreshments	9:30 – 10:00
ii) Panel Discussion moderated by Linda H.M.	10:00 – 10:45
iii) Business	10:45 – 11:15
iv) Pension Matters (Joanne Murphy)	11:15 – 11:35

Spring Luncheon (continued)

- v) Merit Travel 11: 35 – 11:55
 - vi) Lunch 12: 00 - 1:00
 - vii) Draws (free dinners, cheese, BJ tickets etc.) 1:00 - 1: 15
 - d) **Retirement Workshop: This is on October 17 and RTO officials from Toronto are booked. Charlotte will book Cobourg East High School Library. Jane will look into booking the Dutch Oven to provide refreshments and lunch. The cost is \$15.00/ person or \$25.00/ couple. Anne Tryon will send out the posters to each school.**
 - e) **The Fall Luncheon and AGM will be at the Cobourg Lion's Centre on October 20. The Blacklite Theatre will provide the entertainment. Motion: Bob moved, seconded by Jim, that we offer a free lunch to any RTO member who brings a non-member to this dinner; when/if the non-member joins, the sponsoring RTO member will receive a free lunch. Carried.**
- 7. Committee Reports:**
- a) **Health - Bob reported that he is attending a workshop May 7-8.**
 - b) **Recruitment – Barbara reported that the numbers remain constant; we will be getting a copy of the retirees list from both the public and separate boards.**
 - c) **Hell With The Bell - Plans are well underway for this September, said Barbara. She advised that the new retiree packages be sent out to each co-ordinator in the local area; then they distribute them as needed. Motion: Barbara moved, seconded by Faye, that we send each area \$100.00 to cover expenses and draws etc. Carried.**
 - d) **Political Action – attached**
 - e) **Membership - no report**
 - f) **Pension, Retirement – Morris's report is in the newsletter**
 - g) **i) Local Travel - no report ii) Distant Travel - Faye's report is in the newsletter**
 - h) **Website/Newsletter - Don reported that all regular RTO updates are posted on the web; the latest edition of the Apple Press is about to be sent to members. Motion: Jim moved, seconded by David, that we continue to publish our Apple Press in its present format. Carried.**
 - h) **Archives – no report**
 - i) **Social – no report**
 - j) **Good Will - no report**
- 8. Next Meeting – We will meet at Jane's @ 10:00 a.m. for our next executive meeting. This will be followed by a potluck luncheon.**

POLITICAL ACTION WORKSHOP REPORT

8/9 March 2009

Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre

801 Dixon Road TORONTO

Attended by: Jane McCaig Pres. Dist 30
: Jim Stirling P. A. Rep.

An up-dated (March 2009) Political Action Resource Manual was presented at a three session workshop emphasizing Lobbying and Advocacy by the RTO/ERO Provincial Political Action Committee. Lobbying -"Presentation & Practice" was reviewed by Cliff Huber, District 2 P.A.C chair, and illustrated by his successful prevention of the closing of two senior residences until replaced by a larger home planned for 2011.

A second lobbying program, "7 lessons from 21 years as a government relations consultant" was presented by Leonard Domino, president of Leonard Domino Associates and pointed the way to successful government relations such as could be carried out by RTO political action committees.

The third session featured Susan Eng, vice-president of CARP (a seniors organization), which outlined her recommended approach to issue advocacy. She highlighted her carrot and stick methodology by a review of her successful appeal for a Canadian apology and redress to the many Chinese Head Tax Payers and their Families to address the legislated racism carried out for 62 years under the Head Tax and Exclusion Acts.

A book containing the Political Action Resource Manual and the program carried out at the Political Action Workshop in March 2009 has been assembled for the District 30 Political Action Committee Chairman and should be kept updated by successive Chairpersons.

Submitted by: Jim Stirling
District 30 PAC Representative