



“The Voice for Ontario CAAT Retirees”
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OCRA Executive Meeting #77 – June 13, 2017
9:00 am Teleconference
MINUTES

Present:

- Linda Choptiany, OCRA President (Centennial)
- Janice Coughlin (Fleming)
- Fred Deys (Mohawk)
- Yvonne Glenville (Centennial)
- Jim Martin (St. Clair)
- Derrick May (Mohawk)
- Lorna Plunkett (Fleming)
- Stella Pulkinghorn (Fleming)

- Regrets: Ron Conlon (Loyalist)
Patti Stoll (Seneca)

1. **Welcome**

1.2 President’s Remarks – Linda Choptiany

The June 12 **CAAT Pension Plan Webinar** covered the Plan’s annual report *The Next Fifty Years*, which included updates on the funding health/strong performance of the Plan and its focus for the years ahead. Linda will send out her notes of the webinar. The fully funded plan has seen assets grow to \$9.4 billion at 8% net rate of return for 2016. The Plan serves 47,000 members (14,900 retired) from 38 employers across Ontario. Members are encouraged to advocate for and promote our secure, well managed/well governed multi-employer, jointly sponsored defined benefit plan. Action: Of ongoing concern is that retiree representatives to the Plan are not appointed by retirees. OCRA will consider a communication to Derek Dobson.

OCRA Brochure – Providing a French translation of OCRA’s brochure and other materials was briefly discussed. There are unsustainable process and cost implications for OCRA to move in this direction at this time.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED by Fred Deys and Derrick May Carried

3. Approval of Minutes: OCRA Executive Meeting #76 – April 4, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED by Derrick May and Janice Coughlin Carried

4. Reports

4.1 **Treasurer** - Lorna Plunkett

. Financial Reports to May 2017 were presented and discussed.

Approval: MOVED and SECONDED by Lorna Plunkett and Jim Martin Carried

4.2 **Membership** - Janice Coughlin

Normal payment of OCRA membership fees remains in place through regular mail, and by the group payment from six colleges.

However Janice has been working on a revised membership form which will incorporate a new feature: that of members paying OCRA fees by Interac E-transfer. She has researched many options and routes then tried and tested the chosen process with Yvonne Glenville and Linda Choptiany. Updated forms will include instructions for this option of payment.

4.3 **Communications** - Yvonne Glenville

With Janice Coughlin, Yvonne has updated the OCRA membership form. As well work continues on the OCRA Brochure and the Spring/Summer OCRA Newsletter . Several college retirees have contributed articles about early days in the college system for this 50th anniversary newsletter.

5. **CURAC Conference** – Reporting Back (Ron Conlon)

After representing OCRA at the CURAC conference in Kingston, Ontario, Ron sent out an extensive written report.

Action: Discussion about the conference and CURAC fees will return to the next meeting.

6. **Outreach to non-college CAAT Plan employers** (Fred Deys)

Fred connected with many of the other Plan employers to facilitate relations and introduce OCRA. He will send a summary chart to the Executive of his contacts and findings. He noted that several employers have few or no retirees, while one employer such as the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) has 220 retirees.

Action: OCRA will work to initiate a personal outreach/visit with ROM Human Resources and ROM retirees. We could be helpful with the formation of a retiree association.

7. **General Meeting October 25, 2017, Humber College** (Linda Choptiany)

Linda noted that Humber College retirees are enthusiastic about the upcoming OCRA General Meeting and have offered ideas and suggestions.

Action: As feasible in our timeframe of the day, we will incorporate the suggestions.

Note: A tour of a Tunnel in the Historic part of their campus could be offered for the end of the day.

GM material and Report Deadlines:

The 40 day timeframe to mail GM materials brings us to SEPTEMBER 13. Accordingly, all materials must be prepared and finalized to allow for printing turnaround.

General Meeting and Agenda

. Last year's evaluations indicate that a presentation on *Retiree Benefits* is important to the retirees – by College Employer Council officials.

. It is understood that CRGIAC is reviewing the three Sun Life plans and premiums. What is the current appeal mechanism on a rejected claim with Sun Life?

Action:

- . Linda will prepare a draft of the General Meeting agenda
- . Linda will invite Derek Dobson from the CAAT Plan.
- . Linda will invite Cindy Daley and Steven Lee Kam of the College Employer Council to provide a Benefits Update and to host a Q & A.

GM Guest Speaker

The Executive discussed possible Guest Speakers and referred to a Speaker's List.

Action: Lorna Plunkett offered to initiate contact regarding a speaker from the Baycrest Speaker Series; as appropriate, Linda will follow up with an official Invitation.

CAATs 50th Anniversary

- . Linda will request copies of the 50th Anniversary publication of the College Administrator from editor Bill Swan, for the General Meeting.
- . OCRA will review the schedule of the Ontario Colleges 50th Anniversary Touring Van – with the possibility of having it available at the General Meeting.

8. Other business

Ontario Nonprofit Network

Jim Martin spoke about a potential connection/membership with this association.

Action: No decision was made at this time.

9. **Next meeting:** Discussion about the conference and CURAC fees will return to the next meeting

1. TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017 – 9 am Teleconference

AND

**2. HOLD the date for a *second meeting*: Wednesday, AUGUST 23, 2017
9 am (by Teleconference)**

10. **Adjournment:** 10:50 a.m.

Additional meeting DISCUSSION NOTES, for EXECUTIVE ONLY at this time.