



OCRA Executive Meeting #81 – February 22, 2018  
Teleconference - 10 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

- Linda Choptiany, President (Centennial)
- Janice Coughlin (Fleming)
- Andrew Dykstra (Georgian)
- Yvonne Glenville (Centennial)
- Jim Martin (St. Clair)
- Derrick May (Mohawk)
- Lorna Plunkett (Fleming)
- Stella Pulkinghorn (Fleming)
- Doug Willford (Humber)

**Regrets:** Ron Conlon (Loyalist)

**1. WELCOME**

**1.2 President's Remarks**

- . OPSEU will announce its appointment to CRGIAC (CAAT Retirees Group Insurance Advisory Committee) at the end of February.
- . Linda will attend the FSCO Stakeholder meeting on March 23, 2018, and will report back.
- . Volunteer Canada membership has been renewed for another year providing OCRA officers' insurance.
- . ONCA (Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act – Bill 154) has passed. It will be proclaimed in about 2 years, then bringing legal documents into compliance will be a further 3 years. Also we await regulations, which may include important details. OCRA will wait for the work to be done in these areas before we make any changes in the way we operate.
- . CATNIPS – is a communication of CRGIAC which reports on updates to CAAT retirement benefits plan. Issue No. 8 November 2017 describes some changes ahead in member plans and is available through Council's website and is posted on OCRA's website: [www.ocraretirees.ca](http://www.ocraretirees.ca)
- . OCRA's position of Vice-President needs to be filled.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved and Seconded by Andrew Dykstra and Doug Willford  
THAT the Agenda be approved. Carried

**3. Approval of Minutes:** OCRA Executive Meeting #80 - November 14, 2017

Moved and Seconded by Jim Martin and Yvonne Glenville  
THAT after a small change, the Minutes are approved. Carried

**4. Reports**

**4.1 Treasurer - Lorna Plunkett**

Lorna noted that normal adjustments to the bank accounts will take place at year end December 31, 2017. Accordingly she will be working with the chartered accountant to close the books.

#### 4.1.1 CURAC membership renewal

The Executive had been discussing CURAC's annual membership renewal fee of \$300. CURAC sends out mostly university retiree association information and publications about retiree issues; there is some access to options re travel and insurance. However for various reasons OCRA doubted its direct value-added to our college system members and given the pressure on our increasing operating costs it was

Moved and Seconded by Derrick May and Lorna Plunkett

THAT OCRA does **not renew** its membership with CURAC. Carried

Action: Linda Choptiany will convey this decision to CURAC.

#### 4.2 Membership – Janice Coughlin

Janice's update and report was received. She has purchased a laptop, dedicated for OCRA Membership use, as approved by the executive at the last meeting.

#### 4.3 Communications - Yvonne Glenville

Yvonne gave a brief report on her ongoing work and the group discussed General Meeting communications, much of which will be by email. The general meeting mailing date is April 28, 2018, forty days before the re-scheduled GM which now will take place on June 6.

### 5. OCRA potential membership fee increase

Linda reviewed the email discussions that have taken place. It was agreed that we will explore this idea further:

- . check in with the 5 colleges who collect OCRA fees
- . present the situation to the membership at the June 6 General meeting including an option/invitation for member donations to assist in keeping the membership fee at \$10.

Action: Linda offered to draft a note to our members in time for the GM.

### 6. Constitution and By Law updates – Derrick May

The committee (Derrick May, Linda Choptiany and James Martin) examined, updated and finalized the updates and the documents were sent to the executive in December for review. At today's meeting, after an adjustment to a sentence in Clause 5.0 of the By-Law, it was confirmed that the clauses of the OCRA By-Law and Constitution which have been updated will be presented to the June 6 General Meeting for approval.

### 7. Liaison (HR) update - Ron Conlon

Ron's report giving the updates to college contacts and liaison connections, was received earlier by the executive.

#### 7.1 Member at Large

Moved and Seconded by Stella Pulkinghorn and Andrew Dykstra

THAT director Ron Conlon is appointed as **Member at Large** on an ongoing basis as he continues the work of Liaison/Human Resources contact. Carried

## 8. OCRA General Meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – Humber College, Lakeshore

In discussing the re-scheduled General Meeting, Doug Willford reviewed Humber’s facilities report and summarized the arrangements. The updated brochure will reflect the new date, new date for responses and the room number change.

. Doug noted that Humber’s retiree association annual meeting will follow OCRA’s General Meeting that same day.

. Due to the conflict with its own annual general meeting, Niagara College retiree association is unable to attend the OCRA General Meeting on June 6.

### 8.1 Election Procedure – Derrick May

Derrick May has confirmed that the four directors whose terms are ending on the date of the General Meeting have agreed to stand for re-election. **They are: Linda Choptiany, Andrew Dykstra, Jim Martin, Douglas Willford.** Derrick will send the election slate outline and biographies to the executive.

For the General Meeting election OCRA has a requirement to fill 5 positions for a full term. Also one vacancy was not filled last year, therefore an additional position for a one-year term needs to be filled.

Action: Derrick will lead the official election at the GM on June 6.

## 9. CAAT Pension Champions video – Jim Martin

<https://www.caatpension.on.ca/en/about-us/be-pension-champion>

Jim drew the group’s attention to the above-noted link “Be A Pension Champion” whereby the case for advocacy of Defined Benefit Pensions is made. He felt that this CAAT pension plan document offers full information to readers and our members in a credible and professional manner and presents the rationale for support and advocacy.

Action: OCRA will add this link to its website.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 12 – 10 am, teleconference**

## 11. Adjournment: 11:35 am