

ERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -2011

The ERTA Annual General Meeting was held on June 8, 2011, at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre.

1. Call to Order

Vi Oko, Edmonton Retired Teachers' Association (ERTA) President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Sherry Robbins, seconded by Ray Roy, that the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Sherry Robbins, seconded by Esther Oaks, that the minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting be adopted as printed in the June 2011 newsletter. CARRIED.

4. First Call for Nominations

Joy de Mello, ERTA Past President, presented a slate of nominees for election to the ERTA Executive. Further nominations from the floor were requested.

5. President's Report

Vi Oko summarized Association activities over the past year. Newsletters were prepared and sent electronically or by regular post prior to each of the four luncheons attended by an average of 138 ERTA members and their guests.

Additional outings organized for the membership included two retiree brunches at the University of Alberta Faculty Club, two performances at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre, a field trip to the Alley Kat Brewing Company and two tours of The Enjoy Centre.

Six members represented the branch at the ARTA AGM. Eight ERTA members presently serve in various capacities in either the ARTA office or on ARTA committees.

6. Membership Report

Maurine Maslen acknowledged the promptness with which those people whose ERTA memberships were expiring returned their renewals. She thanked the members of the Telephone Committee for their diligence in contacting the membership before each luncheon and Joan Harrison for her proficiency in coordinating the undertaking.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bernie Lemay presented an audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011. Association assets of \$25,267.43 comprise \$19,806.43 in equity and \$5,461.00 in prepaid membership dues, \$6,000.00 of which is held in term deposits. Moved by Bernie Lemay, seconded by Ray Roy, that the audited financial report be accepted as distributed. CARRIED.

8. Second Call for Nominations

Joy read the names on the nominee list again, then asked for nominations from the floor a second time.

9. Bylaw Revisions

The following revisions to the ERTA bylaws

were presented and accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

a) Moved by Sherry Robbins, seconded by Dorothy Keeler, that 3.1.1.4 retired employees (support staff) of school boards, universities, colleges and technical institutions who have contributed to an Alberta government pension plan be accepted as full members of ERTA, with voting privileges and eligible to hold office. CARRIED.

b) Moved by Dorothy Keeler, seconded by Sherry Robbins, that 3.1.1.5 retired employees (support staff) of the Alberta

Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) who have contributed to an Alberta government pension plan be accepted as full members of ERTA, with voting privileges and eligible to hold office. CARRIED.

c) 3.1.1.4 Spouses or partners of full members who are now deceased is renumbered 3.1.1.6.

d) Moved by Irl Miller, seconded by Dorothy Keeler, that and have been a member for five (5) years be added to bylaw 3.1.3 (which delineates the criteria for awarding a life membership). CARRIED.

e) Moved by Sherry Robbins, seconded by Dorothy Keeler, that or support staff member; and payment of the annual fee is required from both if both individuals in the household wish to have voting privileges be added to bylaw 4.3 (which stipulates that voting privileges are dependent on the payment of the annual fee). CARRIED.

f) Moved by Ray Roy, seconded by Shelley Bouska, that or death of a member be added to bylaw 4.5 (which specifies who is ineligible for a refund). CARRIED.

g) Moved by Sherry Robbins, seconded by Dorothy Keeler, that (AGM); and an audited financial statement shall be presented to the membership in attendance at the AGM be added to bylaw 6.1 (which outlines the requirements for Association meetings). CARRIED.

10. Election of ERTA Executive

Joy de Mello called for nominations from the floor a third time before declaring the following slate of nominees elected by acclamation: President—Vi Oko, Vice-President—Mike Mort, Secretaries (2)—Shelley Bouska and Carol Loewen,

Treasurer—Bernie Lemay, Membership Co-ordinator—Maurine Maslen, Members at Large—Lorraine Caldwell, Ed Friss, Joan Harrison, Dorothy Keeler, Fred Laux, Eva Nolan, Mary Paranych, Cynthia Peterson, Sherry Robbins and Gilles Verret. Joy de Mello announced her retirement from the ERTA Executive. She will officially no longer serve as Past President of the Association.

11. Appreciation of Retiring Executive Members

Vi Oko bid Joy de Mello, Joyce Lukasiwich and Cliff Otto farewell and thanked them for their contribution to the branch—Joy for nine years of service, Joyce for designing the ERTA website and emailing the newsletters the past five years and Cliff for serving as the branch benefits representative, along with manning the registration table at ERTA luncheons and the display table at teachers' conventions the past two years. A special thank you was extended to those executive members who are continuing to serve and a welcome to the new ones who had just been elected.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.