

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 7, 2003

St. Clair College – Student Residence

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 2:10 with Bill Totten in the chair.

The agenda was adopted. Pat Hallahan and George Rapaich

The minutes of May 5, 2003 were approved. Jay Ertel and Tom Callaghan

Business Arising from the minutes

Art Cataloguing Project – Bill Jones has the program working and is now printing pictures. It will be turned over to the Foundation who will maintain it and allow staff to requisition art for their offices.

35th Anniversary Book – is still available.

Board Observer – Pat Hallahan has been attending meeting on our behalf.

Reports

Treasurer – John Payne – we ended 2002 with \$1,921.34 and have a present balance of \$1,546.34. Jim O'Neill reviewed the statement and John went through each item on the statement. The budget for 2003 was also presented. Motion Len Jobin and George Rapaich. Approved.

Social Convenor – John Charlesworth outlined the many activities the past year, including a trip to Stratford and to Pelee Island. A winery trip is planned for this fall and the Christmas lunch is going to be a plated lunch at the Other Place at Market Square.

Newsletter Editor – Del Zangari – Four issues were mailed to all retirees on our mailing list. Del outlined the types of articles printed and encouraged members to submit articles for future newsletters.

Secretary – Anita Blair – We now have 296 members of which 140 have paid their membership fee for 2003.

Chatham/Kent – Jay Ertel – They meet once a month and have a speaker program organized by Mark Janisse. Jay also arranged the successful tour of the Car Museum.

Goodwill Committee – Heather Dube – submitted a long list of the cards sent out to retirees. Heather personally designs each card on her computer.

Vice Presidents – Pat Hallahan – He is our observer to the Board of Governor's and puts a blurb in each newsletter. He is also arranging to get a broker in to the college this fall to speak to us about health benefits.

Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association Report

OCRA had their first annual meeting last fall and 21 of the 25 colleges were represented. Post retirement benefits is the number two issue with the faculty negotiations and the support staff want partial payment of premiums. The demutualization of Sun Life could mean a payment of between \$400 -\$600 for each eligible retiree. There are 1700 retirees and OCRA has the names of approximately 1000. Through PASA,

ACATTO, Committee of Presidents, CAAT Pension Plan they are trying to get the names of all college retirees.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee presented the names standing for office. The changes were :Pat Hallahan for President , Jay Ertel for Vice President and Lynn Wraight for Chatham/Kent representative. Len Jobin and George Rapaich moved that nominations be closed. Approved. Pat Hallahan then took the chair. He summed up Bill Totten's lengthy contributions to the retirees. Bill was presented with a present.

New Business

Release of mailing list is currently only to the United Way. Both the Foundation and the Innovation and Business sector (for Continuing Education teaching) would like the list. Motion by Bill Stammler seconded by Jim Gretes with a proviso that it not be released by these groups. Passed

By Law Revisions – Two changes were presented

1st – add to 3.03 “Associate Member” - a former full time employee of a contractor (eg. Cafeteria/Food Service or Bookstore) who meets the following conditions:

- employment was on a full time basis;
- employment, at St. Clair College, was for a period of no less than ten years
- an application for membership is filed and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

2nd – change 4.6 Quorum to read “A quorum for a general membership meeting shall be 20 members, and for the Executive a quorum shall be three Officers”

Both changes were approved.

Annual Membership Fee - . The change to the bylaws has come about because Dr. Strasser is going to pay the membership fee of \$10 for each of the 300 retirees. Anita Blair offered to continue to collect the \$10 OCRA fee at social events and send it to OCRA.

Other New Business – Blanche Fedoruk brought up the changes to the Con Ed. fees. There are very few courses that the retirees do not pay full price instead of the \$10. Bill is meeting with College officials about the Aqua fitness which has gone from \$10 for 10 weeks to \$4.per session. Bill has recommended to the college that retirees be allowed to pay only \$10 if the maximum enrolment has not been reached.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 after door prizes were won.