

**Northumberland District 30 RTO/ERO  
Fall General Meeting  
October 18, 2011**

**President John Christie opened the meeting, to the 60+ members attending, with words of welcome.**

- 1. David Staples made a motion, seconded by Bob Moorcroft, that the minutes from the Spring General Meeting be accepted as printed in the Apple Press. Carried.**
- 2. Treasurer Dave Randall was unable to attend, so David Staples read his report: “To Hell With the Bell” was celebrated in five areas. The Committee thanks everyone, especially the area organizers. 136 retired teachers/guests attended. Volunteers are needed next year for Brighton, so please let Dave Randall know if you can help.**

**Treasurer’s Update:**

<b>Bank Balance as of Oct. 15</b>	<b>\$8,845.24</b>
<b>Fall Luncheon Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Anticipated Senate Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Anticipated Oct. 31 Balance</b>	<b>\$6,145.24</b>

**David S. made a motion, seconded by Allan Kirby, that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. Carried.**

**3. Committee Reports:**

**Membership – Anne Tryon reported that we now have 744 members.**

**Political Advocacy – Jane McCaig noted that due to an illness by the Provincial Advocate, there has been no new information.**

**Communications – Philip Palmer reported (Don Colby was absent) that he attended a June workshop with Don; the Renaissance can be received online if we let RTO know; Don would like to get everyone’s email address; a volunteer is needed to run our local website.**

**Archives – no report**

**Travel Tips – Fay Farmer mentioned tour companies she recommends: Untours, DH Tours, Senior Tours and Craig Travel; as well, Merit provided “Long Stay” brochures.**

**Service to Others -**

**John reminded us about the Scholarship Fund for university bound, (teacher program) high school grads. RTO/ERO offers up to \$4000 to districts for community projects involving children.**

**Anne had application forms available for interested groups.**

**Constitution – Philip Palmer reported that it is under review and would be submitted to the provincial office in January, 2012.**

**Health – Bob Moorcroft noted that his report was in the Apple Press.**

**4. New Business:**

**a) Slate of Officers for 2011-2012 introduced by Jane McCaig -**

**President – John Christie**

**First Vice – Charlotte Majic**

**Second Vice – Philip Palmer**

**Past President – Jane McCaig (not elected)**

**Treasurer – Dave Randall**

**Secretary – David Staples**

**Health – Bob Moorcroft**

**Communication – Don Colby**

**Recruitment – Anne Tryon**

**Political Activity – Jane McCaig**

**Pension – Morris Tait**

**Travel – Fay Farmer**

**Executive at Large – Allan Kirby**

**Goodwill – Glenys Nielly**

**\*\*\* Archives**

**\*\*\* Social**

**\*\*\* We need volunteers for these two positions.**

**Jane made a motion, seconded by Anne, that the slate of officers be accepted. Carried.**

**b) Fall Senate: Senator 1 John C.; Senator 2 Philip P.;**

**Observer 1 Jane Mc C.; Observer 2 David S.**

**5. Joanne Murphy, RTO/ERO President:**

**She brought greetings and updated us on provincial matters. Joanne thanked Morris, Bob and Don for serving on provincial committees; there is a funding evaluation of OTTP because of the current**

**Joanne continued- shortfall; we have 66, 000 members; our pension is secure; our charitable foundation will be launched at Fall Senate.**

**6. Guest Speaker:**

**President John introduced Gordon Cressy, Director of Advancement and Fundraising RTO/ERO Charitable Foundation. He is a great story-teller with extensive fundraising experience; his success at selling Christmas trees in Trinidad launched his career in the fundraising business. RTO/ERO will have an endowed chair at the University of Toronto to focus on geriatrics and enhance our image; he encouraged us to call an old friend, talk with others about the Foundation and to donate, if possible. Morris thanked Gordon for his inspiring speech.**

**An excellent meal followed, catered by the Lion's Centre. Draw prize winners were: Marilyn Girdwood, Marion Marsh, Cyril Peister, Mary Mitchell, Lorraine Pratt, Allister Gillespie, Marion Davidson, Sharon Staples and Ruth Scott.**

**Our next meeting is May 23, 2012 at the Cobourg Lion's Centre.**

**These minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of RTO/ERO, District 30, Northumberland.**