Saturday 10:00 - 1:00 October 3, 2020

OAME/AOEM Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Attendance: Judy Mendaglio, Glen McMillan, Bart Vanslack, Bill Otto, Cal Armstrong, Connie Quadrini, Corrine Russell-Pritoula, Elizabeth Pearsall, Franca Genco, Freda Liu, Heather Theijsmeijer, Hema Khodai, Jacqueline Hill, Jimmy Pai, Kassandra Kobelak, Liisa Suurtamm, Lori Yee, Lynda Ferneyhough, Melissa Black, Paul Alves, Paulene Washington, Sandra Jean Price, Tim Sibbald, Victoria Maystruk-Falls, Jane Silva, Fred Ferneyhough, Greg Clarke, Alvarine Aldridge, Gina Micomonaco, Siobhain Broekhoven.

10:00 - 10:08 President's Message Judy Mendaglio is proud to be leading this remarkable organization. We are the envy of other subject associations within Ontario and across Canada. Being on this board has been professionally rewarding. But, we are being challenged, not only as teachers, but as an organization as well. We are appealing to chapters to help support our organization. (more to come)
It is always a challenge to decide what to put into a President's Message. It is especially difficult right now, because everything in our world seems to be different when we go to bed than it was when we got up in the morning. How do you select one or two morsels upon which to compose a message?

I think first, I want to say how immensely proud I am to be leading this remarkable organization. The work we do and the way we do it is the envy of other organizations, not just across this province, but across this country. We receive recognition and accolades from coast to coast to coast. Please know that it is the work that you do, as members of OAME and as members of the Board of Directors, that makes this happen. Some of you donate hundreds of hours each year to supporting the work of OAME, and others of you support us as much as you are able. Please know that each contribution matters. In honour of our new Mathematical Modelling overall expectation I'd like to make a connection to the mathematical modelling of Chaos theory -- you never know what effect a seemingly tiny bit of your time will have. Many, many times, a simple email, describing an idea or an issue, has generated tremendous opportunities for OAME, as an organization, to learn and grow. Our own personal opportunities to learn and grow come along at no extra cost, and I have to share that being on the Board of Directors of OAME has been one of the most enjoyable and yet most effective professional learning opportunities that has ever come my way.

So what else do I want to share?

Well, these are difficult times, for students, for educators, and for subject associations. We at OAME are being asked to do more, and with fewer resources. Our opportunities to grow our membership have to be rethought -- without our Annual Conference in 2020, our paid membership numbers have tumbled. In the past, this organization has been able to support its Chapters and has been so happy to do so. Now, I believe our Chapters need to support the Organization. At the Chapter level, we need to reach out to our communities, in our own geographic regions, and let people know that we are here, find out what they need and want, and work together to provide as much support as we are able. There is so much that is different from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, Board to Board, and Chapter to Chapter, that it becomes necessary to consider how Chapters are able to provide targeted professional learning opportunities and support in ways that cannot, and really, should not, be centralized. While there are some needs that are universal across the province (how do I learn coding so that I can teach it?), many needs are unique to a particular region. The Chapters are in the best position to identify those needs and to support their educators. Partnering and collaborating has never been easier, so let us all know what your chapter is planning, and maybe your needs and another Chapter's needs will align. If the larger OAME body can be supportive, ask. The strength of this organization lies with its people, and its people are you.

10:08 - 10:10 Motion to accept agenda. Moved by Sandra Jean Price, seconded by Paulene Washington, that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Motion to accept minutes of last Annual General Meeting October 5, 2019. Moved by Jacqueline Hill, seconded by Tim Sibbald, that the minutes of October 5, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.

10:10 - 10:18 Financial Report Lynda Ferneyhough presented the Financial Report for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Moved by Siobhain Broekhoven, seconded by Lori Yee, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

10:18 - 10:20 Chapter status. As of today, there are four chapters in good standing (list later). A few chapters need to have some memberships updated for executive members.

10:20 - 10:30 Motions from SPaRC and voting Motions for AGM (1).doc Jacqueline Hill spoke to the motions. Moved by Greg Clarke, seconded by Siobhain Broekhoven, that the motion be accepted as presented. Carried.

10:30 Motion to Adjourn Annual General Meeting. Moved by Siobhain Broekhoven that we adjourn the meeting.