

Education Retirees Association (ERAO)
Formerly Ottawa Public Education Retirees Association (OPERA)
Annual General Meeting on: Thursday June 2, 2022 @ 1pm
Via Zoom

Item		Decision/Action
Call to Order	1:05pm	
Executive Members Present	Horst Dannehl, Chris Borzecki, Jan Hynes, John Harding, Shelley McDonald, Rick Chataway, Vikki Zulpo, Cheryl Cavell, plus 5 other members.	
Approval of Agenda	Moved by Horst Dannehl to accept report, seconded by Rick Chataway	Passed
Approval of Previous Year's AGM Minutes	The minutes of the 2020-21 AGM minutes were read by Secretary Vikki Zulpo. Moved by Vikki Zulpo to approve minutes. Seconded by John Harding	Passed
	Note that all the executive reports are attached to these minutes. They were previously posted to the ERAO website, and to the Facebook Page. They were presented by a shared screen during this zoom meeting and read or summarized by each executive member. The following minutes will highlight any questions that arose from the reading of these reports, otherwise will only indicate their approval and acceptance.	
Secretary's Report	Moved by Vikki Zulpo to accept report, seconded by Jan Hynes	Passed
Treasurer's Report	Horst indicated that our bank account as of May 2022 was \$4,952.27 and the two GIC's (\$3,254.94 and \$3,063.29) that come due in December 2023 will be rolled over. He explained that Chris Borzecki audited the accounts and found no errors or discrepancies, however suggested that in future, records be kept of the original requests for funds of the honorariums given to our presenters. Moved by Horst Dannehl to accept report. Seconded by Cheryl Cavell	Passed
Social Committee Report	Shelley read the report, and included a thank you to her committee of tireless workers to bring a full season of great presenters. Discussion followed about the continuance of using Zoom for presentations, which was generally agreed to be the solution for our winter meetings. This would avoid having to cancel due to poor weather, having people driving in bad weather, and allows our snowbirds to still participate. Discussion followed as to having future in person meetings to also be "published" by zoom, however a few possible hitches to that were elucidated: poor internet connectivity in the clubhouse room at Confederation HS, and possible poor sound quality. This will be further discussed when the need arises. Moved by Shelley McDonald to accept report. Seconded by Vikki Zulpo.	Passed

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Registrar's Report	<p>Jan Hynes summarized her report, indicating that Opera Online has been discontinued and that the data base from it was transferred to Mail Chimp and our new ERAO webmaster, Stuart Fraser. She pointed out that anyone who was registered with Opera Online automatically became a member of ERAO. There are 438 members on our Mail Chimp mail out list. Jan also pointed out that for 2 years there has not been a fee to be a member.</p> <p>She also created a new advertising brochure and sent it to both the Public and Catholic boards to be distributed to their new retirees, as due to privacy laws, those lists can no longer be given to us.</p>	Jan will follow up to see if it is actually distributed.
Registrar's Report continued	<p>The Facebook page that was originally created by John Harding a number of years ago was rebranded to ERAO and published as a private page. There are now 98 members on it which has now become the communication tool of ERAO</p> <p>Moved by Jan Hynes to accept report. Seconded by Rick Chataway</p>	Passed
House Convenor Report	N/A	
Opera Online Report	<p>John Harding and Rick Chataway presented their report highlighting the use of Zoom for presentations, the hiring of Stuart Fraser to develop a new website for us under the new name of ERAO, and the work of the committee to develop that new website.</p> <p>Moved by John Harding to accept report. Seconded by Jan Hynes</p>	Passed
New Business	<p>Horst Dannehl described his unsuccessful attempts to discover if our clubhouse room at Confederation is still available and intact. He asked if someone could actually go to the school to reconnoitre, to see if our new TV is still there (and to clean out the fridge!)</p>	Shelley McDonald will stop by to investigate.
	<p>Constitution update: The change of our name from OPERA to ERAO, the discontinuance of Opera Online, the use of a private Facebook page for communication and the fact our last update was in 2017 is requiring a re-vamping of our constitution.</p> <p>Further discussion elucidated it wasn't necessary to take a vote from the membership to have our name changed formerly. There is nothing in our constitution which requires that need. In the past, our name has been changed a number of times (see "About Us" on the website). We have adopted ERAO (Education Retirees Association of Ottawa) as our new name, and just need to get that message out so that our former registered Opera Online members understand that they are still members of the same group, simply with the new moniker of ERAO.</p>	

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<p>Nominations for 2022-23</p>	<p>Requests for nominations from the floor resulted in Stuart Fraser offering to become a new Member at Large. Others of the past executive volunteered to stay on, some in new positions. The following slate of officers for 2022-23 follows:</p> <p>President: Chris Borzecki Past President: Horst Dannehl Secretary: Vikki Zulpo Treasurer: Horst Dannehl Registrar: Cheryl Cavell Social Committee: Shelley McDonald Online Committee: Rick Chataway/John Harding Members at Large: Margaret Bryan, Robyn Dunbar, Stuart Fraser</p> <p>Moved by Horst Dannehl to accept Nominations. Seconded by Ron Conboy</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Next Executive Meeting</p>	<p>August 9, 2022 @ 10 am, at this time, via Zoom</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Horst Dannehl to adjourn. Seconded by Vikki Zulpo</p>	<p>Adjournment @ 1:50pm</p>