

**RTO Executive Meeting Minutes
March 9 – 10, 2015
NSTU**

In Attendance: Jim Kavanaugh, President	Bill Berryman, Vice-President
Gary Archibald, MAL	John Donovan, MAL
George Landry, MAL	Peter Lewis, MAL
Bill Wagstaff, MAL	Al MacKinnon, Pension Rep.
Dorothy Smith, MAL	Fred Jeffery, Treasurer

Regrets: Randy Holmesdale, Past President
Fred Jeffery, Treasurer (March 9 only)
Herb Seymour, MAL

Membership Numbers – End of February, 2015 – 7110

1. Call to Order/ Welcome

President Jim welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

2. Agenda: Additions/ Approvals

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**MOTION: THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19- 20, 2015 WERE
ACCEPTED WITH MINOR CHANGES.
PETER LEWIS/BILL BERRYMAN. CARRIED.**

5. Business Arising:

a. Executive Action Sheet

President Jim reviewed the December 2014 and January 2015 Action Sheet and noted items that were completed and one that was carried forward.

6. Correspondence: In-Out

President Jim read a 'thank you' note from Bruce Kelloway thanking the RTO for the 7 years of association and the departure gift.

President Jim, circulated Newsletters from P.E.I. and Saskatchewan. Gary Archibald will send our Newsletter to them in reply.

There was some discussion concerning news in the press of Nova Scotia teachers receiving 100% premium medical coverage paid by the province. There has been no media response from the NSTU.

Good Life Fitness has been contacted concerning getting a discount – no response yet.

The Research Project from Myrna Barwin has been delayed until May.

7. RTO Timelines

President Jim reviewed the February and March Timelines. Of special note was the reminder to have Branch Presidents collect the Retiree Packages prepared by the NSTU at the May 21, 2015 meeting.

8. Reports:

a. Table Officers

The Kings' Resolution regarding electronic copies of reports will be discussed with Dave Jones at the Presidents' Meeting.

The Lunenburg Resolution was attended to under Finance Committee.

**MOTION: THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE LUNENBURG RESOLUTION BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE.
BILL BERRYMAN/JOHN DONOVAN. CARRIED.**

Regarding the 2 Cumberland Resolutions:

**MOTION: THAT THE MAL FROM CHIGNECTO CENTRAL APPROACH THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH EXECUTIVE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION #7 BASED ON RESPONSES ADOPTED BY THE RTO EXECUTIVE.
PETER LEWIS/GEORGE LANDRY. CARRIED.**

**MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #6 FROM THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH.
BILL BERRYMAN/JOHN DONOVAN. CARRIED.**

Lieutenant Governor's Award – A meeting has been set up with Christopher McCreery and the Table Officers for Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the NSTU Building.

The AGM check list was reviewed and Dorothy will put in motion the items that need attention. It was decided to have a RTO door prize and no prizes from the Branches for this year.

b. Finance

The Finance report was given on March 10, 2015 – see page 6.

c. Communications

Chair, Gary Archibald presented his report. The February Newsletter was indeed commendable with 32 pages of pictures and information of our Branch members.

Gary stressed the importance of one Newsletter per household and put forth some suggestions. In order to accomplish this task funding was needed for stamps, envelopes and photocopying. The following motion ensued:

**MOTION: THAT \$100 BE ALLOTTED FOR FUNDING TO THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE TO DEFRAY COSTS IN CONTACTING HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING DUPLICATE NEWSLETTERS SEEKING THEIR AGREEMENT TO RECEIVING A SINGLE COPY.
BILL BERYMAN/JOHN DONOVAN. CARRIED.**

The next Newsletter submission date and the last one for the year is March 25, 2015.

d. Research and Review

Bill Wagstaff, Chair, presented his report. He presented the results of the Branch survey in regards to their relations, both formal and informal, with the area NSTU Locals.

The issue of wills and estate provisions was referred to the Executive as a topic for Branch Presidents' Meetings.

ECRTO materials are in the process of being collated.

Due to inclement weather in February a meeting was not held.

Lunch Break – 12:35 – 1:30

e. Membership

George Landry, Chair, presented his report.

Concern was expressed with the correlation of the RTO database with the Johnson database. This is still a work in progress.

RTO packages were sent to Pension Services Corp. for inclusion in the materials that are sent to retirees when they apply for their pensions. The committee will be looking into RFID protection cases and medical cards as items to promote the RTO. Peter Lewis circulated sample medical cards.

f. Pension and Benefits

Chair, Al MacKinnon, presented his report. The committee is pursuing a booklet regarding “ What happens at age 65?” and “frequently Asked questions”.

g. Programs

Peter Lewis, Chair, presented his report. Two successful programs were conducted. On October 9, a dozen RTO member from the Metro Area attended an all day workshop presented by Cathy Carmody titled Creating a New Story for Life Beyond 55. The RTO is interested in setting up workshops on Conscious Aging in other areas of the Province.

On March 3rd, the second workshop on Advance Care Planning was presented by Colleen Cash, Executive Director of NSHPCA. Six RTO members from across the province attended this workshop to become “trainers/presenters” who can continue to deliver the public education program in respect of Advance Care Planning.

h. Foundation and Community Transit

Herb Seymour, Chair, was not able to be present but passed in his report. The deadline for applications for the Legacy Foundation is March 31, 2015.

He is still not receiving the E-News from the Community Transit - Nova Scotia but is optimistic he will receive the next issue.

i. Nominations

Bill Berryman, Acting Chair ,presented the report for Nominations. There are 2 candidates for the position of Treasurer and 2 candidates for the position of the RTO Pension Representative. These are 2 year positions which will be voted for at the May AGM.

There will be 4 Regions : Strait, Chignecto-Central, Halifax Metro and South West Shore (13 Branches) with a new Member at Large elected by their respective regions.

j. Resolutions

Bill Berryman, Chair, passed out the Report of the Resolutions Committee for the May 22, 2015 AGM.

k. Liaison

The Liaison Meeting was held February 10, 2015. President Jim and Vice-President Bill B. along with Executive Director, Joan Ling and Assistant Executive Director, Allan MacLean attended.

Our pension is 75% funded.

NSTU Services to RTO:

Shanon Sheppard is our NSTU staff member looking after RTO matters. Emily Denty will be back-up for the RTO database .

There was discussion on the many changes proposed by the Minister of Education.

The RTO website connecting to NSTU Locals will be online in the near future.

The next Liaison Meeting will be May 12, at 1:30 p.m.

l. Group of 1X

The meeting was held January 22, 2015. Bill Berryman, Chair of the Group of IX, reported that the Deputy Minister, Bernie Miller was unable to attend and Jeff Larsen, Executive Director, Office of Planning and Priorities, Government of Nova Scotia reported on his behalf.

Items discussed:

The Ivany Report response

Canada Post response

Nova Scotia Pharmacare

Group of IX brochure

Dementia Strategy

Blood Collection Services – Capital Health

Bill Berryman, reported on the Department of Seniors Telephone Conference Call with the Group of IX Seniors Advisory Council of Nova Scotia which was held on February 26, 2015. Items discussed:

Blood Collection

Dementia Strategy Update

Role and purpose of Group of IX

Follow-up meeting with Jeff Larsen

Engage Nova Scotia

Department of Health and Wellness Long-Term Care Policies

Chair of Group of IX to participate in the Department of Seniors

Building Engagement for Community Engagement on Aging Issues

m. ACER/CART

Bill Berryman reported that the 2015 Federal election pamphlet has been translated and is at the printers.

9. President's Agenda

Vice-President Bill Berryman reviewed the Branch Presidents' Agenda.

10. Other/ New Business

a. Medical Plan – A lot of media coverage on this issue.

b. Curling Tournament – Very successful.

c. Pension Symposium Retiree Panel – Retiree panel was cancelled.

d. NSTU Services for RTO – Dealt with in 8. K.

e. Appointment of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – It was agreed that the Communications Committee make a recommendation re the appointment of Editor and Webmaster at their April meeting.

11. Round Table – No discussion.

**Tuesday March 10, 2015
10:10 a.m. start.**

8. b. Finance

Treasurer, Fred Jeffery , presented the Financial Statement.

**MOTION: THAT THE EXECUTIVE APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE A GIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR A 1 YEAR TERM.
FRED JEFFERY/BILL BERRYMAN. CARRIED.**

The RTO Foundation Grant Fund is healthy. Branches are contributing more and are encouraged to continue to remind their members of the Foundation.

Treasurer, Fred presented the Year End Financial Statement December 31, 2014, depicting Revenue, Budget, and Actual with explanatory notes.

**MOTION: THAT THE YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2014 BE ADOPTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT.
FRED JEFFERY/BILL BERRYMAN. CARRIED.**

**MOTION: THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015 BE ACCEPTED.
FRED JEFFERY/JOHN DONOVAN. CARRIED.**

The RTO Budget for January 1 to December 31, 2016 was presented.

**MOTION: IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGM APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET.
FRED JEFFERY/JOHN DONOVAN. CARRIED.**

12. In-Camera

MOTION: TO MOVE IN-CAMERA.

GARY ARCHIBALD/PETER LEWIS. CARRIED

**MOTION; TO MOVE OUT OF IN-CAMERA.
GARY ARCHIBALD/GEORGE LANDRY. CARRIED.**

While in Camera the following motion was passed.

**MOTION: TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE RE TPPTI APPOINTMENTS.
GEORGE LANDRY/PETER LEWIS. CARRIED.**

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Recorded by
Dorothy Smith
March 9 & 10, 2015.