

## **Quota International Inc. - District 18 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Minutes**

Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quota International Inc. District 18 Conference held at The Embassy West Hotel and Conference Centre, Ottawa, Ontario May 1 – 3, 2009

### **OPENING CEREMONIES - Friday, May 1, 2009**

The conference was called to order at 9:05 on Friday, May 1, 2009 by presiding Governor Anne Ollikainen – prior to this, registration, set up of club sales and any other history/displays had been completed. Anne welcomed all present – both members, friends and visiting dignitaries.

This introduction was followed by the Presentation of Colours by the past and current district, international and club members.

Followed by the singing of O Canada and the Star Spangled Banner.

The invocation was given by Carol Simpson, Past President of the Orillia club followed by a welcome from our host club, given by Liz Revell, President

At this point, Anne Ollikainen welcomed the members that attended a conference for the first time.

This was followed by the introduction of dignitaries by Carol Kolbus of the Ottawa club. Greetings were given by the Honourable Jim Watson, MPP for Ottawa – West Nepean; Councillor Christine Leadman, Kittchissippi ward of Ottawa and Yvonne Garvey, Assistant director of Cornerstone.

International Representative – Rosemary Hannie – was introduced and welcomed by our Lt. Governor, Mary Delaney. Rosemary brought with her, her personal thanks for being invited to our conference plus greetings from International. District Secretary Treasurer Joan Jackman read greetings from Toddy Silkman, President, Quota International; Gwen Jackson, Quota International Treasurer. Mary Pribich, Past International Treasurer, Judy Goulet, Canada Area Director, Denise DeShaw, Ottawa Deaf Centre; Larry O'Brien, Mayor of Ottawa; Paul Dewar, MPP Ottawa-Centre;

A report of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Marie Giberson of the Barrie club followed. Mary Delaney (our current Lt. Governor and member of the Ottawa Club) has agreed to stand for Governor and Anne Keating-Morrison (Collingwood club) has agreed to stand for Lt. Governor. Since no other nominations were forthcoming, and both positions being uncontested there was no need for an election. Mary Delaney was declared our new Governor and Anne Keating-Morrison was declared our new Lt. Governor.

Your new slate of officers for 2009-2010 is as follows:

Mary Delaney (Ottawa)- Governor  
Anne Keating-Morrison (Collingwood) – Lt. Governor  
Kim Sanders (Ottawa) – Secretary Treasurer

Both Mary and Anne gave short acceptance speeches. As both positions were uncontested, there was not a need for an elections committee. Mary Delaney re-affirmed her slogan of “Spring Forward Together” and as yet Ann has not determined her slogan.

Awards were presented as follows:

Membership Award – Barrie & Grey Bruce  
UNICEF Award – Ottawa  
History Award – Owen Sound  
Attendance Award – Owen Sound

The Committee for Conference Minutes as appointed by Anne Ollikainen as follows:

Leah Thomson – Peterborough Club  
Donna Potts – Peterborough Club  
Evelyn Bazos – Orillia Club

At this point, all attendees to the conference sang the district song “We Can Make A Difference”.

Introduction of our entertainment was done by Pam Clark of the Ottawa (host) club. The entertainment of the Corkstown Ceili Band was enjoyed by all – great group. Governor Anne Ollikainen thanked them. At that time all proceeded to the hospitality suite provided by the host club for fun and fellowship.

### **Business Session – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

Conference resumed at 8:30 a.m. with Governor Anne Ollikainen presiding. The Quota collect and Quota objectives were presented by Leah Thomson (Peterborough ) – head table was introduced by Governor Anne – the roll call of delegates was read by the Secretary Treasurer Joan – presentation of program and conference rules presented by Laurie Neill (Orillia) – report by the conference registrar Patricia Kirk (Ottawa) for a total of 69 in attendance including 20 delegates, 2 Past International Presidents, 3 district officers, 1 international representative. 43 general members.

The report from the Credentials Committee co-chaired by Georgina Waind and Heather Fell – district officers 3, Past International Presidents 2, club delegates 20 – total voting strength 25

At this time reports were presented by our Governor Anne Ollikainen and Lt. Gov. Mary Delaney.

The next item of business was the acceptance of the 2008 Conference minutes – moved by Carol Simpson and seconded by Betty Lou Howlett that the minutes of the 2008 conference be accepted – motion carried.

Secretary Treasurer Joan presented Treasurers report – moved by Joan and seconded by Mary Moffett that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. - carried

The Orillia club represented by Laurie Neill provided a written statement that the books for district 18 are in good and proper order - accepted

Presentation of the Budget was carried forward to Sunday morning.

Suzanne Prosser presented the Helene Mackenzie Trust Fund Report and the Treasurer's report from the Trust Fund was presented by Louise Beard (mention was made of the fact that Louise has kindly stepped into this role as a result of the much mourned death of previous treasurer Faye Burnie).

The Historian award was not presented at this time but it was noted that Judy Juniper would speak to this later in the conference.

A report was made by the Ad Hoc By-Laws & Resolutions committee with Betty Lou Howlett presenting – it was moved by Suzanne Prosser seconded by Helen Macdonald that the District 18 standing rules remain as is – motion carried

Therefore the Ad Hoc committee is now dissolved.

A report from the Resolutions and By Laws Committee chaired by Kathy Blacow of Collingwood resulted in several changes to our standing rules:

1. change to district standing rule # 38 – word change from auditory to auditing  
Moved by committee seconded by Peggy Ann Black (Owen Sound) motion carried
2. change to district standing rule # 7A – change to section # 7C – The mileage award was retired but is listed below for information only (I) mileage award – a plaque donated by Donna Spicer, Governor 1994. Presented to the club travelling the most kilometers to conference. Formula based on the number of members attending x the kilometers travelled. Retired 2006. This new section will avoid mixing active awards with retired awards. Moved by committee seconded by Susan Smith (Orillia) – motion carried
3. change to district standing rule # 15 delete “effective as of June 2006” moved by committee seconded by Susanne Sipprell – motion carried
4. change to district standing rule # 7A (v) move to retired awards – moved by committee and seconded by Judy Juniper – motion carried
5. change to format of standing rules – note at start of “Standing Rules” for further information regarding District rules and responsibilities refer to Quota International Bylaws Article XV: Districts moved by committee and seconded by Betty Lou Howlett – motion carried
6. change to district standing rule # 20 – delete the sentence “District 28 Standing Rules will have a section that lists the committees and their duties.” rest of the rule remains the same – moved by committee and seconded by Linda Hodgson – motion carried
7. change to district standing rule 3A change to “At least 60 days before the opening date of the conference, the Governor shall appoint a District 18 Standing Rules Committee of .....” moved by committee and seconded by Valerie Parker(Hamilton) motion carried
8. that the following donation be added to 7B of the standing rules for recognition and perpetuity  
a)one flag stand donated by Governor Evelyn Horne to District 18 in October 1972 and b) four flag stands donated by Past /Governor Donna Spicer in October 1995 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of District 18 – moved by Liz Revell(Ottawa) seconded by Pam Clark (Ottawa) motion carried
9. that the words effective conference 2007 be removed in section 2 – moved by Liz Revell (Ottawa) seconded by Pam Clark (Ottawa) – motion carried
10. that all references to bylaws in 3A to be changed to standing rules – moved by Liz Revell and seconded by Pam Clark – motion carried
11. that the word effective 2007 be removed from section 14 – moved by Liz Revell and seconded by Pam Clark – motion carried
12. that the # 20.a.ii be changed to Standing Rules Committee – moved by Liz Revell and seconded by Pam Clark – motion carried
13. that a new section be created to contain Retired Awards – moved by Liz Revell and seconded by Pam Clark – motion carried

14. that as awards are moved to 7C the remaining awards be numbered accordingly – moved by Liz Revell and seconded by Pam Clark – motion carried.

The next part of our program was the presentation by our International Representative, Rosemary Hannie, President-Elect Quota International. Many of us had met Rosemary prior to this conference so we were all looking forward to hearing her speak again – she has a wonderful warm and receptive personality and it is a pleasure to hear her. As an introduction, she mentioned that she had recently been to the Netherlands and they had lost her luggage – she laughed that she was so pleased to have clean clothes etc. to wear while in Canada as her luggage had followed her with no problem. Much of her speech centered around the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Quota, membership and its importance and our urgent need to secure and retain new members not only globally but within our own district and to consider leaving a legacy by making that donation to Quota .

At this time the conference had a break for coffee and club sales

When we returned from coffee – a little fun was had by all. Off shore presentations were presented by Orillia, Hamilton, Mariposa, Owen Sound and Barrie..

Following our fun – off shore presentations – it was noted that we did not need an Election for Officers as there were no nominations other than from the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee for next year was appointed and are as listed below:

Carol Simpson – Orillia  
Judy Juniper – Grey Bruce  
Leah Thomson – Peterborough

The next part of our morning session was presented by Carolyn Stubbs, Parliamentarian. Her presentation of “How to Make Parliamentary Procedures Work for You” was very well received by all members and very informative to all. While she obviously did not have the time to get into all aspects of policy and procedures she did touch on many of them:

- a) a wonderful tool is the condensed version of Robert's Rules
- b) rules make a way to transact business in a timely fashion
- c) make sure you always have a motion and a seconder – if you do not have a seconder your motion dies for lack of support
- d) listen to what people are thinking
- e) a motion is talking about things in the right way to do things and right way to make things better
- f) parliamentary practices change – rules make things quicker and less complicated
- g) minutes are what action the group took, not the discussion
- h) motions also give you the option to reverse bad decisions

At this point we broke for club sales and for the Lt. Governor's Luncheon

The Lt.Governor's luncheon commenced with the theme “I Am Powerful” and was presided over by Mary Delaney. The Invocation was given by Judy Juniper(Grey Bruce). Helen MacDonald(Mariposa) introduced our speaker – Emily Bocking, Constituent Outreach Development Officer for CARE Canada. Emily spoke about the great support she has had from Quota Ottawa over the past few years and she enlightened us as to exactly what our donations can accomplish. Powerful returns are enjoyed

for every dollar donated. In addition, for every dollar donated CIDA will match same so we are getting a double return on our donations. Emily focused her talk on women in Afghanistan and what are donations do there. If you can re-train the women (moms, aunts, daughters, grandmothers) this will in turn help the children. When they have a means of support it encourages education, good family values, a means of support for on going generations and the benefits go on and on. Our Lt. Governor has asked that each club bring a donation to CARE rather than a gift to be used as a prize draw – on site service. With this in mind each club gave a donation plus there were several personal donations given by our members with total donations of \$750.00 and with CIDA's match up program it came to \$1500.00 donated to the Afghan Women's Training Program. Emily thanked all for their support and announced that Ottawa club received the CARE award with honourable mention to Orillia. Lt. Gov. Mary thanked our speaker and presented her with the cash donation and a small gift from our members.

After a delicious and informative lunch we proceeded with our business session.

Our International Representative, Rosemary Hannie commenced her presentation by presenting some awards to several of our clubs and/or members. A Plus 1 Club award went to Grey-Bruce and to Peterborough, a District Dynamo award to Owen Sound club, Founders Awards to Leah Thomson and to Linda Kranich and to the Orillia Club. She advised that five new clubs had been recently chartered (or would be within the next few weeks) those being Azalea City, Georgia, St. Augustine, Florida, Boca Raton, Florida, St. Eustatius in the Caribbean and the fifth club was not mentioned. Hopefully District 18 will charter a new club this year. She also advised that after May 1, 2009 there will be a posting which will show sixteen club-to-club projects in the developing countries that any club can donate to so please do have a look at them. With regards to the dues increase which is always a very sensitive subject, we only lost one club as a result of this. All clubs were understanding in as much as they knew this issue had to be addressed and dues raised. It was therefore not the devastating problem that was somewhat anticipated. As of March 31, 2009, Quota International had 6,116 members with 281 clubs. Rosemary also asked that we view the new Quota Express magazine – the password is quota member – and Liz did bring it up on her laptop during Rosemary's speech.

At this point Rosemary handed out a survey and asked that each member complete it and she would return them to head office where they would be compiled and results distributed to each club. Her presentation topic was “Leaders as Listeners”.

Growing your district is everyone's business. Suggestions discussed:

1. try to grow your individual club
2. mentor young girls – schools, etc.
3. partner with other service clubs
4. partner in other communities then interest builds
5. look at deaf community and other groups to form a club that will help disadvantaged with within their own culture

Next we had the off shore presentation from Peterborough, Ottawa, Grey Bruce, Collingwood and Huronia.

At this point the business session for Saturday is finished. We broke for club sales, friendship and comraderie with preparation for club photographs and the evening banquet.

In addition, the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund meeting was held and a representative from each club

attended. Also the President's Council meeting took place and was attended by club presidents or a representative.

### **Installation Banquet – Saturday evening, May 2, 2009**

The banquet commenced at 7:00 p.m. with Governor Anne presiding. The leaders was piped in by piper Bethany Bisailon of the Cameron Highlanders and the invocation given by Gail Pomeroy of the Peterborough club. Toasts were presented by Delores Brosky of Owen Sound.

Awards were given as follows:

Community Service Award – winning club to inform Lt. Governor Mary  
Disadvantaged Women & Children - Orillia  
Velma Moffet Shatter the Silence Award - Ottawa  
Volunteer of the Year Award – Eugenia Rawn – Owen Sound

Following dinner, Rosemary Hannie installed the new executive for District 18 –  
Mary Delaney – Governor  
Ann Keating Morrison – Lt. Governor  
Kim Sanders – Secretary Treasurer

An evening of great entertainment followed in the form of a “Elvis” aka Dan Burgess – entertainment thanked by Anne Ollikainen – after banquet all retired for fun and frolic to the hospitality room.

### **Business Session – Sunday morning, May 3, 2009**

The business session resumed on Sunday morning, May 3, 2009 at 8:30 with Governor Anne presiding. Again, reports submitted by the Conference Registrar and the Credentials Committee – the only change was that there was one less voting delegate as Delores Brosky had to leave the conference early for another commitment.

Further district awards were presented by Governor Anne.

International Service Award – Peterborough with honourable mention to Collingwood  
Helene MacKenzie District Trust Fund – Orillia with honourable mention to Grey-Bruce  
Campbell Soup Labels – Ottawa with honourable mention to Grey-Bruce  
Conference Attendance Award – Orillia with honourable mention to Collingwood

A presentation was done by the Helene MacKenzie and Past Governors of Quota District 18 – presentation done by Suzanne Prosser. A short overview was done of Helene MacKenzie. i.e. she was with the Hamilton Club, in 1978 a donation was made in her honour and and for many years sat unused until the Helene MacKenzie Trust was formed with the mandate to assist the deaf. The silent auction this weekend raised \$573.00 together with additional donations by individuals of \$60.00 and the trustees of \$225.00 – the 50/50 draw was won by Louise Menu and was held this year in memory of Faye Burnie. A short DVD was shown on the work of the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund.

This presentation was followed by Memory Time and prayers/remembrances were done by Judy Juniper of the Grey-Bruce club.

The 2010 budget was presented by Joan Jackman - moved by Joan Jackman and seconded by Mary

Moffett the budget was accepted as presented.

This was followed by a discussion re a district project for this year – after much discussion and with a look at our financial position, it was decided to suspend a district project for this year only. It will be reviewed again next year and at that time, depending on our financial situation, it will be decided if a district project can be financed. For the year 2009, from a financial standpoint, this is not possible. Moved by Betty Low Howlett and seconded by Linda Kranich that we do not have a district project this year. - motion carried.

Campbell Soup labels were this year donated to Sir James Whitney School – after much discussion regarding the donation for next year, it was decided by a vote of hands to donate the labels for 2010 to the Robarts School for the Deaf and for 2011 to The Bob Rumball Camp for the Deaf.

According to our rules, our conferences are to be booked three years in advance – Collingwood has the invitation to conference for 2010 and are busily planning same - they showed a short video outlining the benefits and the opportunities of beautiful Collingwood – a package was given out to each club – the date of the conference is May 14 – May 16, 2010 – Collingwood club urged all to come and have a great time - Huronia is the next in the rotation and they agreed to host conference 2011 – Owen Sound/Grey Bruce have agreed to host conference in 2012.

Our next item of business was that we must address the issue of history/archives. It was moved by Pam Clark and seconded by Marie Giberson that Judy Juniper be the history/custodian for District 18 – motion carried.

Our next item for discussion was the web site – we are not making full use of this site and it does need to be updated – please take this issue back to your club and be in touch with web master Liz Revell so that she can either up date and /or coach you to update the site. We have it – let's use it to the best of our ability.

Faye Burnie was a valued and long standing member of the Quota Club of Orillia and more recently the Mariposa Club – it was announced that there would be a memorial service for her on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the cemetery with reception at the ANAF in Orillia.

Final comments were presented by several – Rosemary Hannie thanked everyone for a wonderful conference and said how much she enjoyed being here and that we had raised a total of \$1,430.00 for international (pin sales, donations, etc.) Ann Keating Morrison thanked her for coming and then presented the conference courtesy motions. Governor Anne thanked all clubs for giving her the honour of serving as your Governor for two years – she thanked her local club for the support – she thanked Liz & Carol as co-chairman for the conference, she thanked Carolyn Stubbs for her participation in the conference and she also advised that she would be leaving a legacy with the district of her governorship – she will replace the sashes for the flag bearing ceremonies for future years to come.

The District on behalf of the members presented Governor Anne with a small gift as a token of our affection and appreciation.

The Conference closed with all participating in the singing of our song “We Can Make A Difference” and Governor Anne officially passed the gavel to our new Governor Mary Delaney, officially adjourning the conference of 2009.