

Quota International Inc, District 11

Minutes of the 72nd Annual Conference

May 2 - 4, 2008, Estevan, Sask.

Friday, May 2nd, 2008

Friday afternoon, Quotarians arriving visited with the executive, hosted by Governor Sue, Secretary/Treasurer Joy and International President Elect Toddy Silkman, in the International President Elect's hospitality suite.

Club Sales and Silent Auction set up took place from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, followed by registration for attendees from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Dinner commenced at 6 pm, followed by **Opening Ceremonies**, presided over by Governor Sue Blackwell. Governor Sue warmly welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending.

Presentation of the Flags

The Estevan Pathfinders, accompanied by Piper Sierra Johnson, presented the Flags.

The National Anthem, "O Canada" was sung by all members, led by Governor Sue. Susie Ross, QI of Estevan gave the Invocation.

Greetings were brought by Governor Sue Blackwell, QI of Penticton, International Rep, President-Elect Toddy Silkman, QI of Kent Valley, Washington, USA, followed by greetings received by mail and the Dignitaries' greetings received.

Valerie Hall, President, QI of Estevan, gave the **Quota Welcome** with Joy Pinney, QI of Penticton giving the **response**.

Cubs presented their best projects or fundraisers for the **Anne Geddes Gong Presentations**, followed by club's \$50 **Off-Shore Presentations** to the Governor.

Governor Sue and President Valerie Hall presented the **On-Site Project**, being a **Program Helping Children** who are **in abusive situations**.

Fun and fellowship time followed.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008

Governor Sue hosted the **Leadership Training and Computer Tips**, Saturday morning at 7 am with **Sheila Leach-Dogherty**, an employee of Sask Power being the **presenter**. Sheila was very knowledgeable and gave Quotarians many valuable ideas to work more efficiently on computers.

A continental breakfast was served at 8 am and the late registration, club sales and the Silent auction tables were open during this time.

CONFERENCE CONVENED at 9:00 am.

Presiding was Governor Sue Blackwell, QI of Penticton. **Introduction** of the **Head Table** included Joy Pinney, District Secretary/Treasurer, International Rep President-Elect Toddy Silkman, QI Kent Valley, Washington, USA, and Parliamentarian Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright.

Invocation was given by Carol O'Brien, QI of Medicine Hat and the **Collect** was led by Valerie Hall, QI of Estevan.

Conference Rules were presented by Parliamentarian Judy Goulet, QI of Wainwright

Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer, Joy Pinney showed the attendance as: Estevan 7, Medicine Hat 3, Penticton 2, Wainwright 2, Weyburn 4 and Winnipeg 4 for a total of 22.

The **Minutes from 2007 Conference** were presented by Secretary/Treasurer Joy Pinney. **M/S** Joy Pinney/Marlene Yurkowski, QI Weyburn to adopt 2007 Conference Minutes as presented. **Carried.**

Report of Registration Committee given by Lois Giesbrecht, QI of Estevan **reported** 23 members in attendance, including one guest.

Report of Credentials Committee by Lois Giesbrecht, QI of Estevan included 1 International Officer, 1 District Governor, 1 Secretary/Treasurer, 9 Delegates for a total voting strength of 11.

Reports of District Officers

All District Officers' reports are attached and form part of these minutes:

District Governor Sue Blackwell, QI of Penticton

District Lt. Governor Kathy Coroluick , QI of Weyburn - Presented by Governor Sue in Kathy's absence. This included **Development & Growth** and **Membership reports.**

District Secretary-Treasurer Joy Pinney, QI of Penticton gave reports of **Notes & Quotes**, the **Financial Statement** and presented the **2008-2009 Proposed Budget.**

M/S Joy Pinney/Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat to accept the Financial Statement as presented. **Carried.**

Nominations Report: Chairperson Judy Goulet, QI of Wainwright advised that after repeated contacts and requests, there were no nominees to be presented.

Resolution Report: Chairperson Bev Jaeger, QI of Medicine Hat advised that no resolutions were received, but a unanimous vote allowed discussion of a change in Rule I 11, B1 to read: "Shall be appointed within 60 days **following** the annual Conference by the Governor and each Club will be advised accordingly." **Approved.**

District Historian Report: President Val Hall, QI of Estevan reported history book pages available to work on each clubs' history during the Conference.

Promotions: President Elect Toddy Silkman, International Rep, QI of Kent Valley, Took this opportunity to entice us with the lovely pachmina scarves and jewelry that Quota Int have available this year.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break, Club Sales and Silent Auction

After coffee break, Judy Goulet, Nominations Chairperson returned to the podium to again **call for nominations** for Governor and Lt. Governor.

QI of Winnipeg nominated Yvonne Larner for Governor.

QI of Medicine Hat nominated Bev Jaeger for Lt. Governor.

As there were no further nominations from the floor, Judy declared them elected unopposed.

Final Credentials Committee Report: Lois Giesbrecht, QI of Estevan reported 9 delegates, 2 District Officers, total of 11 voting strength.

Bursary Recipient Report: Bev Jaeger announced that Nicol Exxon is the recipient out of 9 applicants.

Special Bursary Task Force Report: Evelyn Johnson, QI of Estevan/Valerie Hall moved the District adopt the recommendations in the report submitted by Task Force Chair Maureen Taylor. Section 111, 5 – 7, striking #8 as this is no longer offered by Quota International. **Carried.**

International Dues Increase Discussion: Int. Rep President-Elect Toddy Silkman advised that the increasing deficit each year could amount to \$363,000 by 2010 in Quota International finances, which necessitates an increase in dues. Discussion and questions followed, but there was no opposition to Quota International proposals. Toddy urged Clubs to be creative in helping fixed income members retain their memberships. She also told us about the Plus One Guide membership growth challenge, with a planning guide available to the Clubs.

12:15-1:30 LADIES LUNCHEON hosted by Governor Sue Blackwell, honouring members for achieving membership in 5 year increments and recognized with certificates for the following:

5 years:

- Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn
- Judy Stafford, QI Wainwright

- Christy Cloutier, QI Wainwright
- Marilyn Bishop, QI Wainwright
- Carol Cardwell, QI Penticton
- Sandra Holtz, QI Estevan

10 years:

- Theresa Giardin, QI Weyburn
- Cheryl Huxley, QI Wainwright
- Marlene Hamilton QI of Penticton

15 years:

- Carolyn Muir, QI Estevan
- Lois Giesbrecht, QI Estevan
- Carol O'Brien, QI Medicine Hat
- Carol Claypool, QI Estevan

20 years:

- Jean Marshall, QI Winnipeg
- Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright
- Linda Bazley, QI Wainwright

35 years:

- Sharon Perkins, QI Wainwright
- Helen Murray, QI Wainwright

40 years:

- Joy Pinney, QI Penticton
- Judy Buzwetski, QI Weyburn

Both Joy and Judy gave a wonderful quick overview of what their 40 years of Service as a Quotarian had meant to them and their lives as they moved through holding the District Office positions of Lt. Governor, Governor, and Area Directors of Canada.

Governor Sue also recognized Muriel Gray, QI of Medicine Hat as a new member who joined Quota over the last year and was attending her first Conference in Estevan.

President Valerie Hall introduced the **Guest Speaker Wilma Manti**, teacher at Westview School who demonstrated and spoke about the FM sound systems.

Initiation of New Quotarians

President-Elect Toddy and Governor Sue installed two new Quotarians: Muriel Gray QI of Medicine Hat, and Lorna Lachambre, QI of Estevan

1:45 p.m. CONFERENCE RECONVENED

Memorial Service: Evelyn Johnson, QI of Estevan, and Theresa Girardin, QI of Weyburn, presented a moving memorial and placed a rose in memory of Margaret Ferguson, QI of Weyburn.

Website Update: Governor Sue Blackwell presented a report on behalf of Website Chair Maureen Taylor, QI of Penticton. There were no questions but members were urged to refer all prospective members to our excellent Website.

Unfinished Business Governor Sue presented a final report on the deficit of the 71st Annual District Conference in Winnipeg which was \$1266.28, \$702.51 lower than first reported.

M/S Governor Sue/Bev Jaeger, QI of Medicine Hat that the Conference report be accepted. **Carried.**

New Business

Adoption of Proposed 2008 - 2009 Budget

M/S Joy Pinney, QI of Penticton/Carolyn Muir, QI of Estevan to approve the adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget as circulated. **Carried.**

Appointment of 2009 Nominating Committee

Shelly Lavoie, QI of Estevan nominated Sue Blackwell as Chairperson.

The two Committee Members nominated from the floor and elected were Theresa Girardin and Valerie Hall.

Appointment of 2008/2009 District Historian: Governor Sue appointed QI of Penticton.

Invitation to Conference 2009: Joy Pinney, QI of Penticton extended an Invitation to all members to join Penticton in celebrating their 25th anniversary of their charter on April 24, 25,& 26, 2009.

Announcements:

2010 Conference will be hosted by QI of Weyburn

QI of Wainwright extended an invitation for 2011.

Convention 2008 San Jose, California, July

M/S Governor Sue/Joy Pinney that the housekeeping changes from International Mid-term meetings are to be incorporated into the District Standing Rules. **Carried.**

Final Club Sales

Adjournment

3:30 p.m. Tour of Sask Power Shand Greenhouses

Saturday evening, May 3rd, 2008

All Members met at 6:30 pm for Conference Photos.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Governor Sue Blackwell presided over the Installation Banquet at 7 pm. Introduction of Head Table was next. Linda Banerjee, QI of Weyburn, did the Invocation.

Dinner

Valerie Hall, President of QI of Estevan introduced the guest speaker Maxine Hedin, Co-ordinator of Victim Services & Violence Intervention Programs.

Governor Sue Blackwell invited Quotarians to make their donations to the Children in Abusive Situations Project.

Presentation of Awards:

District Dynamo: Presentation: Toddy Silkman, Intl Rep, to QI of Penticton

Grace Atkinson Bowl: Governor Sue Blackwell presented to QI of Penticton

Anne Geddes Gong: Toddy Silkman, Intl Rep presented to QI of Wainwright

Off Shore Presentation Award (Pattycake Award): Governor Sue Blackwell presented to QI of Winnipeg

Installation of Officers: Toddy Silkman, Intl Rep presided over the installation ceremony and installed Yvonne Larner, QI of Winnipeg as Governor, Bev Jaeger QI of Medicine Hat as Lt-Governor and Helen Freeth, QI of Winnipeg as Secretary-Treasurer.

Draws and Silent Auction: Each Club made their draws and presented the goods to the winners. Judy Goulet was the **50/50 draw** winner of \$65.00.

Adjournment of the 72nd District Conference was made by Incoming Governor Yvonne Larner, QI of Winnipeg.

Sunday, May 4th, 2008, the morning **Farewell Breakfast** was held from 8 to 10 am in a separate dining room before Quotarians headed home.

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