

**Quota International Inc, District 11**  
**Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**  
**May 4 – 6, 2007**  
**Greenwood Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

***Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

**Leadership Training**

A "Meeting of the Minds" training workshop was hosted prior to the conference from 1:00 to 5:00 pm by Governor Sue Blackwell, Lt. Governor Kathy Coroluick and Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser, with some Presidents and Delegates in attendance. A **Governor's Appreciation Party** for training participants was then held in the Governor's room from 4:45 to 5:15 pm.

Club Sales and Silent Auction setup took place from 3:30 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**

Quotarian Helen Freeth's granddaughters Courtney and Brianne Freeth, Girl Guides, presented the Flags.

The National Anthem "O Canada" was sung by all members, led by Governor Sue. Jean Marshall, QI Winnipeg gave the Invocation.

Greetings were brought by Governor Sue Blackwell, QI Penticton, International Rep-Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser, QI Orillia, followed by Dignitaries' greetings.

Yvonne Larner, President, QI Winnipeg gave the Quota Welcome. The Response was given by Evelyn Johnson, QI Estevan.

Clubs presented their best project for the **Anne Geddes Gong Presentations**, followed by clubs' \$50 **Off-Shore Presentations** to the Governor.

Governor Sue introduced President Yvonne Larner, QI Winnipeg who introduced the On-Site Project "Birthday Buddies". This was followed by Fellowship Time.

***Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

**Conference Convened at 9:05 am.**

Presiding was Governor Sue Blackwell, QI of Penticton. Introduction of Head Table included Joy Pinney, District Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Coroliuck, Lt.-Governor, Isabelle Butters, Parliamentarian, Suzanne Prosser, International Representative, Canada Area Director

Joan McMullin, QI of Winnipeg, gave the Invocation.

The **Collect** was led by Past Governor, Judy Goulet, QI of Wainwright.

**Conference Rules** were reviewed by Parliamentarian, Isabelle Butters, QI of Weyburn.

Governor Sue asked for ratification of Minutes being taken by Maureen Taylor, QI of Penticton in place of Secretary-Treasurer Joy Pinney as she was recovering from a broken shoulder. All agreed.

**Roll Call** was taken by Joy Pinney, QI of Penticton as follows:

Brandon – 1  
Estevan – 4  
Medicine Hat – 1  
Penticton – 3  
Wainwright – 1  
Weyburn – 5  
Winnipeg – 4  
Total: 19

**Minutes from 2006 Conference:**

**Motion/Second** Joy Pinney, QI Penticton/Val Hall, QI Estevan To approve the 2006 Conference Minutes as circulated. **Carried.**

**Report of Registration Committee:**

Jean Marshall, QI Winnipeg advised there was a total of 19 members plus the International Representative registered; 16 members, 3 District Officers and 1 International Rep for total registrants of 20.

**Report of Credentials Committee:**

Helen Freeth, QI Winnipeg reported the following:  
International Officer - 1, District Governor - 1, Lt. Governor - 1, Secretary/Treasurer - 1, Club Delegates - 10 for a total Voting Strength of 13 (as the Intl Rep only votes in her own District).

**Reports of all District Officers:**

All District Officers' reports are attached and form part of these Minutes.

District Governor	Sue Blackwell, QI Penticton
District Lt. Governor	Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn -Development & Growth -Membership Report
District Secretary-Treasurer	Joy Pinney, QI Penticton - Notes & Quotes - Financial Statements 2006-2007 – reviewed Actual only - Presentation of 2007-2008 Budget

**Motion/Second** Joy Pinney, QI Penticton, Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet, QI Weyburn To accept the 2006-2007 Financial Statements as presented. **Carried.**

Delegate Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet advised that she found the format of the Statements and Budget was very good and easy to follow.

Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters pointed out that if there were any further financial matters to discuss later, they could not be dealt with if the Budget was finalized at this time. By show of hands, the Delegates agreed to vote on the proposed Budget after lunch. Sec/Treas Joy then reviewed the balanced Budget line by line. The value of purchasing a memory stick for the District was discussed.

**District Committee Reports:**

**Nominations Committee Report:**

Chair Marlene Decker, QI Estevan advised that Audrey Szemethy, QI Medicine Hat, Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright and herself had sent out proper notice via email on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, with the presentation of the following Slate of Nominees on April 26<sup>th</sup> to all clubs:

District Governor: Sue Blackwell, QI Penticton  
Lt Governor: Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn

Parliamentarian Isabelle Butters then reviewed the Election Procedure. Governor Sue Blackwell appointed the Election Committee as follows:

Chair Marlene Decker, QI Estevan  
Carol Claypool, QI Estevan  
Yvonne Larner, QI Winnipeg

Chair Marlene Decker called for further Nominations from the floor three times. She then declared Nominations cease.

**Motion/Second** Marlene Decker, QI Estevan/Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright That the candidates be accepted as nominated. **Carried.** Voting then took place.

**Resolution Report:**

Chair Valerie Hall, QI Estevan, and her committee consisting of Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat and Christy Coulter, QI Weyburn, advised one Resolution from Weyburn was received.

Val read the resolution including the entire Bylaw: "Standing Rule 3(D) 1-8 Bursary Committee to be deleted in its entirety".

**Motion/Second** Val Hall, QI Estevan/Bev Jaeger, QI Medicine Hat To adopt the Resolutions Report to delete the District Bursary.

General discussion ensued, including asking for the rationale as apparently none was initially provided. Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn advised it was mainly due to the set cost of \$125 becoming problematic to collect and administrative concerns. Further discussion included Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser describing how the District 18 Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund works with five \$1000 bursaries to an ASL second year student, allowing those clubs or others who wish to donate more to do so.

Vote: In Favour – 7 Opposed – 6, **Motion Defeated** (as two-thirds vote needed to pass).

**Motion/Second** Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton/Evelyn Johnson, QI Estevan To review the Bursary Bylaw wording over coffee break and come back with a new motion. **Carried.**

President Yvonne Larner, QI Winnipeg advised that QI Winnipeg has a Charitable Number and that she could get legal questions answered from their prepaid Legal Advisor if necessary.

**Coffee Break and Club Sales** 10:30 to 10:45 am.

**District Historian Report:**

Lt-Governor Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn advised that she had commenced a new District scrapbook with a recommendation that this be done by the Conference Hosts for each year.

**Motion/Second** Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn/Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet, QI Weyburn to accept the District Historian's report as presented. **Carried.**

Governor Sue appointed QI Estevan to look after the District scrapbook for the coming year. President Val Hall accepted.

**Bursary:**

**Motion/Second** Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton/Val Hall, QI Estevan To delete point #5 of Rule III, Section D Bursary Committee in its entirety and amend #5 to read:

"Each club shall be given the option of donating to the Bursary for a one-year transition period. The District Governor shall appoint a new Task Force of no fewer than three members for a one-year transition period to explore the District 18 Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund model and report back to the District Governor with recommendations in writing, by February 28, 2008, for inclusion in the Conference 2008 club materials". **Carried.**

The Governor appointed the Bursary Task Force as follows:

Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton  
Sandi Schweitzer, QI Weyburn  
Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn  
Evelyn Johnson, QI Estevan  
Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn  
Irene Nowazek, QI Brandon

**Quota News Presentation:**

Suzanne Prosser, Canada Area Director and International Rep, reviewed news from International including the new President's slogan "Sharing Quota Sunshine".

She advised there was a net loss of 2.5%, which is actually better than last year. She appealed to all members to take up the charge and promote Quota by doing the following:

- 1) Participate in District Dynamo Awards
- 2) Plan a great service project
- 3) Organize a new club

Four new clubs in the Philippines, Netherlands, St. Maartin and Tulsa, Oklahoma were chartered, as well as two new branches in Logan, Australia and Sandsprings, Oklahoma. She asked for names of anyone in our Quota areas especially for new fresh ideas.

She then reviewed Finances, advising that Quota is within Budget, investments are good with a \$900,000 assessment value of our headquarters building, and reviewed the Quota House concept again. Donations make a difference, and she announced that 14 sets of Paui necklaces had been sold!

She then reported on the new Website Directory of 150 projects for ideas for clubs, broken down in to these categories: 1) Service 2) Types and format 3) Seasonal

She also encouraged members to visit the Intl website's 8500 pages!

Suzanne reviewed the jewellery items and Friends of Quota donation opportunities. An overview of the 2008 World Convention July 11-14, 2008 being held in San Jose, California was given, and a reminder that 2010 will be held in Vancouver, BC. Her final request was for members to consider running for Canada Area Director.

**Final Credentials Committee Report:**

Chair Helen Freeth, QI Winnipeg reported the following:

Delegates - 10, District Officers - 3, for a total Voting Strength of 13.

**Report of Elections:**

Chair Marlene Decker, QI Estevan advised that Sue Blackwell was elected Governor and Kathy Coroluick was elected Lt-Governor for 2007/2008 by acclamation with 12 votes and 1 spoilt ballot.

**Motion/Second** Marlene Decker, QI Estevan/Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton To destroy the ballots.  
**Carried.**

**Bursary Committee Report:**

Chair Evelyn Johnson, QI of Estevan advised the 2006 Recipient of \$1000 Bursary was Amy Scott of Radville, Saskatchewan, attending Minot State University and going on to University of Alberta. There were seven applicants last year, and eight this year. She read a letter of thanks from Amy advising she had utilized the funds for textbooks.

Further discussion took place in regards to the International Fellowship Fund, which previously offered a matching of bursary funds but is no longer in existence, as explained by Canada Area Director Suzanne.

Governor Sue thanked Evelyn for her report and appointed QI Medicine Hat to look after the 2007/2008 Bursary Adjudication.

Due to time constraints, the Governor asked the Delegates for their approval to move the Club to Club Presentation to after lunch. All agreed.

**Memorial Service:**

Jo Ballantyne-Cugnet and Isabelle Butters, both of QI Weyburn, led a moving service honouring the memory of Kae Sebok, a charter member of Weyburn.

**The Lt-Governor's Luncheon** was held from 12:15 to 1:30 pm, presided over by Lt.- Governor Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn. She presented a CD of Weyburn's annual "Women of the Year Awards", honouring Madame Justice Cathy Dawson, a former Quotarian who spoke highly of what Quota meant to her. Kathy then played a moving version of Andre Bocelli's "Because We Believe" as she handed out special certificates to each club president for their club's work on Development and Growth.

**CONFERENCE reconvened at 1:30 pm** with Governor Sue re-introducing the International Rep to the attendees.

**Club-to-Club Presentation:**

Intl Rep Suzanne Prosser showed a powerpoint presentation of the World Club to Club Projects, advising that a relatively low amount of US\$40,000 total had been donated to 8 projects last year. In 2007, 13 projects were approved and she reviewed each of them located in four countries – Fiji, India, Philippines, and Malaysia. She also advised that Intl President Enid Croes-Marugg had attended the UN Non-governmental symposium on behalf of Quota and that Quota had received a blue ribbon award for Human Rights for our club to club projects.

**Canadian Website Update:**

Chair Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton gave a presentation and update on the website revisions, programming and costs. General discussion ensued followed by three motions:

**Motion #1/Second** Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton/Elenor Webb, QI Winnipeg That the national Website Committee be authorized to contract with the Hosting Company programmers at a cost of approximately \$950 plus taxes, to open and study the database and how the existing asp files interact with it, and then make the necessary changes – i.e. to remove the Calgary and St Thomas clubs, to add Grey Bruce, Ottawa, Brandon and Wainwright to the database, to setup their respective files for input, and to make certain that all existing clubs are communicating properly with the database for posting and removal of events and projects. Quota costs of approximately \$950 plus taxes to be paid from current Canada Area funds. **Carried.**

**Motion #2/Second** Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton/Val Hall, QI Estevan That the Website Committee request the costing of the preparation of an interface to enable maintenance of the database by Canadian Quotarians, either using the existing database or developing a new one. **Carried.**

**Motion #3/Second** Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton/ Kathy Coroluick, QI Weyburn That the Website Committee be authorized to make a decision based on the information from the Hosting Company as to the best path to follow and the costs involved, up to \$2,000 with those costs to be borne equally by the clubs and Districts themselves, not Area (19 units) All decisions to be communicated to all web contacts and club presidents. **Carried.**

Maureen advised that this translates to approximately \$106 per club and District. A letter of thanks is to be sent from District 11 to webmaster Liz Revell for her work on this project.

**Final Budget:** (copy attached)

Secretary/Treasurer Joy Pinney asked for any further discussion on the Budget. Carol Claypool, QI Estevan asked that the Bursary Task Force should note if there are enough funds for the \$1,000 Bursary to be given.

**Motion/Second** Joy Pinney, QI Penticton/Elenor Webb, QI Winnipeg to approve the Budget as presented. **Carried.**

Governor Sue then thanked Joy as well as Maureen Taylor for their work on the District Finances and yearend Audit.

**Appointment of 2008 Nominating Committee Chair:**

Governor Sue appointed the following member to Chair the Nominating Committee –  
Judy Goulet, QI Wainwright  
Elected by the delegates were-  
Karla Kennedy, QI Weyburn  
Marlene Decker, QI Estevan

**Appointment of District Historian**

QI of Estevan was named as the current Historian as per the motion put forth following the Historian report during the morning session

**Invitation to Conference 2008:**

President Val Hall, QI Estevan presented an Invitation to Conference for May 2-4, 2008 in Estevan with the theme “Energy to be Empowered”. Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser suggested District 11 get input as to when District 18’s Conference is, so there is no overlapping.  
Upcoming Conference 2009 – QI Penticton for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Upcoming Conference 2010 – 2010 QI Weyburn

**Canada Area Meeting:**

Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser distributed three-part information packages for each club in regards to the meeting being held Sept 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Mississauga, as well as the dinner theatre the night before. She encouraged all Presidents to promote attendance at this event within their clubs.

**New Business:**

**Motion/Second** Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet, QI Weyburn/Maureen Taylor, QI Penticton That the Off-Shore Presentation Patty Cake Award “for best presentation” be changed to “for the poorest presentation or effort”. **Carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

\$100 Friends of the District Pins and year chains were explained by Past-Governor Judy Goulet.

Marlene Decker suggested a reminder be placed on the official list of Conference duties to add flag poles and stands, as well as white gloves for flag bearers to wear.

Governor Sue advised the Governor’s 50/50 tickets were circulating for sale, as well that Dinner time was moved up to 6 pm with photos at 5:30 pm.

Meeting dismissed at 3:40 pm until dinner.

Final Club Sales were open until 4 pm.

***Saturday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

All members met for Conference Photos at 5:30 pm.

## **INSTALLATION BANQUET**

Governor Sue Blackwell presided over the Installation Banquet at 6 pm.

Introduction of Head Table: Governor, Sue Blackwell  
Invocation: Marlene Decker, QI Estevan  
**Dinner**  
Introduction of Guests Jean Marshall, QI Winnipeg  
“The Bell Ringers” Performance

Suzanne Prosser, Intl Rep installed the **2007-2008 District Officers** and also presented the Presidents with a lit candle votive in the Quota Garden theme. All were congratulated warmly.

### **Presentations:**

District Dynamo Suzanne Prosser, Intl Rep presented to **QI Wainwright**

Special Presentation Suzanne Prosser, Intl Rep honoured **Isabelle Butters, QI Weyburn as a Wanda Frey Joiner Eleven-Star Founder**

On Site Project Yvonne Larner, QI Winnipeg – presented the donations of money and toys to Jennifer Fast, the Birthday Buddies representative.

Grace Atkinson Bowl Lt. Governor Kathy Coroluick presented to **QI Wainwright**

Anne Geddes Gong International Rep Suzanne Prosser presented to **QI Penticton**

Off Shore Presentation-Patty Cake Award Governor Sue Blackwell presented to **QI Estevan**

Draws and Silent Auction were drawn and announced.

Governor Sue Blackwell thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the 71st District 11 Conference until next year’s Conference in Estevan, inviting all to a Governor’s Reception in her room.

### ***Sunday Morning, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

**Farewell Breakfast** was held from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Banquet Room at the Greenwood Inn.

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