

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, August 13 & 14, 2010
Georgian College, Barrie **“Everything Old is New Again”**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

Registration desk, vendors' area and competition rooms were open for delegates to attend. An early bird draw was held prior to the start of the session.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. in the north gym of Georgian College in Barrie. Opening ceremonies of the 2010 convention were conducted by Past President, Jim Mabee who introduced the O.H.A. Past Presidents, District Directors, the Officers of the Association and dignitaries to the delegates.

After singing O Canada and observing the Youth Camp Parade, host District 16 Director, Judith Rogers, welcomed delegates to the 104th O.H.A. Convention. James Graham, District 19 Director gave a 'thought-provoking' invocation.

Jim Mabee introduced Association President, Kees Stryland. President Stryland welcomed dignitaries who brought greetings: Patrick Brown, PC MP, Barrie; Linda Murtha for Aileen Carroll, Lib MPP, Barrie; Barry Ward for Mayor Apsden, Barrie; Denis Flanagan, Communities in Bloom; Belinda Gallagher, Royal Botanical Gardens; Liisa Wolfgram for Chris Winter, Conservation Council of Ontario; James Lee, Master Gardeners of Ontario; Joanne Miller, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies; Ellen Mayo, Garden Clubs of Ontario; Helen Scutt, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

In Memoriam: Celia Roberts and Judith Rogers placed the floral vase and memoriam names were highlighted on the screen by district (154 names).

Roll Call: Janet Moysen, Secretary, conducted the delegate roll call which showed good representation from every district.

Minutes of the 2009 Convention: Minutes were distributed with the Summer Trillium and posted on the doors to the convention meeting room. Highlights of the 2009 minutes including names of members who were honoured by receiving the Silver Trillium pin, the Silver Fir pin and Silver Medal pin, the Youth Leader plaque; Award of Merit and Environmental Award were given by secretary, Janet Moysen.

Motion 10-30: Bert Card/Wilma Wood that the 2009 minutes be accepted as circulated and posted. Carried.

Reports:

President, Kees Stryland gave his annual report, followed by Jeff Blackadar, Webmaster, with plans for our website. Carol Dunk showed the Roadsides Project, which reintroduces our native plants and helps the plight of the pollinators.

Secretary's 2009-10 Activity Report

Secretary Janet Moysen welcomed delegates to Barrie for the 104th convention of Ontario Horticultural Association. Again this year a handout was distributed to delegates providing a brief summary of each of the many committees chaired by O.H.A. Directors and Past Presidents on behalf of the Association. This handout is also available to societies on the www.gardenontario.org website. OHA membership numbers reported for 2009 are: 278 societies with 30,605 members. The 2009 volunteer hours reported by societies was 389,797 hours plus 12,109 hours reported by OHA Officers and Directors for a total of 401,906 volunteer hours. In comparison to last year, this figure is an increase of 14,523 hours from 2008 hours. In 2010 nine horticultural societies were awarded Special Project grants of \$500 and were named along with nine \$100 Tree Grants which were also awarded. A summary of Horticultural Service Certificates and District Service Plaques was given and societies were encouraged to apply for awards to honour their members.

Motion 10-31: Wayne Pfeffer (Dist. 8)/Eveline Teras (Dist. 16) to accept 2009 Secretary's Report. Carried.

Treasurer's 2009 Financial Year Report

Treasurer Sharon Hill distributed the OHA Financial Report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. She also discussed highlights of the report.

Motion 10-32: Andrea Feeley (Dist. 8)/Wayne Pfeffer (Dist. 8) to approve the 2009 audited financial statements as distributed and presented. Carried.

Nominating Committee

Ken Fink presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following nominations were received:

President Vicki Wiemer
First Vice President Carol Dunk

Nominations for Second Vice President: Sheila King and John Sellers

No other nominations were put forth from the floor at this time. Elections will be conducted on Saturday

Speaker: Paul Zammit - "The Soul of the Garden" - introduced by Marvin Myhre.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Registration desk, vendors' area and competition rooms were open for delegates to attend. An early bird draw was held prior to the start of this session.

OHA President, Kees Stryland gave welcome to delegates just arriving to convention.

Ken Fink discussed the election process. The 2 candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President (Mary Ann Van Berlo speaking for Sheila King, and John Sellers) were allotted 5 minutes each to speak.

Question and Answer Session:

Two questions were received from societies which are as follows:

- Athens Horticultural Society: Will OHA lobby to have compliance required for Accessibility Act altered for small societies? Answered by Vicki Wiemer.
- Rice Lake Horticultural Society: Why did the Treasurer Bonding change to Letter of Credit? Answered by S. Hill.

For those not in attendance, responses will appear in the Trillium.

Resolutions: conducted by John Sellers.

Resolution 10/1, numbering change from "sub-section 6.8 to 6.7". Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 6 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 6.7 to read "A serving Director who is elected to provincial office shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a district general meeting called for that purpose."

Resolution 10/2, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 6 be amended by the addition of a new subsection 6.8 "For an Officer of OHA who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer."

Resolution 10/3, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub section 13.5 to read "For a director who has resigned, or is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the District Executive shall appoint a replacement for the balance of his term."

Resolution 10/4, Discussion and Motion 10-33: Vicki Wiemer/Dianne Westlake to drop last sentence "Each elected Director and Assistant Director shall be a member in good standing of different horticultural societies within the District". Motion carried with 6 opposed.

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.3 be amended: to read "Each District shall elect a Director of the Association, and at least one Assistant Director, at a duly called Annual General Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the member societies at least thirty days in advance.

Resolution 10/5, Motion 10-34: Jeff Blackadar/Bonnie Warner amendment to delete words "two auditors" and replace with "two financial reviewers or an auditor". Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.4 be amended to read "Each District at its Annual General Meeting shall create a District Executive consisting of the Director, Assistant Director(s) and shall elect or appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, and two financial reviewers or an auditor. This may be expanded to include other executive members."

Resolution 10/6, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new subsection, 13.6 to read; The Director and District secretary shall prepare an Agenda and order of business for all District meetings. A copy of the Agenda shall be distributed to all district societies prior to the meeting. The secretary shall maintain the minutes of such meetings, and the other written records of the District. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be made available to all members within two months of the meeting.

Resolution 10/7, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 13.7 to read: The District Treasurer shall present to the membership at the AGM, reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than 1st of February each year. The District financial year shall be from 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December 2010.

Resolution 10/8, numbering change to 13.8, 13.9 and 13.10, Carried

Be it resolved that: By- Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 13.8 to read: The District Director may, if invited, facilitate the resolution of disputes within a society's leadership.

Be it further resolved that: Sub-sections 13.5, 13.6, and 13.7 be re-numbered 13.9, 13.10 and 13.12.

Resolution 10/9, change 'their' to 'there'. Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 1 "Interpretation" be amended by adding: "ex officio" designates a member of a Board or Executive who is a person who holds or held an office to which he was neither directly elected or appointed, often as the representative of an external body, in which case he is non-voting. An immediate past president or past director of a body is their ex officio, but has the right to vote.

Resolution 10/10, Carried

Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

Resolution 10/11, Carried

Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, her Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

Resolution 10/12, Carried

Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 16 who worked to plan and conduct the 2010 Convention and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

Election of Association Officers: conducted by Ken Fink

The Slate of Officers as received by the Nominating Committee was presented on the first day of the Convention. Calls were made for further nominations.

As there were no further nominations for President, Vicki Wiemer was declared President for 2010-2011.

As there were no further nominations for 1st Vice President, Carol Dunk was declared 1st Vice President for 2010-2011.

There were two nominations for the position of 2nd Vice President, namely Sheila King and John Sellers.

A vote for the position of 2nd Vice President was held, with the results to be announced at the evening banquet.

2011 Convention:

Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director, issued an Invitation to Sudbury for the 105th Annual Convention.

Speaker, Shannon Wood, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, "*Birds and Bees*", introduced by Janet Moyser

Motion 10-33: Carol Dunk/Isla Reed that members of the Executive/Officers and Board of Ontario Horticultural Association be absolved of all liabilities incurred through errors, inaccuracies or omissions in the performance of their duties during the past year. Carried

BANQUET - SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Dinner was served in the North Gym Complex. MC was 2nd Vice President, Carol Dunk.

President, Kees Stryland presented gifts to 3 departing directors: Marj Larson, District 14; Anna Peterson, District 10; and John Sellers, District 4.

Past President, Jim Mabee announced the following awards to honour O.H.A. members for their contributions to their societies and the O.H.A.

Award of Merit, presented to Margaret Hutchinson, Parry Sound & District Horticultural Society by Betty Morrison, District 18 Director.

Community Improvement Award, presented to Twyla Wilson for Englehart Centennial Park & Town of Englehart, by Bonnie Warner, District 12 Director.

Environmental Award, presented to Joan Ellis, Sandy Agnew, Janis Hamilton, Edna Caldwell and Ron Nelsons for Bayview Park Stream Restoration, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, by Judith Rogers, District 16 Director.

Honour Roll, presented to Evelyn Barham, Delhi & District Horticultural Society, and accepted by Celia Roberts, District 6, Director. Pictures and biography of Evelyn Barham have been included in the Honour Roll book.

Silver Medal Award presented to Jim Anderson, Brampton Horticultural Society, District 15. This is a round, silver medal, suspended under a bar with the Association logo and made to be worn as a pin and is accompanied by a framed certificate. This is the highest award of the Association and is for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association.

Youth Leader Award presented to Sonya Shelswell, Oro-Medonte Hort. Society, by Judith Rogers, District 16 Director. This plaque is presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of 5 years.

Trillium Award presented to Lindley McPhail of Russell & District Horticultural Society, District 1, by Kees Stryland, OHA President. The Trillium Award is a silver brooch initially donated by Mrs. Thelma Boucher who was O.H.A. President in 1941, and is the highest O.H.A. award presented to a lady.

Silver Fir Award presented to Ken Fink, Beachburg Hort. Society, District 2 by Kees Stryland, OHA President. This is a silver pin initially donated by Mr. Alastair Crawford, an O.H.A. Past President and is the highest O.H.A. award presented to a gentleman.

Speaker: Diana Beresford-Kroeger - "New Beginnings". Introduced by Ken Fink. Her new book was introduced and signed copies were available for sale.

Lynda Burke of Richmond Hill Garden and Horticultural Society provided details of the late Gladys McClatchy's contribution to horticulture, and her annual banquet speaker memorial gift to the Ontario Horticultural Association.

President's Final Address: Kees reminisced about his year as president and the wonderful memories he has of attending societies' annual general meetings.

Retiring President, Kees Stryland, presented the chain of office to in-coming President, Vicki Wiemer. Vicki Wiemer presented retiring President, Kees Stryland, with a Past President pin and a gift.

Results of Election: John Sellers was voted as 2nd Vice President.

Motion 10-34: Rose Odell, District 4/Chris Temple, Stoney Creek Hort. Society that election ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Welcome to New President and Vice Presidents: Ken Fink introduced the new Executive 2010-2011. Installation of Officers was conducted by Ted Reed.

Presentation of flags to Sudbury District 13 Director, Suzanne Hanna and contingent.

The 2010 Convention was declared closed.

September 6, 2010

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