



**ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING, July 27-29, 2018
Ambassador Hotel
Kingston**

"Shore to Shield"

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

Registration desk and vendors' area were open before the start of the convention for delegates to visit. An early bird draw was held prior to the start of today's session.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. in the Ambassador Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel.

Convention Theme: *"Shore to Shield"*

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Town Crier opened up the convention and provided a proclamation. The Officers of the Ontario Horticultural Association were introduced to the membership present in the Ambassador Ballroom. The membership present sang the Canadian National Anthem.

Master of Ceremonies: Penny Stewart, District 3 Director, welcomed everyone to District 3 and the beautiful Kingston area.

Introduction of Dignitaries: Penny introduced our special guests and dignitaries to the 112th Convention. Greetings were received from Mayor Brian Paterson and Shawn LaPalm, Cooperators. MPP, Ian Arthur, Minister Ernie Hardeman from OMAFRA and Denis Flanigan sent their best wishes as they were not able to attend.

OHA Convention Opening: Rose Odell, OHA President opened the 112th OHA Convention.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Rose read the Land Acknowledgement Statement on behalf of the OHA "The land we meet upon today is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory of this district. We give thanks for them and for the land upon which we meet."

OHA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: Rose welcomed the Dignitaries, Officers, District Directors, and Past Presidents of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Rose wished everyone a weekend of learning, sharing, and meeting new people.

MISSION STATEMENT: Kathy Smyth, OHA Vice President, read a mission statement for all societies of the OHA.

IN MEMORIAM: Rose Odell, read a poem for those that we have lost since the last convention. Past President, Vickie Wiemer, was acknowledged. The names and several pictures were highlighted on the screen by district. The Passing of the Past Presidents' Tree Dedication will take place on September 29, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the OHA Oak Grove at the Guelph Arboretum.

ROLL CALL: Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary was introduced and called on each District Director and District to be recognized.

MINUTES OF THE 2017 CONVENTION: The minutes of the 2017 OHA Convention were made available on the OHA GardenOntario website for review and posted on the doors of the convention room. OHA Secretary, Kelly Taylor noted that the minutes will not be read out loud.

MOTION 18-41: **That the OHA Convention Minutes of July 21-23, 2017 be approved as circulated.**
M/S: Pat Graham, District 10/Susan Carew, District 3. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions.
CARRIED.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rose Odell introduced Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, Suzanne Hanna who presented the report of the Nominating Committee and introduced the candidates as follows:
President – Kathy Smyth **Vice President – Charles Freeman**

The first call for nominations from the floor was requested and no nominations were received for either position. The elections will take place on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

April Davies, OHA Webmaster: April Davies gave us an introduction to the new GardenOntario website.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS – CHARLES FREEMAN: The proxy voting process and forms were updated this year due to updated provincial case law.

There is a maximum of 379 votes on the floor with 35 proxies through the OHA Secretary.

RESOLUTION 18-1: 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. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-2: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, his Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and cooperation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

It was suggested that in future, the resolutions should be read as gender neutral as the Minister changes from time-to-time.

RESOLUTION 18-3: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 3 who worked to plan and conduct the 2018 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

It was noted that a typo on the hard copies on the floor indicate 17-1, 17-2, and 17-3. This was corrected on the slide deck and noted. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-4: Be it resolved that: Article VII of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 10 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion.

Proposed Amendment:

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-5: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.3 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process. (17-6)

Proposed Amendment:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 50 to 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The

Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process. 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-6: Be it resolved that: By-Law 16, 3 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Secretary shall notify all societies of proposed amendments 50 days prior to the meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

The Secretary shall cause all societies to be notified of proposed amendments 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 8, 8.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the President, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. The Awards Coordinator has a voice but no vote. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document.

A request came from the floor questioning if an amendment needed to be made regarding voting by the chair. Penny Horeczy, Stittsville Goulbourn questioned if the chair had a vote during a tie. It was confirmed that the chair would have a vote only during a tie as per Robert's Rules of Order.

MOTION 18-42: That the sentence "The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings" be removed from the Awards description. M/S: Suzanne Maranda, Kingston/Raylene Goulder, Williamstown Green Thumb. 117 FOR. Because we did not have 50% + 1 votes, the motion FAILS.

Proposed Amendment:

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the Awards Coordinator, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document. 6 Opposed, 4 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

SPEAKER: Pat Webster spoke on Creating a Personal Paradise: The Story of Glen Villa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Penny noted that the flower show and competition rooms will be open for viewing from 1:00 – 5:30 p.m., various bus trips will be departing promptly at 1 p.m. and seminars would be available in the afternoon from 1:30 – 2:30 and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Delegates were reminded of the evening festivities and to join in on the fun of the silent auction.

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS: Highlights for tonight's dinner include live entertainment Gardening "Rocks", a local 60's Band, Silent Auction, and OHA Board of Directors Fashion Show.

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Registration desk, vendors' area and competition rooms were open before the start of the convention for delegates to visit.

Rose welcomed all delegates back to the OHA Convention.

TREASURER'S 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT: Jane Leonard, OHA Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements to the delegates, reviewed the Statement of Operations and Fund Balances.

Revenues from 2017: Convention - \$88,520, Membership - \$83,282, Insurance - \$47,401, Donations - \$8638, Supplies - \$6090, Fundraising - \$4,415, Interest - \$2,383, Miscellaneous - \$1,431, STBI Management - \$1,350.

Donations from 2017: General - \$2800, In Memoriam - \$1325, Corporate - \$4500.

Expenses from 2017: Convention - \$79,968, Insurance - \$44,454, Board & Committees - \$31,044, Bursaries and Grants - \$2,000, Operational Expenses - \$5,553, Employee Wages - \$17,645, District & Officers - \$16,873, Fundraising & Promotion - \$3221, STBI Administration - \$3,529.

For 2017, the OHA realized a loss of \$8,050.

MOTION 18-43: That the 2017 Treasurer's Report be approved, as presented. M/S: Jane Leonard District 6, Mary Ann Van Berlo, District 3. 0 Opposed, 1 Abstention. **CARRIED.**

MOTION 18-44: That we retain Takalo & Burt as our auditors (Chartered Accountants) for 2018. M/S: Jane Leonard, District 6, Bert Card, District 15. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

SECRETARY'S YEAR 2017 ACTIVITY REPORT

Membership Numbers: The OHA membership numbers reported for 2017 were 279 societies with 27,576 members. The membership number has increased by 207 members from 2016.

Volunteer Hours: For 2017, societies reported 487,377.11 volunteer hours, plus OHA Officers reported 3912.50 hours, District Directors and District Executives reported 25,920.25 for a total of 517,209.86 volunteer hours. This is an increase of 878.81 volunteer hours.

MOTION 18-45: That the 2017 Secretaries Report be approved, as presented. M/S: Kelly Taylor, District 10/Wilma Wood, District 14. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Rose presented a year in review summary for 2017/18. Rose attended 12 anniversaries and/or celebrations this past year including Orillia's 130th Anniversary, Wilmot's 50th Anniversary and the OAAS Convention. Rose noted that she has participated in many meetings of the association, and participated in various projects such as the revision of the awards booklet, creation of the new corporate report, revision of the Director's Quick Start, the OJES Manual, the finalization of the STBI, interviews, discussion on investments, and others. Rose noted that we said good bye to the Athens Horticultural Society last year, but officially welcomed Wheatley Horticultural Society. We also said good bye to Mary Donnelly, Jane McDonald and Sandra Hartill and Grace Esposito from our board. We welcomed Jane Leonard, Kathy Bouma and Carol Armstrong to our board this year. A thank you was given to Sharlene Desjardins, District 2 Director for taking over the Awards Coordinator position.

MOTION 18-46: That the 2017 President's Report be accepted, as presented. Rose Odell, District 3 /Pat Graham, District 10. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

MOTION 18-47: That we accept the decisions of the OHA Board of Directors for the previous year. M/S: Rose Odell, District 3/Lisa DeYoung, District 9. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS: Suzanne Hanna who presented the report of the Nominating Committee and introduced the candidates as follows:

President – Kathy Smyth

Vice President – Charles Freeman

The second call for nominations from the floor was requested and no nominations were received from the floor at this time for either position. The elections will take place on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS – CHARLES FREEMAN:

There is a maximum of 380 votes on the floor with 35 proxies through the OHA Secretary.

RESOLUTION 18-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.10 be created as follows:

The OHA Board of Directors may establish and approve Policy and Procedure for implementation by the OHA and the Districts. 10 Opposed. 1 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-9: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

Proposed Amendment:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President or the member of the Past Presidents' Council appointed under By-Law 6, 6.9, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province. 2 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

It was clarified that this resolution will officially allow the position to be filled by a past president from the council should the immediate past president not be able to fulfill the role.

RESOLUTION 18-10: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.7 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

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. (10/7)

MOTION 18-48: That the wording be changed in resolution 18-10 be changed to read "The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer within 2 weeks after their AGM but no later than May 31st each year". M/S: Raylene Goulder, District 1/Mary Higginson, District 1. Majority Opposed, 1 Abstentions. Motion FAILS.

Proposed Amendment:

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 2 weeks after their AGM but no later than May 31st each year. The District financial year shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December. 2010 (10/7) 1 Opposed, 1 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-11: Be it resolved that: By-Law 18 be created as follows:

By-Law 18 Age

No person under the age of 18 years shall take any action nor hold any position as described in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ontario Horticultural Association. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-12: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.10 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon reports filed for the previous year with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Proposed Amendment:

Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon the annual report filed for the previous year with the Ontario Horticultural Association. 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 18-13: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President and Vice President are elected annually by the general membership. (16/13)

Proposed Amendment:

The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President and Vice President are elected annually by the general membership. The two Regional representatives shall be elected during the Post-Convention Board meeting held in conjunction with the Convention and AGM. The term of the regional representatives shall start at the time of election and terminate at the Post Convention Board meeting held at the Convention and AGM the following year. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-14: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.7 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A serving Director, other than the two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, whom is elected to provincial office of the OHA shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a District General Meeting called for that purpose.

Proposed Amendment:

A serving Director, other than the two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, who is elected to provincial office of the OHA shall resign the directorship, and the District affected shall rely upon the process set out in By-Law 13, 13.5.1. 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 18-15: Be it resolved that:

The OHA purchase Abuse Liability insurance as a part of the current coverage through Co-operators Insurance. The cost of this additional insurance would be added annually to the billing each Society receives. The cost for 2019 will be an additional \$25.00 per Society/Club with a coverage limit of \$100,000.00. 23 Opposed, 5 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

MOTION 18-49: That the resolution be updated to “The cost will be prorated according to the membership of each Society/Club with a coverage limit of \$100,000.00”. Barb O’Malley, District 15/Margaret Dudley, District 11. Motion FAILS.

Discussion ensued regarding appropriateness of charging per society member vs. society. Rose noted that the current insurance does not include liability coverage. It was noted that the \$100K coverage is per incident.

RESOLUTION 18-16: Be it resolved that:

The position of Second Vice-President be added to the definition of the Officers of the OHA and that the noted position be added to all relevant By-Laws where the Officers are defined and/or mentioned, as applicable. 11 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. **CARRIED.**

SPEAKER: Susan Suter presented “Hidden Treasures in your Garden, an Overview of Contemporary Canadian Floral Art”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Penny noted that the various bus trips will be departing promptly at 1 p.m. and various seminars would be available in the afternoon from 1:30 – 2:30 and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

GALA DINNER & AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS: Highlights for tonight’s gala dinner included Kathy Smyth, Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker Carson Arthur. District 16 Director, Joanne Rachfalowski, announced the following awards to honour OHA members for their contributions to their society and OHA.

Community Improvement Award – 2 awarded: presented to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314, Manotick, District 2 and the St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society, District 10. This award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

Honour Roll – 2 awarded: presented to Shelley MacKenzie, St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society, District 10 and Marjorie Bell, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, District 16. Nominations should be for members of a horticultural society with at least fifteen years of service to one or more societies should have made a contribution of horticultural service to the community, district or association and should have given outstanding service at the society and district level.

Award of Merit – 2 awarded: presented to Brian Carson, Manotick Horticultural Society, District 2 and Michael Falconer, Clinton Horticultural Society, District 8. The certificate is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society with notable contributions in special beautification, outstanding work in the science or art of horticulture or supporting individuals or organizations in the area of communication or any other worthy efforts such as contribution towards advancement of sound horticultural practices, ecological and conservation practices.

Youth Leader Award: presented to Tryntje Eisen, Ripley Horticultural Society, District 8. This plaque is presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of 5 years.

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Trillium/Silver Fir Award – 2 awarded: presented to James Graham, Waterloo Horticultural Society, District 9 and Malcolm Geast, East York Garden Club, District 5. This award as designated in 2009 is given to the 2 worthiest candidates who have given outstanding service to horticultural societies and to the Ontario Horticultural Association.

OHA Tree Grants: The following societies received tree grants, up to \$200, in 2018.

- Manotick – District 2
- Stittsville Goulbourn – District 2
- Haldimand – District 6
- Chesley – District 8
- Goderich – District 8
- Lucknow – District 8
- Ripley & Dist. – District 8
- Fort Erie – District 9
- St. Thomas – District 10
- Belle River – District 11
- Kingsville – District 11
- Leamington – District 11
- Campbell – District 13
- Sault Ste. Marie – District 13
- Swansea – District 15
- Orillia – District 16

OHA Special Project Grants: To assist Societies in meeting the objectives of the Ontario Horticultural Association, the board will provide a Special Project Grant to a maximum of \$500 for each project.

- Eganville & Area – District 2
- Moorefield & District – District 7

Community Garden Grants: The Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) encourages its member societies to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. OHA will award a grant of \$500 to assist in the funding of a new community garden or the upgrading of an existing community garden.

- Stittsville Goulbourn – District 2

Seedy/Saturday Grants: The Ontario Horticultural Association will provide a grant of \$250 annually to a member society to organize a first-time Seedy Saturday/Sunday event in their community.

- Deep River - District 2
- Durham - District 8
- Beeton - District 16
- Cannington - District 17

Pollinator Project Grants: The Ontario Horticultural Association will provide a grant of \$200 annual to eligible member societies to create habitat in the form of pollinator friendly gardens or nesting sites on public land.

- Rideau Lakes – District 3
- Argyle Horticultural Society – District 18

Youth– Ruby Lobban Award: A \$25 award, based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club in the Youth Competition was awarded Wilmot Horticultural Society, District 19.

Adult Society Competition Award: A \$100 award for the society with the highest point aggregate in the adult competitions was awarded to Gananoque Horticultural Society, District 3.

OHA Membership Challenge Trophy: A trophy, donated by Fines Flowers of Ottawa, is to be awarded to a District with the highest percentage membership increase overall for the year. This year it was awarded to District 11. Marg Laman, District 11 Director accepted the award on behalf of the District.

OHA Supplies Coordinator Retirement: On behalf of the OHA and its membership, President Rose Odell and Vice President Kathy Smyth recognized Don Matthews for his years of service as OHA Supplies Coordinator and presented him with a Hoselton Tree. Joanne Matthews was recognized for her tireless support of Don during his years as Supplies Coordinator and was presented with a bouquet of roses.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

An early bird draw was held prior to the start of today's session.

Rose Odell, OHA President welcomed everyone back to the convention.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS – CHARLES FREEMAN:

There is a maximum of 380 votes on the floor with 35 proxies through the OHA Secretary.

MOTION 18-50: That Resolution 17-24 be taken from the table for discussion. M/S: Penny Stewart, District 3/Nancy Thompson, District 18. 9 Opposed, 9 Abstentions. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 18-17: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

1. Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Grenville and the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.
2. Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland. (14/5)
3. Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward
4. Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes (13/3)
5. Toronto East, York Region East
6. Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk
7. Dufferin, Wellington Counties
8. Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
9. Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
10. Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
11. Essex, Kent, Lambton Counties
12. Cochrane, Timiskaming, North Nipissing
13. Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury
14. Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay
15. Peel, York Region West, Toronto West
16. Simcoe County
17. Durham Region
18. Parry Sound, Muskoka, South Nipissing
19. Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Proposed Amendment:

The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

1. Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland and the municipality of North Grenville.
2. Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.

3. Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds and Grenville except the municipality of North Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward
4. Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Peterborough,
5. Toronto East of Young Street, and York East of York Road No. 1 except Georgina East of Park Road
6. Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk and that portion of Haldimand known as Ward #3
7. Dufferin, Wellington
8. Bruce, Grey, Huron
9. Haldimand except Ward #3, Niagara
10. Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth and that portion of Lambton that is Lambton Shores
11. Chatham-Kent, Essex, Lambton, except for Lambton Shores
12. Territorial District of Cochrane, Territorial District of Timiskaming
13. Territorial District of Algoma, Territorial District of Manitoulin, Territorial District of Sudbury
14. Territorial District of Kenora, Territorial District of Rainy River, Territorial District of Thunder Bay
15. Peel, York west of Road 34, Toronto west of Bayview Avenue
16. Simcoe
17. Durham and the portion of York that includes Georgina
18. Territorial District of Parry Sound, Territorial District of Muskoka, Territorial District of Nipissing
19. Waterloo

Charles noted that this wording conforms with the current legislation of the Province of Ontario under the Territorial Divisions Act, 2002, Ontario Regulation 180/03, Division of Ontario into Geographic Areas and allows the OHA to identify legally the areas that each District represents. There is no move to change or force change upon Societies and how they locally/colloquially refer to their respective geographic area descriptors. As an example, some Societies in District 2 refer to their geographic area as "The Ottawa Valley" or "The Upper Ottawa Valley" neither of which is a legally identified area-colloquially the reference is one that the Societies make and use of such reference is not affected by this proposed amendment. In the same vein, references to "The GTA" as a geographic area are colloquial and not legal. This amendment now allows for the OHA to legally describe the geographic areas of the province that are associated with each District. This amendment allows the OHA to report legally to OMAFRA the geographic area that was covered by any Society which ceases to operate or in the instance of a Society coming into existence, allows the legal geographic area in which the new Society is located in to be identified. This amendment does not change the geographic boundaries of any District. In the case of a Society wishing to move from one District to another, there is a requirement upon numerous parties to debate the move and it is incumbent upon the OHA to legally identify where such a Society would be coming from and/or going to.

- MOTION 18-51:** That "County" be added for District 3 to Prince Edward County.: M/S: Sheila Simmons, District 3/Pat Graham, District 10. Motion FAILS.
- MOTION 18-52:** That "Except for Lambton Shores" be added to the District 11 description. M/S: Anne Jamieson, District 12, Marg Laman, District 11. 1 Abstain. CARRIED.
- MOTION 18-53:** That the description in District 5 to say "Toronto East of Young Street, and York East of York Road No. 1 except Georgina East of Park Road. Cindy Scythes, District 5/Rick Causton, District 17. CARRIED.
- MOTION 18-54:** That "Regional Municipality of Waterloo" not be changed to "Waterloo" the current name of District 19, and remain as is, which is the proper legal description of the district. M/S: Yvonne Zyma, District 19/Don Matthews, District 7. Motion WITHDRAWN.
- RESOLUTION 18-17:** As corrected on screen and amendments that were passed today. 279 For, 58 Opposed. CARRIED.
- MOTION 18-55:** That Resolution 18-17 be referred back to the OHA Committee. Dennis Miluck. District 3/Yvonne Zyma, District 19. Motion FAILS.

Sue Carew, District 3 noted that we should go with what was recommended by the OHA as the names of the Districts are based on the Ontario Regulations. It was clarified by Penny Stewart, member of the Resolutions,

Bylaws and Constitution Committee that the committee adhered to the current regulations when updating the District names.

TABLED FROM 2017 CONVENTION:

RESOLUTION 17-24: Be it resolved that: **By-Law 13, 13.1 be amended as follows:**

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8. Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
9. Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
10. Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
11. Essex, Kent, Lambton Counties
12. Cochrane, Timiskaming, North Nipissing
13. Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury
14. Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay
15. Peel, York Region West, Toronto West
16. Simcoe County
17. Durham Region
18. Parry Sound, Muskoka, South Nipissing
19. Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Proposed Amendment:

13.1 The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

1. Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Grenville and the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.
2. Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland. (14/5)
3. Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward
4. Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes (13/3)
5. Toronto East, York Region East
6. Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk, Haldimand West
7. Dufferin, Wellington Counties
8. Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
9. Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
10. Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
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MOTION 18-56: That the amendments to 13, 13.1 go through must amend the Haldiman proposal that the wording on our amendment be changed to comply with the current wording of bylaw 13, 13.1. M/S: Catherine McGill, District 6, Veronica Heiderich, District 6. 2 Opposed, 10 Abstentions. CARRIED.

MOTION 18-57: That the rule to read motion 17-24 aloud be set aside. Mary Higginson, District 1/ Margaret Dudley, District 11. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 17-24: This resolution was withdrawn by Catherine McGill, District 6 due to the fact that it was already corrected in Resolution 18-17.

SPEAKER: Tony Spencer presented on “The New Perennialist – Wildish at Heart”.

FINAL NOMINATIONS:

The slate of Officers, as received by the Nominating Committee, was presented on the first and second day of the Convention. Final calls were made for further nominations from the floor. A nomination for Joanne Rachfalowski, for the 2nd Vice President Position was made by Nancy Adams, President, Orillia Horticultural Society, District 16, and Karen McCutchin, Secretary, Orillia Horticultural Society, District 16. Joanne provided a letter of acceptance for the nomination of the position of 2nd Vice President.

No further nominations were brought forward from the floor for the positions of President and Vice President.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS – Suzanne Hanna:

Kathy Smyth was declared, by acclamation, the President for 2018-2019.

Charles Freeman was declared, by acclamation, the 1st Vice President for 2018-2019.

Joanne Rachfalowski, was declared, by acclamation, the 2nd Vice President for 2018-2019.

THANK YOU TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS: Rose thanked the retired Board Members for their years of service and dedication to the OHA. Thanks went out to Jane McDonald, District 7, Sandra Hartill, District 18, and Suzanne Hanna, Immediate Past President and representative for the Past Presidents’ Council. Rose presented Suzanne with her gift of thanks for her work this past year on the board.

PRESIDENT’S SPEECH: Rose thanked everyone for their support over the last year and noted how rewarding this position has been for her.

CHAIN OF OFFICE: Rose presented the OHA Chain of Office for 2018-2019 to Kathy Smyth. Rose also presented Kathy with a pair of rubber boots and President’s Pin.

PAST PRESIDENT’S PIN: Kathy Smyth presented Rose Odell with the Past President’s Pin and gift of appreciation.

NEW SUPPLIES COORDINATOR: Kathy Smyth announced that Rose Odell would be taking over the position of Supplies Coordinator from Don Matthews, effective immediately.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Invitation to 2019 OHA Convention –Kathy Smyth: Kathy announced the 113th Annual Convention which will be held in District 11, July 19-21, 2019 at the Best Western, Waterfront Hotel and St. Clair’s Centre for the Arts in Windsor with the theme “*Come To The Deep South Where Everything Grows*”. Kathy noted that there would be tours, and much more made available to the delegates.

Thank You from Penny Stewart: Penny thanked everyone for attending the convention and thanked all of her amazing volunteers, the donors and sponsors.

Passing of OHA Flags: Penny gave the association flag to District 11 Director, Marg Laman.

Adjournment: Kathy Smyth, OHA President, thanked the delegates for attending. She expressed appreciation to Penny Stewart, and the many volunteers for making this convention a memorable event.

MOTION 18-58: That the 2018 Convention be closed. M/S: Teresa Vermeulen, District 11/Bert Card, District 15. CARRIED.

The 2018 Convention was declared closed.

Signature of President