

Minutes
96th Provincial Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

The 96th Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario, a one-day meeting, formally opened at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd, 2016, at Liuna Station, James Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, with **President Renate Schuetz** presiding. We were honoured by the attendance of **E. Anne Mason, President of IODE Canada**.

Two OPP officers escorted in the procession of the Provincial President Renate Schuetz and IODE Canada President E. Anne Mason led by the Standard Bearer Sheila DeJaegher into the meeting room. The placing of the Standard was followed by the IODE Prayer and the singing of the National Anthem. Two minutes of silent tribute honoured the memory of those members who had passed away during the year, including **Provincial Life Member Lorraine Leyden**, **Provincial Life Member Freda Orleans** and **Honorary Vice President and Provincial Life Member Noreen Salari**.

The members repeated the Affirmation of IODE and the President declared the meeting open for the transaction of business. The President expressed her wish to the members to spend time supporting Shopping with Chapters and catching up with friends whom they have not seen in a while.

Jean Hof, South Area Vice President, welcomed the delegates to the 96th IODE Provincial Annual Meeting in Hamilton. She expressed hope that the members will take back to their chapters all the ideas, the optimism, the energy and the enthusiasm with which IODE Ontario filled this day.

Provincial President's Address:

"When I started my responsibility as Provincial President a year ago, I wanted to see a few changes within the Provincial Chapter. Not for the sake of change but for the sake of growth. IODE has held an important presence in Ontario and after reading this year's annual reports, we continue to contribute to many missions. We want these to continue to thrive. Many of us in the room today remember when. Well this is now and are we the same IODE as we were then? In some ways, we are and in many ways, we are not. Does that mean we still do things as we did then? Well some things we do and some we need to change."

We changed the venue setting for the Annual Meeting. In the past, we would use the meeting room at the hotel where we would stay. This year the April Provincial Executive Meeting was held in our Hamilton Office and the Annual Meeting is in the historical Liuna Station. A former train station that now is a banquet and convention centre that has been home to many weddings, social and corporate events.

This year's meeting is slightly different from those we have had before. We started the morning with a "Meet & Greet Breakfast". This gave the Provincial Officers time to mingle with the members. The room set-up is less formal, with no head-table.

Resolutions of Loyalty have been prepared for presentation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our Queen and Patron, to The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada and The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, our Honorary Patron. We will not have the Resolutions of Loyalty read in full, they have been included in the registration package this will allow sharing with your chapter.

As IODE is a registered charity, we are responsible to the membership and must conduct certain items of business. Some of the motions and some of the recommendations that we have done at previous Annual Meetings were done at the April Provincial Executive Committee Meeting (April 22nd, 2016). The other motions and ratifications are still required to be done at an Annual Meeting. We ask that if you wish to move or second a motion, please stand, wait to be recognized and then say in a loud voice your name and full chapter name. I may need you to repeat that for recording purposes, so please bear with me.

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This past year I have challenged the Officers and they have not disappointed us. Last summer we had an Officers and Convenors Retreat. For 24 hours, we were clustered in Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre. This gave us time to get to know each other better and to discuss the changing role of Provincial Officers, plan future Annual Meetings and for IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary.

The Chapter mailing in the form of the *IODE Ontario Newsletter* was implemented in September. It is our plan to be more environmentally friendly by sending less paper. The *IODE Ontario Newsletter* can be read on our website and you can print it out on your home printer. The *IODE Ontario Newsletter* is another tool you can use to give to potential members.

Talking about promotional tools, our new banner is available for chapters to customize for their use. If this doesn't get you noticed at an event, I don't know what will. Provincial Communications Officer Elanor Brodie will talk more about the banner in the afternoon.

Another change is the Annual Report format. We have returned to the smaller presentation not because of lesser information, on the contrary. The officers had much to write and sometimes the way we did things before works for us today.

Every time I have installed a group of chapter officers and their president, I always tell the president to bring her personality to her position. Well I took my own advice, by not only making changes but also by trying to be more visual on social media. Today's Millennials use images to communicate with their friends. I started documenting my visits by taking selfies and posting them on the IODE Ontario Facebook page and on the IODE Ontario website.

We hope that these changes meet with your approval. In the Registration package is an Annual Meeting Report Card. Please give us your feedback and suggestions for changes. Without your input, we can't provide suitable information that will help you with your chapter growth.

Did we make mistakes? Oh I'm sure we did. Mistakes happen when you do stuff."

Our Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Governor General and Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor were prepared by **Honorary Vice-President Karen Barker** as listed below.

The Resolutions of Loyalty were moved and accepted by motion at the Friday April 22nd, 2016 Provincial Executive Committee meeting.

Copies of the Resolutions of Loyalty were printed and placed in the delegates' registration packages.

**Resolution of Loyalty To
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Of Canada**

May It Please Your Majesty:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, Canada, on April 23, 2016 on the occasion of their 96th Provincial Annual Meeting, respectfully wish to present to Her Majesty, our beloved Queen and Patron, expressions of their continued loyalty and faithfulness to Her Majesty.

Affectionate greetings are extended to His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and all members of the Royal Family. Sincere best wishes are sent to Their Royal Highnesses Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge on the nurturing of Prince George and Princess Charlotte. May they grow strong and healthy.

IODE members in Ontario wish Her Majesty a very enjoyable 90th birthday filled with celebrations surrounded by family. The members further assure Her Majesty of their continuing

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efforts to fulfill the Mission of IODE, which is to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians through educational, social service and citizenship programs. They pray that Her Majesty and all members of the Royal Family continue in good health and find much happiness in the coming year.

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Resolution of Loyalty
To
His Excellency, The Right Honourable
David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada

May It Please Your Excellency:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, Canada, on April 23, 2016 on the occasion of their 96th Provincial Annual Meeting, present an affirmation of their loyalty and allegiance to the Crown, to His Excellency, The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

Affectionate greetings are extended to Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston, the Honorary President of The National Chapter of Canada IODE.

His Excellency's call to service for all people of Canada resonates among the members of IODE Ontario, through His desire to CONTEMPLARE MELIORA "To envisage a better world," for all Canadians. IODE members applaud Your Excellency's wish to imagine and create a smart nation that learns from the past, embraces the future and looks to the world with confidence and respect and a caring nation that recognizes that the measure of any society's success lies in its ability to help others, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized.

As the official representative of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and beloved Patron of IODE, may His Excellency be blessed as he fulfills his pledge to serve our Sovereign and Canada.

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Greeting
To
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, O. Ont.

May It Please Your Honour,

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, Canada, on April 23, 2016 on the occasion of their 96th Provincial Annual Meeting, respectfully wish to present most loyal and sincere greetings to The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell. Ontario members of IODE are most grateful that Your Honour has accepted our request of Patronage. We understand that receiving Patronage from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is a privilege and an honour.

Your Honour's commitment to public service has contributed to initiatives most notably those that integrate environmental, economic, social, educational, and cultural. We commend Your Honour's decision to visit cities and towns across the province, experiencing firsthand Ontario's cultural richness and diversity as well as your encouragement of volunteers and others whose contributions to their communities add to the quality of life in our province.

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All IODE members assure Your Honour of their determined effort to strive to fulfill the Mission of IODE to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians through their educational, social service and citizenship programs.

May the blessing of God go with you as you encourage public and volunteer service across Ontario.

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The President made the following introductions.

Officers, Assistant Officers and Convenors

Second Vice-President	Linda Gryner, Plympton-Wyoming
Vice-Presidents for the Areas of:	
South Western Ontario	Eula Evans, Petrolia
Mid Central Ontario	Nancy Hughes, Goderich
South Central Ontario	Jean Hof, Hamilton
Toronto	Margo MacKinnon, Pickering
North Central Ontario	Donna O'Reilly, Freelton
Eastern Ontario	Caroline Rodgers, Richmond
Northern Ontario	Victoria Creighton, Sudbury
Secretary	Marion Wallace, Guelph
Assistant Secretary	Jo Brodie, Ottawa
Treasurer	Rose Stewart, St. Thomas - was unable to finish her term as Provincial Treasurer. Donna O'Reilly has stepped in to be our Acting Treasurer until the installation of the Treasurer for the 2016/2017 term.
Citizenship	Sheila M. DeJaegher, Chatham
Assistant Citizenship	Caroline Rodgers, Richmond
Communications	Elanor Brodie, Ottawa
Assistant Communications	Caroline Rodgers, Richmond
Education	Helen Danby, Petrolia
Assistant Education – Adopted Schools	Norma Lyttle Chicoine, London
Membership	Shirley Ann Elms, Dundas
Assistant Membership	Gail McDiarmid, Mississauga
Services	Virginia Reade, Paris
Assistant Services	Donna O'Reilly, Freelton
Standard Bearer	Sheila M. DeJaegher, Chatham
100 th Anniversary	Linda Gryner, Plympton/Wyoming
Annual Meeting	Linda Gryner & Renate Schuetz
Archivist	Ruth Stokes, Erieau
By-Laws	Eula Evans, Petrolia
Health Awareness	Margo MacKinnon, Pickering
Life Membership	Sheila M. DeJaegher
Social Media	Linda Gryner, Plympton-Wyoming

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Toronto Legacy	Mary K. Anderson, Pickering
Voting	Donna O'Reilly, Freelton
War Memorial	Jo Brodie, Ottawa

Municipal Presidents

IODE Chatham-Kent	Sandra Thompson – is not able to be with us today
IODE Ottawa	Gwyneth Harkin
IODE Sarnia-Lambton	Helen Danby

President Renate Schuetz asked all Provincial Councillors to stand and to be recognized.

Renate followed with: "I wish to acknowledge, with gratitude, the service given to IODE Ontario by the members of the Provincial Executive Committee. The Officers and the Convenors have been devoted to the work of their departments. The Municipal Presidents and Councillors, who represent all areas of Ontario, have faithfully attended many monthly meetings and various committee meetings, dealing with the business of the Provincial Chapter.

They travel to our Provincial Headquarters in Hamilton at their own expense to represent the membership in their areas. I truly appreciate their loyalty and wish to acknowledge the key roles they played during the past year.

The Provincial Office is run by two part-time staff members. They each work 2 days a week Monday to Thursday. We have invited our Provincial office staff members to join us today.

Our Bookkeeper **Judie Galvin**, is unable to be with us today as she is taking a well-deserved holiday. Our Administrative Assistant **Susan Varga** is with us today and has generously offered to be our "Photographer" on her day off. Susan please stand to be recognized.

We are very appreciative of the extra work they have both done to help us prepare for this Annual Meeting."

Honorary Vice-Presidents

The President introduced the Honorary Vice-Presidents. They are all Past Provincial Presidents.

Marty Dalton	London
Marie Westlake	Campbellford
Ruth Ann Butler	London
Patricia Fabian	Waterloo
Chris Bateman	Queensville
Lynda Rivard	Simcoe
Sandra Smith	Pain Court
E. Anne Mason	Newmarket
Bonnie G. Rees	Waterloo
Karen Barker	Toronto

Provincial Life Membership Presentation

President Renate Schuetz asked Linda Gryner to come forward.

"As IODE members, we join our chapter to give back to our communities. Then we become so involved we give more and more of ourselves because we believe in what IODE does.

How do we acknowledge these women? A Life Membership is the highest honour that IODE awards to its members.

Linda today we wish to present you a Provincial Life Membership.

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Helen Danby and Eula Evans would you please come forward."

President Renate Schuetz was honoured to present a Provincial Life Membership to **Linda Gryner**.

Citation

Linda Gryner

Linda Gryner has been a member of IODE Errol Egremont Chapter since 2002. Then as a dedicated IODE member, Linda became a Provincial Councillor in 2007.

In 2009, Linda became IODE Ontario Communications Officer and developed the "IODE at a Glance" a quick IODE reference, which has been put into use by IODE Ontario and IODE Canada. During her term as Communications Officer, she designed and developed the IODE Ontario Banner pen and brochure to prompt IODE in Ontario.

In 2015, Linda became the Co-chair of the Provincial Social Media Committee and accepted the office of 2nd Vice President.

Linda works hard at everything she does by being active in all Provincial Committees and is the 2016 IODE Ontario Annual Meeting Convener.

A dedicated and highly motivated member of IODE, Linda's enthusiasm and service to the Provincial Executive Committee makes her a worthy recipient of a Provincial Life Membership at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE."

The President asked all the Provincial Life Members to stand and be recognized. She acknowledged the vision, wisdom and support given by these members to the Provincial Chapter for many years.

First Time Attendees

The first-time attendees were recognized by 2nd Vice-President, Linda Gryner.

Dawn Bedard-Olds	IODE Preston, Cambridge
Suzanne Bolton-Hull	IODE Preston, Cambridge
Margie Andrews	IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville
Joyce Bauer	IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville
Gail Cherrington	IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville
Jan Casbourn	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia
Jayne Little	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia
Betty McGowan	IODE Golden Jubilee, Oshawa
Lorna King	IODE Laurentian, Ottawa
Sharlyn Roden	IODE Freelton, Freelton
Christina Juneja	IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Hamilton

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Annual Reports of the Departments

The President informed the delegates that a copy of the 2015 Annual Report was included in the registration packages. This report includes the collective reports from all chapters in Ontario and is an excellent tool to inform the members of the many accomplishments of IODE in Ontario.

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Linda Gryner, 2nd Vice President presented a summary of the 2015 Annual Report for Citizenship, Communications, Education, Adopted Schools, Membership, Services and Standard Bearer as documented in the Annual Report.

"My name is Linda Gryner and it is my distinct privilege to present the 2015 Annual Report, the sum total of work accomplished by YOU, the primary chapter members. Thank you for making it happen!

You have each received a copy of the Annual Report in your registration package. We have extra copies available and I would recommend that you take home a copy for your chapter and members. It is an excellent tool to inform others of what IODE does in Ontario.

IODE Ontario's mandate to enhance the quality of life for those in need in our communities through citizenship, education and community service is not only clearly exemplified through your good works, but it even showed the pride of the officers who did an excellent job documenting and submitting your chapter's achievements to the Provincial office. Take for example, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter in Dresden whose reports came in a neat package with blue cover and colored pictures. Many of you sent photocopies of your brochures and fundraising flyers. On behalf of the IODE Ontario officers, thank you for your timely submissions.

In 2015, you recorded an impressive 205,101 volunteer hours (these are volunteer hours not reported by any other organization). Considering there are 8,760 hours in a year, the total volunteer hours by IODE Ontario members equate to almost 23 ½ years of promoting patriotism and providing service to our fellow countrymen.

You really did make it happen when you spent a total of \$739,083 in Services programs during 2015. Chapters shopped, cooked and served food for the needy and the hungry, donating almost \$55,000 to various Food projects. IODE Kathleen Drole in Toronto combined food and education, by providing a celebration dinner and supporting a school program to encourage students to stay in school and complete their education.

Services continue to gather clothing, footwear, toys, books and school supplies to support the remote northern communities of Ontario, Labrador, Nunavut and Manitoba. Chapters assisted new Syrian families by providing them with clothes, beddings, quilts and other necessities.

IODE Ontario chapters took pride in welcoming new citizens, supporting active and deployed members of the Canadian Armed Forces and veterans and their families, recognizing police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel. It is heart-warming to hear about IODE Bemersyde Chapter in Campbellford who recognized the outstanding efforts by a 35-year old man who rescued an injured mother and her 5-month old baby from their burning mini-van after it skidded off a snow-covered road.

IODE Ontario members continue to demonstrate love and respect for Canada by participating and laying wreaths at cenotaphs during Remembrance Day, parading and displaying the Canadian Flag, supporting local civic events and remembering War efforts of veterans, as well as IODE's War history by maintaining scrapbooks, electronic database and websites pertaining to these. With the advent of IODE Ontario's 100th anniversary in 2020, resources like those mentioned have become more relevant.

Thank you IODE Ontario members for recognizing the importance of education by providing bursaries and scholarships at all academic levels and for various fields of study, rewarding excellence, encouraging students to stay in school and complete their education, promoting books, reading and literacy, mentoring programs and school nutrition incentives. These all amounted to a total education program value of \$217,505!

As you read the Annual Reports, you will find that IODE Ontario officers made it a point to enumerate each chapter's activities and I commend them for their thoroughness.

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It is very inspiring to see that each of you had a hand in calling public awareness to IODE by sharing your good works with your communities, through either print, radio, TV and internet. The total Communications and Public Relations value for 2015 was \$65,585 in 2015, a phenomenal increase from last year's \$23,368. I echo Communications Officer Elanor Brodie's comment when she wrote: "the total dollars spent on Communication programs clearly indicated that the chapters take promotion seriously...."

Social Media like Facebook, Twitter and websites have become the tools of choice in letting people know what IODE is and what IODE does. New and attractive information brochures, membership cards, banner pens and large floor banners are proving to be indispensable tools for publicizing IODE. Some of you have successfully subscribed to the "Think outside the Box" concept and came up with ingenious fundraisers such as the three, which you will hear at this afternoon's interactive fundraising plenary.

There were 34 fundraisers undertaken by the primary chapters in 2015. Ranging from the traditional bake sales, home and garden tours, card games, fashion shows to the new and innovative ones like an "Evening with a Psychic" from IODE Captain Hooper Chapter in Carleton Place. A beauty seminar called "Fifty Can be Nifty" which explored the dos and don'ts of skin and hair care for women 50 and up, put on by IODE Errol Egremont Chapter in Sarnia.

Regardless of what type the fundraisers were, one thing was obvious. IODE Ontario members had a lot of fun working to raise money in order to help others in their communities. For an IODE member, that is one of the added bonuses of membership!

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter from Orangeville found that wearing an IODE embroidered scarf at their chapter's events and London's IODE Eldon House's IODE embroidered T-Shirts attracted queries about IODE, resulting in recruitment of new members! Many chapters took the opportunity to set up displays in public places, malls, libraries and fairs, like IODE Carrie Alexandria McCall of Simcoe whose members decided that a Scarecrow dressed in IODE T-Shirt should greet the fairgoers at the 2015 Simcoe Fair! I cannot tell you for sure whether it was the blue IODE scarf or the IODE scarecrow that was responsible for 64 new members recruited in 2015!

My summation barely scratches the surface of all the wonderful work you have done in the name of IODE. Please read and re-read the Annual Report and share it with your members. Congratulations and thank you for Making it Happen in 2015. Let us continue to "Make it Happen".

Honorary Vice-President Karen Barker seconded the annual reports.

It is my honour and pleasure to second the annual reports. Throughout the past few years I have heard Bonnie Rees state that she loves reading annual reports. Well, I now have to agree. Reading your reports and attending annual meetings are ways to really understand the extraordinary work that primary and municipal chapters do in the name of IODE.

I was very impressed with this year's annual report. The annual reports announced that members have calculated 205,101 volunteer hours. Your support of services in the amount of \$ 739,083 is very impressive. The numbers in Citizenship, Communication and Education also showed the members commitment to IODE Ontario.

The one statistic that stands out for me is the membership numbers - 1,263 a mere 37 members less than last year. With chapters finding the need to disband recording numbers similar to the year before is amazing. IODE Ontario is doing something right. I would say the members are taking up the challenges that the officers have issued and Making it Happen.

How many members enjoy completing their annual reports? Most chapters are always in shock when January comes around and they need to complete their annual reports. Some of the good

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works could get lost due to rushing to complete forms. Why not after each event complete a report, read to your members at your next meeting and insert your report in the minutes. At the end of the year, you will be able to review your minutes and all your good works will be recorded and ready to insert in your report. Remember the minutes of your chapter are the main historical records that you have.

I congratulate the officers on producing a wonderful annual report and I applaud the work of the primary chapters in producing outstanding numbers.

MOTION: THAT the Citizenship, Communications, Education, Membership, Services and Standard Bearer reports, as found in the 2015 Provincial Annual Report be Adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Linda Gryner, Provincial 2nd Vice-President

Seconded by: Karen Barker, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

Presentation of the 2015 Secretary's Annual Report

Provincial Secretary Marion Wallace presented the report of the Provincial Executive Committee.

The Provincial Executive Committee composed of the Provincial Officers and Councillors conducted eight regular meetings during 2015. The Provincial Officers and Convenors met on seven occasions. Activities of the President and Officers are in detail in the 2015 Annual Report.

Anniversaries

114 th Anniversary	IODE Maple Leaf	Goderich
109 th Anniversary	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
108 th Anniversary	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
108 th Anniversary	IODE Lord Dufferin	Orangeville
106 th Anniversary	IODE Victoria Guelph	Guelph
104 th Anniversary	IODE John Milton	Milton
102 nd Anniversary	IODE 40 th Northumberland Regiment	Norwood
102 nd Anniversary	IODE Kent Regiment	Chatham
101 st Anniversary	IODE Catherine McVean	Dresden
100 th Anniversary	IODE Mary Armstrong	Strathroy
70 th Anniversary	IODE The Princes Richard & Michael	Kitchener-Waterloo
60 th Anniversary	IODE William Melville Spencer	London
30 th Anniversary	IODE Royal Wyndham	Guelph
20 th Anniversary	IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald	Markham

Appreciation

IODE Ontario is fortunate to have co-operative and committed office staff. We had turnover in 2015 in the Administrative Assistant role but appreciate the contributions made by all. We started the year with Allana Bergsma, then Linda Welton was with us for two months and in September Susan Varga joined the team. Thank you to these women for their participation and we look forward to a long relationship with Susan.

Judie Galvin, our bookkeeper, became involved in a variety of things out of necessity during a year of turmoil. Thank you Judie.

MOTION: THAT the 2015 Annual Report of the Provincial Secretary as found in the Provincial Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

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Seconded by: Heidi Arnold, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton

Correspondence

The Provincial Secretary, Marion Wallace advised that best wishes were received for a successful Annual Meeting from; The National Chapter of Canada, Presidents of the Provincial Chapters from across Canada, National Officers, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter, Provincial Life Members, Provincial Officers and Councillors. Sincere regrets were offered by IODE members who were unable to attend.

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The Minutes of the 95th Provincial Annual Meeting had been uploaded to the Provincial Website. Members were informed in the fall issue of the *IODE Ontario Newsletter*. Copies were sent to those individuals requesting printed copies.

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the 2015 Provincial Annual Meeting be adopted as **CARRIED** circulated.

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Elanor Brodie, Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

Treasurer's Annual Report

Acting Treasurer Donna O'Reilly presented the Annual Treasurer's Report, the Financial Statement and the Auditor's Report for the year ending December 31st, 2015.

MOTION: THAT the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 2015 and the Auditor's Report as found in the Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Acting Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa

MOTION: THAT The Treasurer's Report in the 2015 Provincial Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Acting Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Kathryn Weston, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia

MOTION: THAT the firm of David M. den Boer Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditors for the year ending December 31st, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Acting Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Ann Evans, IODE Golden Jubilee Chapter, Oshawa

The Budget for IODE Ontario for 2016 as prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Provincial Executive Committee, in the Provincial Annual Report is for the information of all members.

The follow recommendations were made at the Friday April 22nd, 2016 Provincial Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: THAT the following Past Provincial Presidents be appointed Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2016-2017.

Marty Dalton

Marie Westlake

Ruth Ann Butler

Patricia Fabian

Chris Bateman

Lynda Rivard

Sandra Smith

E. Anne Mason

Bonnie Rees and

Karen Barker

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Seconded by: Jose Hamilton, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

MOTION: THAT the 97th Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held on or around Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at a location to be determined and with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Ruth Stokes, IODE Randolph Churchill, Blenheim

By Law Changes for IODE Ontario

From time to time the Provincial Executive Committee, made up of your elected Councillors, review the IODE Ontario's By-Laws.

Changes to the By-Laws of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario are approved at an Annual Meeting.

The Provincial Executive Committee has recommended several changes to the Ontario By-Laws that were brought forward Friday April 22nd, 2016 at the Provincial Executive Committee meeting. All information was sent to the chapters in the January mailing and were included in the registration package.

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law #11 (a) be changed FROM:

There shall be elected by ballot sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, Provincial Councillors according to Districts as set out in the following schedule.

TO:

There shall be elected by ballot, sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, Provincial Councillors according to Districts. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Joyce Erickson, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law #11(b) be changed so that the formula for determining the number of councillors for each district be changed

FROM: 50 members in good standing plus an additional 4 councillors from the District of Provincial Headquarters

TO: 40 members in good standing plus an additional 4 councillors from the District of Provincial Headquarters. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Catherine Moore, IODE Kathleen Droke Chapter, Toronto

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law 11 (c) be deleted.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Christina Janeja, IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law 20 (b) be changed

FROM: Following the election of Provincial Councillors as set out in #11(c) and prior to the installation of Provincial Officers at the Annual Meeting, a

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minimum of ten (10), but not more than twenty (20) additional Councillors from miscellaneous districts, shall be elected by the Provincial Executive Committee.

To: Following the election of Provincial Councillors and prior to the installation of Provincial Officers at the Annual Meeting, a minimum of ten (10), but not more than twenty (20) additional Councillors shall be elected by the Provincial Executive Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

MOTION: THAT For the purpose of establishing the number of Provincial Councillors per District, the President will be named as one of the additional four Councillors allocated to the District of Provincial Headquarters, regardless of the location of her primary Chapter.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Karen Barker, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law #15 (a) be changed

FROM: There shall be elected by ballot sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, National Councillors according to Areas as set out in the following schedule.

TO: There shall be elected by ballot sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, National Councillors according to Areas.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford

MOTION: THAT Ontario By-Law 15 (c) be changed

FROM: The Constitution states that the Provincial Chapter shall elect National Councillors on the basis of one Councillor for every twenty primary Chapters; therefore the above allocation is subject to any change in the number of primary Chapters in the Province.

TO: The Constitution states that the Provincial Chapter shall elect National Councillors on the basis of one Councillor for every twenty primary Chapters.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Mary Douglas, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto

MOTION: THAT IODE Ontario By-Law # 15(d) be DELETED.

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

Changes to Provincial Funds

IODE Ontario Funds must be opened and closed with membership approval at an Annual Meeting.

The Provincial Executive Committee has recommended several changes to the Provincial Funds that were brought forward Friday April 22nd, 2016 at the Provincial Executive Committee meeting.

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Due to the decrease in support to the Concern for Children Fund by members as well as there being no announcement of a new project for the past few years the members of the Provincial Executive Committee felt it prudent to close this account.

The Northern Ontario Education Fund over the past few years have not received funding nor have they received requests for support. Therefore, the Provincial Executive Committee has recommended that this account be closed.

Information was sent to the chapters in the January mailing and were included in the registration package.

MOTION: THAT the Concern for Children Fund be closed as of December 31, 2016, with
regret. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Eleanor Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton

MOTION: THAT the Northern Ontario Education Fund be closed as of December 31, 2016.
CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Lori Graf, IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton

The President introduced the National Officers and Committee Chairs.

National Officers and Committee Chairs

E. Anne Mason	National President
Bonnie Rees	1 st VP and Membership Officer
Carol McCall	2nd VP and Treasurer
Chris Bateman	Secretary and Past National President
Sandra Smith	Education Officer
Ruth Ann Butler	Citizenship Officer
Hazel MacLeod	War Memorial Officer
Marion Wallace	Constitution Officer
Renate Schuetz	Director
Catherine Moore	Convenor Violet Downey Book Award
Gwyneth Harkin	Archivist
Marie Westlake	Liaison with Chapters under National
Marty Dalton	Past National President

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President Renate Schuetz introduced IODE Canada President E. Anne Mason who presented Greetings from IODE Canada.

National Representative - E. Anne Mason, President

On behalf of IODE Canada and the National Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the members in Ontario at the time of your 96th Provincial Annual Meeting.

This is the time to celebrate the 2015 accomplishments of your chapters and members. Your annual reports are the permanent record of the good works accomplished by members across this province. It is important to keep track of what you do during the year so that your efforts can be included in the National Annual Report. Do not underestimate the importance of your written reports. Your provincial and national counterparts truly appreciate the time you take in recording the activities and events of the past year and they really do read your comments.

In 2013, His Excellency, Governor General David Johnston launched "My Giving Moment",

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a national multimedia campaign to encourage Canadians to discover and seize their “giving moments” and then act on them.

This is something that IODE members have been doing very well for 116 years. While many chapters were originally formed to assist in the war effort, their focus has changed over the years to reflect the changing needs of our society. The contributions of members to the well-being of individuals in their communities makes a difference in their lives: equipment and furnishings for hospitals, assistance for day care centres or seniors’ centres, scholarships at all levels, assistance to veterans and to the men and women of our Armed Forces and support for transitional housing centres. IODE has been involved in all aspects of community life.

Many chapters were formed during the period 1914 – 1918. Those chapters who are celebrating their 100th Anniversaries now are an important part of Canadian history. Every year we are fielding more and more phone calls and emails from people interested in finding out about former members or one project or another from the past. Inquiries have increased over the past year, I believe owing in large part to the 100th Anniversary of chapters formed during World War I.

IODE is a part of Canadian history. World War Women was a temporary exhibit that was on display at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa from October until 03 April 2016. It told part of the story of the women who served in the military or volunteered their time during the First and Second World Wars. IODE was recognized in the display as having played a minor role in the war but more work can and should be done to honour and record the tremendous efforts of IODE members during that period of our history. If you are ever given the opportunity to assist with research into IODE’s efforts during wartime, I encourage you to do so. It is important to maintain this history and ensure that future generations are educated about IODE’s significant contributions to Canada.

Yes, our history is important. So, too, is our future. The programs we support are an important part of that future. Take, for example, one of our members’ favorite Services program, IODE Snack Pack. Since 1978, this program has provided a nutritious snack for students in remote communities in Labrador. Those children need the help of this national program because of the unique nature of their communities. In order for the supplies to arrive at the schools in September, we have to order them in June and so the earlier your donations reach Head Office, the better the chance for Snack Pack to continue. Those children need your help now. To date, we have only received half the amount of money needed to run the program for this year. In an effort to raise additional money, the Board of Directors recently announced a new fundraising program, *IODE Shop to Give*, in partnership with Indigo Books. When you make a purchase online through Indigo, 15% of the value of your purchase is donated by Indigo to IODE Snack Pack. You can then shop either online or in any one of Indigo affiliated bookstores. This is a win-win opportunity for everyone and it’s very easy to do! More information is included in the national all-chapter mailing that you received today.

What lies ahead for IODE? Our volunteers are still needed in our society. Chapter members will continue meeting the needs of others by supporting students; recognizing police officers, firefighters and other outstanding community service workers; increasing awareness to help alleviate child abuse and neglect; providing clothing, bedding, food and hygiene products for local and remote communities; assisting victims of disasters; and by welcoming new Canadians and celebrating all Canadians.

IODE’s founder, Margaret Polson Murray, worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to establish an organization in 1900 based on the pillars of patriotism and charity, values that are still relevant today. IODE members continue to show and take pride in their love of their country and record thousands of hours each year volunteering to make a difference in their communities.

I want to thank you for your continued commitment to IODE and your membership in this

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National organization. National Committees worked hard last year to promote membership and develop new public relations materials for you to use to promote IODE. We still need to attract those women who have not yet had the opportunity to experience the camaraderie we share and presenting a uniform look through our National brand is the best way to unite us as a national team.

It is now my pleasure to invite you to the 116th National Annual Corporate Meeting on Friday, 27 May at the Lambton Golf and Country Club in Toronto. This year, members are also welcome to register for and attend the pre-conference activities and meetings at the Old Mill Toronto on Thursday, 26 May. Our special guest speaker on Thursday will be a representative from Matthew House Refugee Reception Services. We are looking forward to a fun evening on Thursday night when we head out to the Famous Players Dinner Theatre ... *Rock with Great Balls of Fire*. Friday's agenda will include the required business meeting and special awards presentations. IODE RCMP Community Service Award and the IODE Violet Downey Book Award – and I just found out that the winning author will be in attendance. We are continuing the tradition of recent annual meetings by asking for donations of new children's books at the annual meeting so remember to bring a book suitable for children ages 6 and under for *Share a Story ... Bring a Book* that will be donated to a local organization. Be sure to use our new *IODE Shop to Give* Fundraising Campaign by making an online purchase from Indigo for your books.

Your National Officers are planning an exciting meeting for you and look forward to welcoming members from across Canada. Full details are in the Winter 2016 issue of *Echoes*, on the website and in the chapter mailing that was sent out to all chapters in January.

Thank you once again for inviting me to your annual meeting. Your theme, Make it Happen, is a statement of determination to get things done. It is a great phrase and I expect to hear about continued good works from the members in Ontario in 2016 and beyond. I wish you many more years of fun and friendship through your membership in IODE.

I look forward to seeing a strong Ontario contingent in a few weeks' time at the National Annual Meeting in Toronto.

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Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE
Police Community Relations Award

IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer Sheila DeJaegher introduced our OPP guests and presented the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Police Community Relations award. This annual award recognizes a member of the OPP who has performed outstanding volunteer service outside of his or her professional duties. This will be our 39th presentation to an OPP officer.

This award comes with a \$750 cash award to be used for a community project of the recipient's choice. **OPP Inspector Mike Stoddart, from Safety Detachment Aurora** attended with the recipient **Sergeant Kevin Morgan**.

Sergeant Kevin Morgan
Highway Safety Division - 407 Downsview Detachment

Sergeant Kevin Morgan of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division (HSD) began his career in 1991. Sergeant Morgan was first posted to Downsview Detachment where he spent 18 years. Since 2009, he has been at the HSD 407 Detachment in varying capacities such as Team Leader, Operations Manager and Acting Detachment Commander.

Sergeant Morgan has become the lead and coordinator with the OPP effort in the annual sports

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equipment drive. He collects, delivers and sorts the donated equipment at Mainway Arena in Burlington.

Then, either Sergeant Morgan takes the long drive to the identified community or he arranges air transport to deliver and distribute the equipment to very remote regions.

After the equipment is delivered, it is laid out in the community centres. Then the children come and choose what they need. The numbers of children would range from 20 to 100 every year.

In 2012, three communities were selected for the Equipment Drive. Whitesands First Nations (near Thunder Bay), Attawapiskat and Moosonee (on James Bay). These First Nations are accessible only by air, except during the winter months when a "winter road" is constructed across the ice. The movement of the collected equipment is a large undertaking requiring considerable coordination. Working with OPP Transport Branch, Sergeant Morgan ensured that equipment delivered to Cochrane for air transportation to the Attawapiskat, which is accessible only by plane.

In 2015, the equipment drive was a huge success that it filled two trailers. One trailer was delivered January 2016 to Pie Moberg First Nations and Pie River First Nations (located in Northwest Region). The other trailer load headed to Fort Albany (Northeast Region) March 2016.

Sergeant Morgan is commended for building positive relationships between the OPP and the native communities.

Nearly \$250,000 worth of sporting equipment has been shipped to Northern reserves over the past five years. This initiative is a great way to reach out and support some of the young people in the First Nation reserves that are now participating in a sport that builds confidence and self-esteem.

We are honoured to present Sergeant Kevin Morgan of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Highway Safety Division (HSD) for his volunteer work for together with OPP and local community efforts to provide used sporting equipment to hundreds of young people in remote Northern Ontario First Nation communities, with the IODE Police Community Relations Award.

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Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Jean Throop Book Award

January 1975, Mrs. Jean Throop urged the IODE Toronto Municipal Education Committee to take action to encourage the publishing of more and better Canadian children's books.

Jean, recommended that an award be established in co-operation with the Toronto Public Library Board to be awarded annually to an author and or illustrator of a children's book that has been written or illustrated by a Canadian citizen residing in Toronto or the surrounding area.

Fast forward, the Book Award is now named the IODE Jean Throop Book Award and the criterial is open to an author or illustrated by a Canadian citizen residing in Ontario.

Jean was the Provincial President from 1979 to 1982. Mr. Throop was a very strong supporter of his wife and after her passing he continued supporting this award. We received a hand written note from Dwight about a month ago, informing us that he was not able attend and that his niece would represent him.

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The **IODE Toronto Legacy Committee Convenor Mary K. Anderson** announced this year's winner.

Being part of the selection committee for the IODE Jean Throop Book Award is, for me, the highlight of the IODE Ontario year. Each year the committee is presented with such a wide selection of incredible children's literature. The task of choosing the one book that stands out from all the others is challenging. It is a challenge that the committee and I relish. This year's committee was comprised of Linda Dennis, Margo MacKinnon, Lynn Sutherland and President Renate Schuetz. As chair, I thank them for the time and effort they contributed to the selection of this year's book. Of course, this would not be possible if we did not have the incredible help and advice given to us by Martha Scott of the Lillian H. Smith Children's Library. Martha receives all the submissions, reads each one, and compiles a short list for our consideration. She does all this on her own time and I cannot thank her enough for the time she gives to IODE. Martha is here today and I am very happy to be able to thank her publicly for what she does.

The presentation of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award is very bittersweet this year. Sadly, Dwight Throop, husband of Jean Throop, passed away last week. Mr. Throop has been such an enthusiastic supporter of the award over the years and will be greatly missed. Darlene Throop Cowling, Mr. Throop's niece, is here on behalf of the family to assist in the presentation. On behalf of IODE Ontario, please extend to the Throop family our sincere sympathies and know that Mr. Throop will be truly missed.

The book award, begun in 1975, has recognized a wide variety of themes and topics. Some of the well-known authors and / or illustrators who have received the award are Denis Lee, Barbara Reid, Janet Lunn, Linda Grenfield, Ian Wallace, Kenneth Oppel, Dusan Petricic , Charles Pachter and Cybelle Young. This year we are very pleased to add **author Lindsay Mattick** to our list of IODE Jean Throop Book Award recipients.

I am sure everyone in this room has a fond memory of the famous bear, Winnie-the-Pooh. Whether it was read to us as children or whether we have read or are reading it to our grandchildren or even our great grandchildren, Winnie-the-Pooh is an icon in children's literature. Author, Lindsay Mattick, has written a wonderful book entitled "*Finding Winnie*". Lindsay has a unique connection with Winnie. She is the great granddaughter of Captain Harry Colebourn, the Canadian soldier and veterinarian who purchased the Winnipeg bear and took him overseas during World War I. Of course, that cute brown bear became the well known and well loved Winnie of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories. Lindsay's beautifully written story, told in the book to her son Cole, tells the story of Winnie's journey from Winnipeg, to becoming part of the soldiers' lives and to eventually the London Zoo and becoming A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh. The beautiful and delicate illustrations by Sophie Blackall complement and enhance the telling of the story. Accompanying the story is a collection of historical photographs and journal entries of Captain Colebourn. They remind the reader of how history, fiction and life intersect. The archival information is a strong reminder to all of us to treasure our family stories and make sure they are recorded and passed on to our future generations.

After working in the field of public relations for ten years, Lindsay decided that rather than to continue telling other people's stories she wanted to tell her own. We are very grateful for that decision. Lindsay lives with her family, including son Cole, in Toronto.

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of IODE Ontario and the Book Award Committee, to

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present the 2015 IODE Jean Throop Book Award to Lindsay Mattick for her wonderful book, *"Finding Winnie"*.

The winning book *"Finding Winnie"* was offered for sale in the lobby during the lunch break with author, Lindsay Mattick autographing each copy.

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Services

President Renate Schuetz introduced **IODE Ontario Services Officer Virginia Reade**. The attendees had been asked to bring items for the "*IODE Baby Shower for Northern Babies*". With each gift, members name were eligible for the draw of a doll in a handmade wooden cradle.

"The Services Department had been busy this year with a new officer there has been SO MUCH to learn. I have marvelled at the delightful volumes of knitting members have sent to the office to share with Northern Communities. I have learned to be a shopper, vigilant for sales and the best locations for frugally spend the hard earned IODE funds, as well as how heavy those packed boxes can be, as we weigh them to determine postage costs. Rumours by some on the Packing Team of my challenges with the postage machine may be greatly exaggerated. More details of the Service activities are in your written Annual Report.

Thank you for making the "*Baby Shower*" such a success. IODE members do know how to 'MAKE IT HAPPEN', so the babes in the north will be better-dressed and warmer thanks to your generosity.

The Services Presentation is focusing on knitting for fun. Shortly volunteers will be bringing to the table our Show and Tell baskets, with samples of popular items."

Each *Show & Tell Basket* had samples and knitting instructions for a Keyhole Neck Warmer a warm, but safer on playgrounds, a spiral hat, and a fun pattern, suitable for both boys and girls and easily made in various sizes. The very popular Toddler Teddies and Izzy Dolls has a history of helping children. They are requested by the Northern Nursing Stations where the young patients can be given a doll to focus on and hug, then take home, following procedures such as immunizations and casts. Pictures of these at the Services display

"Please share these patterns with chapter members and friends who knit. I know, some of the knitted items will be used for programs supported by your chapter. We hope you will 'MAKE IT HAPPEN' for the Northern Children and send some of the items to Provincial Packing. There is donated wool available at the Services Display to get you started. Please take some to the knitters who will enjoy this in your chapter."

The new Services email address is iodeontarioservices@gmail.com to contact us.

A buffet lunch was served in the lobby of Liuna Station. Prior to lunch Honorary Vice President, Ruth Ann Butler said grace.

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Education Officer Helen Danby introduced guest speaker Kyle Hill, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Teach for Canada. Mr. Hill spoke about the non-profit organization that works with northern First Nations communities. Teach for Canada recruits, prepares and supports teachers who teach in very remote northern Ontario communities. Kyle gave us an inside look to some of the same locations that we support with our Adopted Schools program. After taking question from the audience, Norma Chicoine, Assistant Education-Adopted Schools Officer thanked Kyle for enlightening us on the history, cultures, languages, traditions, and values of First Nations communities.

The afternoon session commenced at 1:30 p.m. Linda Gryner, Co-Convenor announced the winner of a one-night stay at the Admiral Inn, Hamilton, won by Margie Andrews, **IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville and the second draw a one-night stay at the Visitor's Inn, Hamilton won by Barbara Kenny, **IODE Freelton Chapter**, Freelton.

Virginia Reade announced the winner of the *IODE Baby Shower for Northern Babies* won by Ann Evans of **IODE Golden Jubilee Chapter**, Oshawa.

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Membership

IODE Ontario Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms and **Assistant Membership Officer Gail McDiarmid** started the afternoon with recognition and awards, a membership quiz and open form to answer questions from the audience.

Recognition and Awards

Membership is an ongoing challenge for all organizations and IODE Ontario recognizes and applauds the efforts of all Chapters to recruit new members during 2015.

This year's awards acknowledge chapters having installed the greatest number of new **paid up** members for 2015. Membership fees must have been received by IODE Ontario and processed prior to December 31st to be included for the current year. The Provincial Membership Officer has verified the results provided by Primary Chapters.

First place with 8 new members
IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

Second place with 7 new members
IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia

Third place with 5 new members
IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia

The name of the winning chapter is inscribed on the IODE Ontario Membership Award plaque.

Membership Quiz

Membership Quiz- the panel of Mary K. Anderson, Elanor Brodie and Eula Evans were asked a series of ten questions about membership in IODE.

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Communications

President Renate Schuetz introduced **IODE Ontario Communications Officer Elanor Brodie** as a very energetic member of the officers group.

Ways to be successful in communicating about IODE - promotion of IODE is not just the job of the Communications Office of a chapter. It is the job of every member to be out there loudly and proudly championing IODE and bringing awareness about IODE to the community.

Pick every opportunity you can to market IODE - you might be at your own chapter's event, in the grocery store or on the bus. Every moment is a chance to promote our organization.

There are three easy ways to "B" successful in your promotional efforts:

"B" Number 1

Business Cards are quick and easy ways to always have something handy to hand out to interested women who might like to learn more about IODE. They should always be in your purses, laptop bags and in your pockets.

Each chapter can order 500 business cards at a cost of \$20 delivered to their front door.
Shipping & tax in.

Each chapter can customize the business cards with their information. They will be blank on the backside so each member can write her name on it and be a personal contact.

We have order forms here today that you can fill out now to get your chapter some cards or you can order them through our Provincial IODE chapter at any time by using the form found on the IODE Ontario website: www.iodeontario.ca

"B" Number 2

Brochures, another great promotional tool to use to promote IODE.

We have just updated the brochure with a new front cover and you see it here today.

It is perfect to have at all of your events. It is full of information on all that IODE does and stands for and is a great selling tool for the organization. These can be used alone or in conjunction with any individual chapter brochures, you may have created.

In limited quantities, these are free to each chapter and are customizable. They have a space at the bottom where each chapter can put a sticker with their chapter's contact info.

Distribute them at every opportunity, leave in public places where women might see it and give them as well to the organizations that you support so they can learn more about the group helping them and have them become ambassadors for IODE.

"B" Number 3

Banners. IODE Ontario has a fantastic new marketing tool for each chapter- our IODE customizable floor banner. We encourage your chapter to add this banner to market and to promote your Chapter at your events.

The banner comes with the IODE logo, your chapter's name in the top left corner and your chapter contact information in the bottom right, e.g. website. The pictures on the banner representative of the areas we support and the work we do as IODE. The top image is a group of women enjoying each other's company. This is **MEMBERSHIP**. The next image shows a mother and child our **SERVICES** shipments help. The boy hiding/reading a book and the young women in her doctor garb represents **EDUCATION**. We encourage students from the start of reading to supporting students active their educational goals. The bottom image is **CITIZENSHIP** - the Cross of Sacrifice in Kingston that the IODE Chapters have supported.

The banner is 30 inches wide by 96 inches high, 10-ounce lightweight material with quality print finish, best suited for indoor use. This white flexible material with matte finish is fade-resistant

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and tear-resistant. It is easy to transport to all of your events and comes with a banner stand and its own carrying case.

The price for a customized vertical banner delivered directly to your chapter is \$125. A one-time cost for a lifetime of promotion.

Forms are here at each table to order your banner today for your chapter. My goal is to have every chapter in Ontario, if possible, have a banner.

You can also go on line to our website and fill out the banner order form and then send it to me at iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com

How else can you be successful?

Always be thinking outside the box. Don't be shy in how you promote IODE. The ideas that can result that may not be as mainstream can be great to give attention and awareness of IODE to the community, to potential members and to the media.

Some of the best examples have come from our own chapters just this past year.

IODE Carrie Alexandria McCall Chapter in Simcoe was being very creative when they decorated a scarecrow for their appearance at a community fair next to their IODE signage.

IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter came up with sewing labels that can be put on all things we make that is a permanent reminder and promoter of IODE.

Be open to new ideas. Be open to embracing the new Social Medias and be always on the lookout for places to promote your chapter and IODE.

Remember you are not alone in your promotion and communication needs the Provincial chapter is always here to help. If we all work together, we are all successful which only benefits IODE.

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Fundraising

We noticed a common trend when reading Report Cards from Past Provincial Annual Meetings. You told us what you are interested in and we listened. The most frequent comment was "Fundraising". New and different fundraising ideas.

Fundraisers that a chapter can do with a few members or Fundraisers that takes longer and more time to organize. We have asked 3 Chapters to talk about their fundraiser - how it works for them – what it takes to organize - how they promote - and of course what they proceed are!

Harvest Luncheon and Fashion Show

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Kresan.

Contact info is k11@rogers.com

IODE Girls Night Out

IODE 40th Northumberland Regiment Chapter, Norwood

Presenter: Lisa Cossar.

Contact info: lisacossar@gmail.com

A Taste of Tuscany

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton

Presenters: Lori Graf and Christina Juneja.

Contact info: graflor199@bell.net and mantina199@hotmail.com

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At the Provincial Executive Meeting held at Provincial Headquarters, Friday, April 22nd, 2016 the following motions were approved.

"THAT President Renate Schuetz or her representative be the Official Delegate of the Provincial Chapter to the 116th National Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto, ON, on May 26 and 27, 2016."

"THAT President Renate Schuetz or her representative be the Official Delegate of the Provincial Chapter to the 116th National Annual Meeting funds to be taken from the Delegate to the National Annual Meeting Account as allowed in the 2016 Provincial Budget."

"THAT Linda Gryner be the Official Representative of the Provincial Chapter to the 116th National Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on May 26-27, 2016."

"THAT the expenses of up to \$150 for the Official Representative to attend the 116th National Annual Meeting, be taken from the Representatives to the National Annual Meeting Account as allowed in the 2016 Provincial Budget."

"THAT Linda Gryner represent the Provincial Chapter on the National Resolutions Committee of the 116th National Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto, May 26th and 27th 2016."

"THAT Helen Danby and Jo Brodie be appointed to the National War Memorial Committee for the year 2016-2017."

"THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in appointing Linda Gryner and Elanor Brodie to the Press Committee for the 96th Provincial Annual Meeting be ratified."

"THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in appointing Chris Bateman, Bonnie Rees and Ruth Ann Butler to the Resolutions Committee for the 96th Provincial Annual Meeting be ratified."

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Results of Voting - Provincial and National Councillors

Voting Convenor Donna O'Reilly presented the Scrutineers' Report for the election of Provincial Councillors, which was conducted by mail-in ballot from all primary chapter members in good standing. Following the election of Provincial Councillors by ballot, Provincial By-Law #20(b) allows the Provincial Executive Committee to elect 10 to 20 additional Provincial Councillors. This was done at our regular Friday, April 22nd, 2016 Meeting.

National Councillors

South Western Ontario:

Districts of Chatham- Kent, Sarnia-Lambton and Windsor- Essex
Two (2) to be elected
Sheila DeJaegher, Chatham

Mid Central Area:

District of London-Central and Mid-Western
One (1) to be elected
Hazel MacLeod, London

South Central Area:

Provincial Headquarters
One (1) to be elected
No Nominations
Toronto Area:
District of Toronto
One (1) to be elected
Mary K. Anderson, Pickering

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North-Central Area:

Districts of Conestoga and Huronia Bruce
One (1) to be elected
Bonnie Rees, Waterloo

Eastern / Northern Area:

Districts of Kawartha-Trent, Ottawa-Rideau and Northern North/Western
Two (2) to be elected
Jo Brodie, Ottawa
Gwyneth Harkin, Nepean

Provincial Councillors

Provincial Headquarters

Eleanor Bentley, Hamilton
Susan Davis, Hamilton
Sandra Easby, Crystal Beach
Jean Hof, Hamilton
Gail McDiarmid, Mississauga
Lynda Rivard, Simcoe

Toronto

Mary K. Anderson, Pickering
Karen Barker, Toronto
Shirley Ann Elms, Dundas
Margo MacKinnon, Pickering
Catherine Moore, Toronto
Carol McCall, Toronto

Chatham-Kent/Windsor-Essex

Sheila DeJaegher, Chatham
Kris Kearney-Richards, Dresden
Sandra Smith, Pain Court
Ruth Stokes, Erieau
Wendy Weston, Dresden

Sarnia-Lambton

Helen Danby, Petrolia
Eula Evans, Petrolia
Linda Gryner, Plympton-Wyoming
Gloria Saunders, Inwood
Kathryn Weston, Petrolia

Northern/North-Western

Libby Gibson, North Bay

London-Central

Jeannette Boyd, St. Thomas
Ruth Ann Butler, London
Norma Chicoine, London
Tory Garfat, London
Hazel MacLeod, London
Kathy Newnes, London

Mid-Western

Barbara Jones, Goderich
Nancy Hughes, Goderich

Conestoga

Patricia Fabian, Waterloo
Donna O'Reilly, Freelton
Virginia Reade, Paris
Marion Wallace, Guelph

Huronia/Grey-Bruce

Chris Bateman, Queensville
Ann Mason, Newmarket
Renate Schuetz, Owen Sound

Kawartha-Trent

Ann Evans, Oshawa
Marie Locke, Campbellford

Ottawa-Rideau

Elanor Brodie, Ottawa
Jo Brodie, Ottawa
Joan Drummond, Chelsea, P.Q.
Peggy Gallipeau, Carleton Place
Gwyneth Harkin, Nepean
Caroline Rodgers, Richmond

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Provincial Nominating Committee

The Provincial Nominating Committee (comprised of **Ann Evans, Eleanor Bentley and Karen Barker**) were elected at the November 12th, 2015 meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee. The committee was charged with the responsibility of preparing a proposed Slate of Provincial Officers for 2016 - 2017. Subsequently, Karen Barker resigned from the committee. Eleanor Bentley presented the Slate of Officers for 2016-2017.

Slate of Officers for 2016 - 2017

President	Renate Schuetz
First-Vice President	Linda Gryner
Second Vice-President	<i>Vacant</i>
South Western Area Vice-President.....	Eula Evans
Mid Central Area Vice-President.....	Sheila DeJaegher
South Central Area Vice-President	Jean Hof
North Central Area Vice-President.....	Donna O'Reilly
Toronto Area Vice-President.....	Margo MacKinnon
Eastern Area Vice-President.....	Jo Brodie
Northern Area Vice-President	Libby Gibson
Secretary	Marion Wallace
Treasurer.....	Karen Barker
Citizenship	Caroline Rodgers
Assistant Citizenship.....	Ann Evans
Communications	Elanor Brodie
Education.....	Helen Danby
Assistant Education	Norma Lyttle Chicoine
Membership.....	Shirley Ann Elms
Assistant Membership.....	Gail McDiarmid
Services.....	Virginia Reade
Assistant Services	<i>Vacant</i>
Standard Bearer	Sheila DeJaegher

Installation of Officers for 2016 - 2017

E. Anne Mason, President of IODE Canada, installed the Officers of the Provincial Chapter for 2016 – 2017.

"To you **Renate Schuetz**, as President, and to you as Officers of the IODE Ontario Provincial Chapter, is entrusted the honour and the responsibility of guiding your chapter in all of its undertakings throughout the coming year. As I induct you into office, I encourage you to continue your good works that benefit your community, Canada and IODE. May this chapter continue to grow in membership and knowledge during your term of office.

May each of you have the strength, wisdom and courage to be equal to your responsibilities. As leaders of this chapter, I ask you to capture the imagination and enthusiasm of the members with clearly defined goals. I now present you, Renate, with the gavel, a symbol of the office you now hold.

I congratulate you and wish you every success. Together we will MAKE IT HAPPEN to make this country the best place in the world in which to live.

Congratulations. Best wishes for the coming year!"

President Renate Schuetz was presented with the Margaret Gage Burkholder gavel (the first

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President of IODE Ontario in 1920) as a symbol of the office of the President.

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The 96th Provincial Annual Meeting was declared closed at 3:30 p.m. The Standard Bearer retrieved the flag. **Eula Evans** led the singing of God Save the Queen. The President invited the members to join her, National President **E. Anne Mason**, Provincial First Vice-President **Linda Gryner** in the receiving line in the lobby.

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