



# IODE ONTARIO

*100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting*

*by Teleconference*

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**



*“Honouring our Past and  
Embracing the Future”*

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic which was declared on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Business Meeting was held by teleconference with 53 members in attendance. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting was "*Honouring our Past and Embracing our Future.*" Due to the format of the meeting, supporting documents were made available on the Provincial website.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Gryner, with the Canadian Flag in place. The allegiance to Canada and appreciation of this great country was proudly exhibited while all listened to Dennis Gagne's version of "O Canada"

**Renee Geluk of IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown**, recited the IODE Prayer on behalf of all in attendance, followed by the Affirmation

**In Memoriam**: As a sign of respect, **Sandra Thompson of IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden**, read the poem entitled "Some Days", while a moment of silence was observed, remembering all IODE members who passed away in 2019.

**In Memoriam**

*"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure...  
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure..."*

Phyllis Blanford, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter  
Catherine Boddy, IODE White Cloud Chapter  
Shirley Bridgehouse, IODE Hamilton Chapter  
Donna Carswell, IODE Bemersyde Chapter  
Verna Cumming, IODE Paardeburg Chapter  
Mildred Hodd, IODE The Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin  
Barbara Hopton, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter  
Joyce Kelly, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter  
Patricia Laine, IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter  
Barbara Lewis, IODE Dr. Healey Willan Chapter  
Dorothy Majkut, IODE Claremont Chapter  
Patricia Pinsonneault, IODE Captain Garnet Brackin  
Betty Rogers, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter  
Beverly Sanborn, IODE Confederation Chapter  
Mary Vassbotn, IODE Manitou Chapter  
Audrey Walters, IODE Confederation Chapter  
Christine Whitfield, IODE Bemersyde Chapter  
Joan Williams, IODE Bishop Hellmuth Chapter

May they rest in peace.

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**Welcome:**

President Linda Gryner welcomed everyone and declared the opening of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IODE Ontario Provincial Annual Business Meeting by teleconference.

President Linda said: "This is a historic moment in the 100-year history of IODE Ontario when we gather today at the first-ever Provincial Annual Business Meeting by teleconference due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. It is appropriate since on this date, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 100 years ago, IODE Ontario received its charter. Happy Birthday to us!!! Together we are making IODE history!"

Because this was the very first time that a Provincial Annual Meeting was held via teleconference, President Linda shared a number of teleconferencing protocols for a smooth meeting. She said "Please remember this is YOUR meeting and I invite primary chapter members who are not Provincial

Councillors to take part by either moving or seconding motions or asking questions. The motions are printed on your agenda. When moving or seconding, please say “*Your Name, IODE Chapter... would like to move (or second) that the.....*” (read the motion on the agenda.) So please don't be shy. I will only ask for oppositions or abstentions.”

She acknowledged the help of all the Provincial Officers especially Secretary **Kathy Newnes** in helping prepare her first (and very different) Annual Meeting and to Website administrator, **Renate Schuetz** for her invaluable help in uploading information on the website for use at the meeting.

### **Introductions:**

President Linda Gryner then introduced the nine Past Provincial Presidents, IODE Ontario's Honorary Vice- Presidents who were present:

**Marty Dalton**  
**Ruth Ann Butler**  
**Chris Bateman**  
**Sandra Smith**  
**Patricia Fabian**

**E. Anne Mason**  
**Bonnie Rees**  
**Karen Barker**  
**Renate Schuetz**

Unable to attend were Honorary Vice-Presidents, **Marie Westlake** and **Lynda Rivard**.

Next, several members of the Board of Directors and Officers of the National Chapter of Canada IODE were introduced:

**Carol McCall, National President**  
**Karen Dalton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and National Education Officer**  
**Chris Bateman, National Secretary**  
**Catherine Moore, Constitution Officer**  
**Bonnie Rees, National Citizenship Officer and Archivist**  
**Hazel MacLeod, National War Memorial Scholarship Officer**  
**Renate Schuetz, National Communications & Public Relations Officer**

Also in attendance and acknowledged were Past National Presidents:

**Marty Dalton**

**Ann Dyer**

**Chris Bateman**

**Catherine Moore**

**E. Anne Mason**

**Bonnie Rees**

**Announcement of two Anniversary books:** The theme of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Provincial Annual Meeting is “*Honouring our Past and Embracing our Future*”. Linda shared: “When we think of the past, historically we think of events, places and dates. IODE is undoubtedly rich in those; however, there has never been a published effort to focus on the many remarkable IODE women, both past and present. IODE Ontario is pleased to announce two Anniversary books, which would have been available if Covid- 19 had not interfered. The first is entitled “*A History of Ontario Chapters' Names*” researched and compiled by IODE member Gwyneth Harkin of Ottawa and “*A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women*”, a compilation of stories, vignettes about over 130 IODE women who were “*born with a purpose and who were born to inspire*” heard on my way to the office.)”

“The week of April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week. I would like to affix that same attribute to you IODE volunteers who are “*born with a purpose and born to inspire.*” Thank you for having the heart, the passion and the energy to be a volunteer!

This morning over Radio KX947 Hamilton, a message (see below) in conjunction with Volunteer Week, submitted by Provincial Services Officer & IODE Freelton Chapter member, Virginia Reade, (who is here at the office 6 feet away from me) was broadcasted:

*“Thank for your support of volunteers this week. IODE Ontario, a women's volunteer organization, with its head office here in Hamilton, on Frid Street is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2020. Today, we are having a teleconference business meeting for our Annual Reports. We really hope in the Fall, we will be able to have an in-person, exciting celebration at a Hamilton venue to recognize ten decades of dedicated volunteering.”*

Excerpts of the President's opening remarks were as follows:

*“Speaking of the “5-letter word” I know... you all are thinking-please no more Covid!*

*First of all, we know what we all have to do. Thank you for keeping you, your families and communities safe by religiously practicing **anti-Covid** measures. Thank you for doing what you can, by sewing masks, gowns, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) bags, etc., raising funds for food banks and a myriad other Covid-related assistance project. Thank you for boosting the morale of your family, friends, fellow members and essential frontline workers. And my last plea is to please continue to be safe and well.*

*I would also like extend our love, prayers and well wishes to IODE members and their families who are dealing with Covid-19, particularly David, son of Provincial Standard Bearer Kathryn Weston and member of IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia; Rick and Diane Wilson of IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia and others unknown to us.*

*In view of the unprecedented events of the past months and the restrictions imposed on us, I am sure it has given us a lot of time to think and ponder. I did my own and found a few unorthodox parallels between Covid-19 and IODE. Please allow me to share.*

### **1. Both are easily spread.**

- *The difference is whether we are pushing the appropriate button to allow or disallow the spread.*
- *I do not need to tell you how the Government of Canada has been incessantly feeding us with information day after day about Covid-19.*
- *In IODE, are we guilty of pressing the “mute button” so that information regarding IODE does not spread*

### **2. Essential frontline workers.**

- *They are valued, appreciated and are modern-day heroes during the Covid pandemic.*
- *As IODE members in your communities, YOU are THE essential, frontline providers for the homeless, abused women and children, the poor and the hungry, financially strapped students and literacy-needy individuals, our brothers and sisters in Labrador, Nunavut and northern Ontario, PTSD affected veterans and their families and many more.*

### **3. Giving Up.**

- *There is no giving up to the fight against this hideous virus among all sectors of the government, private institutions and the general public. Measures are being initiated and changing all the time.*
- *In IODE, have we been easy to become discouraged when memberships are declining in numbers, aging, leadership positions are not being filled and chapters are considering closing shop before alternate options are explored?*
- *As loving and caring members of this wonderful organization, should each one of us do what we can, to address the fixable problems? Should we stay committed and bequeath IODE as an heirloom to our daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters?*

*I would like to end by saying that more than ever during these uncertain times, we, as an adaptable group*

of ladies, should stay resolute to our IODE mission to be THE “essential frontline providers” for our fellowmen, our communities and our country.”

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**Acceptance of the 2019 Minutes** of the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting held on April 27, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Waterfront Kingston, Ontario were pre-circulated and uploaded onto the IODE Ontario website.

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

**Seconded by: Renee Geluk, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway**

**“THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2019 Provincial Annual Meeting held in Kingston, Ontario be accepted as pre-circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Secretary’s Annual Report Provincial Secretary, Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House, London**

**“Honouring Our Past and Embracing Our Future** is the theme of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Provincial Annual Meeting. During these uncertain times, it is difficult to plan our future, but we must maintain our momentum and move forward as we have done in the last 100 years. There have been bumps along the road but here we are ... still going strong! In the words of the first Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Frances Selwyn Rhodes, she stated;

*“In this the first year of our existence as a Chapter, there have been mistakes of course, and difficulties to overcome but none insurmountable, and we thank the many members of the Provincial Chapter for their patience and kind help in making this what we trust has been a successful year.”* I would like to add, “What has been a successful 100 years.” I wonder what she would think now.

As I read the Annual Reports, honouring our past and encouraging future generations is evident throughout. If you look on pages 7 to 13, you see the lists of members who have guided us along the way- the Honorary Vice Presidents, Provincial Councillors, Past Presidents and Life Members. On page 15, you see the list of respected IODE members who are no longer here, but through their leadership and inspiration, they left us their legacy, steering us in the right direction. President Linda Gryner has made it her goal to visit as many primary chapters as possible, not only to get to know the members but to encourage and support them. Look on pages 16-17 outlining a number of her visits throughout this past year.

Many primary chapters, as well as the Provincial Chapter, continue to recognize academic excellence and encourage future students by providing assistance by way of bursaries and scholarships. They also support the work of community partners through Services programs. As I read the secretary reports, it was apparent that the work of IODE is known to each community through many projects that members have undertaken. The actions of our primary, municipal and provincial chapters in the past will continue to influence our future. Some chapters are large and are very active; others are small and do a few things but just as active. Every chapter is valuable. And every act of kindness and generosity is making a difference.

Through your good works, you continue to promote IODE such as when you hold events like book sales, Christmas House Tours, bake and preserves sale. There are field trips, pancake breakfasts, garage sales, flower sales, parades, vendor and fashion shows. One chapter is known for supplying stuffed animals to the Children’s Hospital, which makes their hospital stay a little easier.

**Honouring Our Past** – congratulations to all chapters for the assistance you have given your communities and for **Embracing Our Future as you continue** your commitment and dedicated service to others.

IODE Ontario, besides being your jurisdictional chapter, is the primary chapters' "go to" for anything IODE related. Each Provincial Officer and Convenor is leading her committee, working with others and strategically planning to ensure development, growth and efficiency in IODE Ontario. The primary chapters' support, communications and constant sharing of their news and activities with the Provincial Chapter are vital in order to take us into the next 100 years. We are in this together!"

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

**Seconded by: E. Anne Mason, IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing**

***"THAT the 2019 Provincial Secretary's Annual Report as found on pages 16 to 20 of the 2019 Annual Report that has been uploaded on the website, be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

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**Treasurer's Annual Report:** Provincial Treasurer, Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton

"The Treasurer's Report found on **pages 21 and 22** of the 2019 Annual Report contains a **summary of Primary and Municipal Chapters' audited financial statements**. Total revenue for Ontario chapters was **\$870,433** and total expenditures were **\$865,971**. Chapters are to be congratulated for their success.

Chapter treasurers are to be commended for their reports.

The assistance and guidance of the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee were invaluable."

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton**

**Seconded by: Margo MacKinnon, IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Toronto**

***"THAT the Treasurer's Report as found on page 21 & 22 of the 2019 Annual Report in the uploaded website edition be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

**2020 Provincial Budget**

"The PEC-approved 2020 **Operating Budget for IODE Ontario** can be found on **page 23** of the 2019 Annual Report that has been uploaded on the Provincial website for your information."

**2019 Audited Financial Statements**

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton**

**Seconded by: Ann Marie Becke, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich**

***"THAT the audited 2019 Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the year ending December 31st, 2019 and the Auditor's Report as found on pages 25-37 in the 2019 Annual Report and uploaded on the Provincial website be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

**Appointment of Auditors**

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton**

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

***"THAT that the firm of DBK Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020."***

**CARRIED**

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**Correspondence: Secretary Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

- Anniversary Greetings from Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Greetings from MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Greetings from Brantford, Mayor Kevin Davis
- Letters of Best Wishes for a successful meeting from IODE Ontario Life Members, Honorary Vice Presidents and Members of the Provincial Executive Committee
- Letters of Anniversary Greetings from the National Chapter of Canada IODE President, Board of Directors and the National Advisory Committee
- Letters of Greetings from Provincial Presidents of Alberta, B.C. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, P.E.I. on behalf of their Provincial Members

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**Resolutions of Loyalty:** First Vice President Caroline Rodgers took the Chair as **President Linda Gryner** read the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

*Resolutions 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 assembled in Ontario by telephonic means due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Provincial Annual Business Meeting, pledge the loyalty of all members to your Gracious Majesty, Our Patron.*

*Members of IODE extend warmest regards and sincere wishes for good health to His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, to His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, as the Head of the Commonwealth, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, and all members of the Royal Family.*

*Since your Accession to the Throne on 06 February 1952 and throughout these challenging years, your example of steadfast leadership continues to be an inspiration. IODE members commend your unfailing devotion to your subjects and your vast accomplishments of your reign.*

*We remain your most loyal and dedicated subjects and wish you good health as you continue as our reigning Monarch.”*

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: President Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia**

**Seconded by: Elanor Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa**

***“THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada be adopted as presented.”***

**CARRIED**

*(President Linda Gryner resumed the Chair.)*

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*Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Excellency,  
The Right Honourable Julie Payette, CC, CMM, COM, CQ, CD, Governor General  
and Commander-in-Chief of Canada*

*“May It Please Your Excellency:*

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled in Ontario by telephonic means due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Business Meeting, wish to extend warm greetings to Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, representative of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, our Patron.*

*IODE members across Ontario pledge loyalty and support as you visit many communities. Our mission to enhance the quality of life for individuals, through education support, community service, and citizenship programs, aligns with your belief that people everywhere can achieve their potential and make discoveries for a better world through determination, cooperation and healthy living.”*

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa**

**Seconded by Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto**

**CARRIED**

***“THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada be adopted as presented.”***

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*Greetings to  
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario,  
The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell OC OOnt*

*“May It Please Your Honour,*

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE assembled in Ontario by telephonic means, on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, wish to present to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell most loyal and sincere greetings.*

*Your visits with diverse groups and your encouragement have helped Ontarians speak of their concerns. Sharing these concerns will help us understand one another and build a more cohesive society.*

*IODE members will continue to work to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians through their educational, social service and citizenship programs.*

*IODE members wish you good health and happiness as you continue to fulfill the duties of your office.”*

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia**

**Seconded by: Wendy Weston, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden**

***“THAT the Greetings to The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell OC OOnt be adopted as presented.”***

**CARRIED**

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**2019 Annual Report Summary- Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia**

*“Congratulations IODE members! Your contributions of time, talents, and wisdom have made 2019 another successful year in the history of IODE. Regardless of the size of your chapter or the age of your members, each IODE member is valued. This is shown through your reports from the recognition of members for their years of service and continued mentorship, to the events that the community support and look forward to each year.*

The Citizenship report found on page 42 shows the total volunteer hours of 153,376 for 936 members. This number is equivalent to 163.8 hours per person of those who reported their hours to IODE. This represents over four working weeks a year!

Donations to many charitable organizations, soup kitchens, women's shelters, school lunch programs and citizenship awards, support for our troops through Christmas cards, veteran dinners and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Many chapters recognized our First Responders, the police, firefighters, or emergency personnel. Trees and flowers were donated to conservation areas and museums. IODE's long tradition of assisting at citizenship courts continued. Several chapters donated children's books, toys and magazines to a local Family Court waiting room. The IODE Kent Regiment Chapter continued with their project of "Gathering our Heroes". Pages 44 to 49 of the Citizenship report outline various chapter initiatives.

The total value in Communications is **\$48,345** as reported on pages 49 and 51.

Promotion was achieved through the use of daily and weekly newspapers, community and online media, radio and cable TV, public service announcements, online calendars, flyers, banners and social media platforms. Primary chapters also used sandwich boards, community booths, church bulletins and even TV screens at the Bingo Hall to promote both their chapters and IODE as a whole. There were new Facebook pages, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

These partners included local businesses of all kinds such as grocery stores, florists, bingo halls, theatre community partners, local media, insurance agents, retirement homes and dentists. Many of these partners promoted IODE activities and events on their own social media platforms, in their advertising programs and through emails.

The Education report starting on page 51 shows that over **\$150,000** in bursaries and awards were given to local students and almost \$60,000 in other assistance went out to local schools. Our total donation for all education was over **\$250,000** or a quarter of a million dollars.

Chapters' assistance to local schools included donations of the IODE Jean Throop Award and IODE Violet Downey Award book winners by donating copies of the winning books to local schools and libraries through the "Born to Read" and the "Own a Book Share a Book" programs. Kiwanis Music Festival, Science Fairs, community Fall Fairs and public libraries are recipients of IODE donations. Deceased IODE members are remembered through donations of bursaries, awards, or books gifted to the local library.

One chapter donated a shelving unit for the high schools "Free Cycle" program where students can obtain free clothing and food items. Another chapter makes Christmas gift bags containing a stuffed toy, crayons, puzzles, gloves and a colouring book that are given to each Junior and Senior Kindergarten student at a local school. The Provincial Annual Report shares each chapter's educational activities as written in the primary reports on pages 52 to 57. Please look these over for new ideas.

Reports on pages 58 and 59 show that both the Hamilton Legacy and the Toronto Legacy continue to benefit many students through contributions that were given prior to the Municipal Chapters' disbandment and the generosity of the Weston Foundation.

IODE Ontario is grateful for the primary chapters' donations to the Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education to assist college and university students on page 61. There are several education awards that the Provincial Chapter continues to disburse from bequests. These are the Gladys Raiter Bursary, The IODE Ontario William Barrott Bursary and the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM at Ryerson University as outlined on pages 61 to 63.

The adopted schools report on page 66 showed that Primary Chapters donated generously, giving over \$4,700 for our Northern Ontario Schools and assisting over 400 students. Contributions of items such as puzzles, bowls and cups, table and chairs for classroom activities, backpacks, iTunes cards, books, a year's subscription to National Geographic for kids, indoor shoes, hats, mitts and sweaters were noted.

IODE Ontario's War Memorial Scholarship Committee continues to help in the selection of applicants that are forwarded to National. Last year two out of three of the War Memorial recipients were from Ontario. Each recipient received \$15,000 from the National War Memorial Scholarship Fund for PhD studies.

Despite declining enrolment, the Membership Report on page 65 showed promise.

Congratulations to each chapter that has a new member! On page 66, we have a list of new members. Welcome ladies! Congratulations to Eldon House, London, Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia, and Val Griffiths, Dorchester for recruiting three new members each and sharing 1<sup>st</sup> place. It is great to see that 19 out of 40 chapters have new members as seen on page 70. The secrets that chapters use to entice new members are revealed on pages 68 to 71.

Not only is it important to recruit new members, but it is also equally important to recognize our seasoned members and their mentorship as listed on page 71 for their years of service.

If we believe in IODE, we need to share it. A few years ago, Honorary Vice President Bonnie Rees told us to litter with IODE information. Today we have social media to share the good works of IODE. We can't be humble and expect to get new members. Blow your horns! Be IODE Proud and Talk IODE. The Services Annual Report is featured on page 72 with a total of \$754,989, over three quarters of a million dollars! The Provincial Packing room has been busy sending 280 boxes of needed items to the Northern Ontario nursing stations, and communities within Newfoundland, Labrador and Nunavut. None of these would have been possible without the help of dedicated packers. Thank you to members of **IODE 48th Highlanders, Claremont, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Frelton and Victoria Guelph** chapters for participating in the packing sessions.

Keeping people fed and clothed were two areas in which all primary chapters were engaged. Tangible and financial donations were made to food banks, school breakfast/snack programs, meal delivery programs and Easter/Christmas hampers. New and used clothing and footwear were donated, not only to the Provincial Packing Room, but also to homeless shelters, women & children's domestic violence shelters, hospitals, group homes, long-term care facilities, animal shelters, camps and sports programs. Standard Bearer report on page 74 stated that the Canadian flag was proudly displayed at IODE meetings, funerals, and events. Captain Nichola Goddard Chapter members carried eight flags at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Fort York in Toronto.

The total value in Education and Services programs alone adds up to one million dollars. This amazing figure represents over \$1,000 per member. Congratulations to all IODE Ontario members!"

**MOTION:**

**Moved By: Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia on behalf of the Officers and Convenors**

***"THAT the reports found on pages 38 to 74 of the 2019 Annual Report be adopted as digitally uploaded to the Provincial website."***

**Seconded by: National President Carol McCall, IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto**

"It is an honour to second the 2019 Annual Report of IODE Ontario.

The 2019 Annual Report demonstrates the tremendous ongoing commitment of IODE Ontario Members, in the past, in the present and for the future. Our members are out there thinking about others and helping with their time, their fundraisers and their donations.

Total volunteer hours were 153,376 for 936 members, equivalent to 163.8 hours per person, over four working weeks a year!

Total donations for all education was over **\$250,000**. A unique project of one chapter was the donation of a shelving unit for the local high school's "Free Cycle" program where students can obtain free clothing and food items.

Both the Hamilton Municipal and Toronto Municipal Chapters live on with their Legacy Funds continuing to benefit many students through contributions from those funds and the ongoing support and

generosity of the Weston Foundation.

IODE Ontario's several education funds continue each year to represent the commitment of past IODE members to IODE's support post-secondary students. The Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education, the Gladys Raiter Bursary, the IODE Ontario William Barrott Bursary and the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM at Ryerson University.

Total Services were valued at \$754,989! The Provincial Packing room sent 280 boxes of needed items to the Northern Ontario nursing stations, and communities in Newfoundland, Labrador and Nunavut.

Keeping people fed and clothed are two areas of all primary chapters' focus. Our chapters know what is important and get out there and donate food and clothing.

The amazing total value of the Ontario Education and Services programs add up to one million dollars. This amazing figure represents over \$1,000 per member!

It is great to see that 19 out of 40 chapters have new members, almost half of our chapters in Ontario!

Regardless of the challenges presented by Covid-19, IODE Ontario has continuously demonstrates the resilience and imagination to meet challenges throughout its 100-year history, and continues to do so to this day.

Congratulations to every Ontario member!"

**CARRIED**

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**IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award Citizenship Officer Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

**OPP Detective Sergeant Steve Coburn Polygraph Unit, Investigation and Support Bureau**

Detective Sergeant (D/Sgt) Steve Coburn has been a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Polygraph Unit since 2009. In this capacity, he is responsible for interviewing people from all walks of life whether they are victims of criminal acts or perpetrators of society's most heinous crimes. D/Sgt Coburn is known for treating all interviewees with respect and compassion - regardless of their circumstances.

D/Sgt. Coburn sees first-hand the perpetual relationship between poverty, low educational achievement and encounters with the justice system. These conditions impose a considerable financial burden on social support systems in addition to exacting great personal costs. Upon learning that childhood nutrition dramatically improves these social outcomes, D/Sgt Coburn was inspired to fight food insecurity in his community. An avid runner, he created a fundraising race and the Compass Run for Food was born. In June 2014, the first Compass Run for Food hosted approximately 200 runners. In 2019, race day included over 770 runners and 200 kids from the local schools in Dufferin County. The Compass Run for Food has become a much-anticipated annual community event.

To date, D/Sgt. Coburn has led the Compass Run for Food organizing team through six races. Between 2014 and 2019, Compass Run for Food gave \$186,000 directly to all three local food banks and six elementary school breakfast programs in Dufferin County. After this year's race (2020), the organizing team expects to have directed a quarter million dollars toward fighting food insecurity in their community.

D/Sgt. Coburn recently completed a three-month community-based assignment in a West Region OPP detachment. His drive to interact with community has him, looking toward the next chapter of his career at a detachment where he can become even more involved in community initiatives.

Detective Sergeant Steve Coburn is a natural leader with integrity and empathy for the members of the communities he serves. He has made a significant impact on his community that will make a lasting and positive difference.

**IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary Announcement Education Officer, Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**

“This bursary, endowed by the Raiter family is given to honour the memory of Gladys Raiter, an IODE member from the Kitchener-Waterloo region. It is offered to a graduate student at the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University, or a resident of Kitchener-Waterloo studying at an accredited university elsewhere in Canada.

In celebration of IODE Ontario’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020, the committee decided to present two awards. The recipients were Christine Kitoko and Krenare Recaj, both studying at the University of Waterloo.

Christine is currently in her Master of Development Practice Program taking International Development. She has a keen interest in social justice and equity-related issues. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Development Studies from York University and worked with a non-governmental organization named “Inner City Outreach” where she was program coordinator for children and youth in the Jane and Finch Community of Toronto. Presently her focus is supporting the community in low-income settings by enabling them to exert decision-making outcomes that will better shape their future and bring sustainable change.

Christine Kitoko volunteers as a community worker in a care centre as a mentor, tutor and soup kitchen helper. She is on her church’s visitation team, as well as taking singing lessons in her spare time. She was a trombone player in the Salvation Army Youth Band. Christine has already been to Haiti on two humanitarian missions.

One of Christine’s professors described her as the “ideal graduate student; self-motivated, curious, committed, intelligent, well organized and affable- a joy in the classroom with excellent academic work (A average), and passionate extracurricular involvement in social justice.”

Krenare Recaj is currently enrolled in the Masters Program specializing in History. Krenare’s research thesis will examine Canada’s foreign relations with Kosovo focusing on the 1999 Kosovo war and how Canada accepted and settled Kosovar refugees after the conflict. Krenare came to Canada as a refugee after the war in Kosovo and so this is a topic that is very close to her heart.

One of Krenare’s professors stated, “We’ve let about 20 people into our MA Program for the 2019-2020 academic year, and they’re all very strong students. Of that group, Krenare is at the very top. I am so impressed with the quality of her work. I’m equally impressed by her kindness, her professionalism and her dedication to her studies.”

One of Krenare’s main interests involves volunteering for National Service Dogs, an organization that provides service dogs for those living with Autism or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She volunteers in the Evening Enrichment Program where she would go to the kennel and help relax, train, and exercise dogs for 3 hours. Krenare is also a weekend dog sitter. This means caring for different dogs at her home every weekend from Friday to Monday. For a year, she volunteered at a Finishing Home for dogs. This meant taking adult dogs that were struggling with behavioural issues, living with and training them full time for several months until their issues were corrected. Her most recent position with the National Service Dogs is the “Purposeful Puppy Sitter” that includes taking a different dog every week to assess its progress in the program. Krenare states, “Many people think that raising a service dog is fun all the time. However, it means early mornings and late nights, lots of walks, and constant training.”

In 2019, Krenare received excellence in academics, was named on the Deans Honour list and was the recipient of the Kerr Ostrander Leadership for Tomorrow Awards from the University of Waterloo.

Congratulations to our 2020 IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary recipients!”

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**IODE Jean Throop Book Award Winner Toronto Legacy Convenor, Mary K. Anderson, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Pickering**

“This is a very unique way to announce the IODE Jean Throop Book Award winner but we are living in unusual times.

This year the Book Award Committee reviewed 75 books submitted by 17 publishers. Many thanks to Linda Dennis of IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter who as chair received the books and made them available to all committee members. Also thank you to committee members, Karen Barker (IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders), Brenda Kinnear (IODE Bridlewood), Deanne Leuty (IODE Bridlewood), Margo MacKinnon (IODE Rouge Valley), Hazel McLeod (IODE Eldon House) and Kerry Strathdee (IODE Bridlewood). The committee expressed their preferences for certain books but in the end unanimously agreed on the choice for 2019.

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award and the choice is an excellent reflection of the quality of children’s literature the award has come to represent. One might say that this year’s winner, like IODE, has contributed greatly to the community and has had a lasting effect on the lives of many. Only a few times in our lives does a person, event or song follow us into many aspects of our lives. The book chosen certainly has had an impact on our past and continues to be very relevant to the present and even to the future.

The 2019 IODE Jean Throop Book Award winner is “*Skinnamarink*” written by award winning recording artists Sharon Hampson, Lois Lilienstein and Bram Morrison with additional text by Sharon Hampson’s daughter, Randi. The story represents all ages, abilities and families, even animals spontaneously parading through the community as they follow the music. The illustrations by award winning artist, Qin Leung are whimsical and joyful and compliment the spirit of the song.

“*Skinnamarink*” means friendship, sharing, community and love, all ideals that are representative of IODE. I hope you will continue supporting quality Canadian children’s literature by purchasing this delightful book. It will make a perfect gift for yourself, your members and to give to local schools, libraries and shelters.

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**Membership Award Membership Officer, Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa**

“This year’s awards acknowledge the chapters that have installed the most number of new paid-up members for 2019. Membership Officers are urged to submit the New Member Form for new paid-up members to both the Provincial and National Offices as soon as possible. There was a total of 33 new members in 2019. Welcome letters had been sent to all new members.

The winners are:

**First Place with 3 new paid-up members**

IODE Eldon House, London  
IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron,  
Sarnia IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 2 new paid-up members**

IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford  
IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place  
IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury  
IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, North Bay  
IODE Laurentian, Ottawa  
IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich  
IODE Walter Baker, Ottawa  
IODE White Cloud, Warton

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 1 new paid-up member**

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, Markham  
IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia  
IODE John Milton, Milton  
IODE Royal Wyndham, Guelph  
IODE Susie Sorabji, Uxbridge  
IODE The Princes Richard and Michael, Kitchener  
IODE Victoria Guelph, Guelph”

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**Elected 2020-2021 National & Provincial Councillors Treasurer, Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiaraton**

***The following women have been elected as 2020-2021 Elected National Councillors***

Karen Barker	Sheila DeJaegher
Josephine Brodie	Patricia Kresan (Dr.)
Karen Dalton	Renate Schuetz
Helen Danby	Marie Westlake

***The following women were elected as 2020/2021 Provincial Councillors.***

Mary K. Anderson	Libby Gibson
Garna Argenti	Linda Gryner
Karen Barker	Jean Hof
Chris Bateman	Patricia Kresan (Dr.)
Michelle Batty	Jayne Little
Eleanor Bentley	Margo MacKinnon
Ashley Bonnell	Hazel MacLeod
Jeannette Boyd	E. Anne Mason
Kathryn Boyden	Carol McCall
Elanor Brodie	Gail McDiarmid
Jo Brodie	Catherine Moore
Ruth Ann Butler	Kathy Newnes
Debbie Button	Donna O'Reilly
Jan Casbourn	Virginia Reade
Leslie Chekan	Bonnie Rees
Norma Chicoine	Aileen Reid
Lisa Cossar	Lynda Rivard
Karen Dalton	Caroline Rodgers
Helen Danby	Gloria Saunders
Susan Davis	Patricia Scallan
Sheila DeJaegher	Renate Schuetz
Shirley Ann Elms	Beverley Shepley
Joyce Erickson	Sandra Smith

Eula Evans	Betsy Thompson
Cara Fabian	Kathryn Weston
Patricia Fabian	Wendy Weston
Peggy Gallipeau	

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**Life Membership - Chair, Sheila DeJaegher, IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham**

At this meeting, two Provincial Councillors were granted their Provincial Life Memberships. Below were the citations read:

**Shirley Ann Elms**

In the mid-1970's, Shirley Ann Elms joined the IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter in Toronto on the Invitation of her mother-in-law who was a member. As a regimental chapter, membership is restricted to only members of the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada Regimental Family. Shirley Ann is presently the Regent of IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter.

In 2014, Shirley Ann became a Provincial Councillor and because of her enthusiasm to be proactive in many committees, it became evident that she would be a very valuable member.

In 2015 to 2018, Shirley Ann served as Provincial Membership Officer and oversaw the bestowals of three chapters in 2016: IODE Ubique in Toronto, IODE City of Lakes in Sudbury and IODE Headwaters in Orangeville. During her term, Shirley Ann developed the "Grow in IODE" Campaign. Utilizing a colourful custom-designed rack card and a small package of sunflower seeds, this Membership Drive was designed to increase IODE membership and IODE brand recognition.

At the 2019 Provincial Annual Meeting, Shirley Ann and her team unveiled the Provincial Membership Video, which showcased members at work in their communities. At this meeting, Shirley Ann was installed as Provincial Citizenship Officer and her first order of business was to arrange that IODE Ontario lay a wreath every Remembrance day at Gore Park in Hamilton, the decision was unanimous.

Shirley Ann served as IODE Ontario's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2017-2018 and co-convened the joint 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual meeting and the 118<sup>th</sup> IODE Canada Annual meeting in London Ontario.

Shirley Ann has been a National Councillor since 2015 and with her strong Military background, she advocated for the Canadian Forces Bar. She felt passionately that the service of our men and women in the Canadian Forces be recognized and by extension, the family members who support them.

Shirley Ann never hesitates to do what she can for the good of IODE Ontario. In recognition of her efforts and dedication to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, we all agree Shirley Ann Elms is most worthy of receiving a Provincial Chapter of Ontario Life membership.

**Mary K. Anderson**

Mary K. Anderson joined IODE Bridlewood Chapter in 1985, subsequently joining the IODE Rouge Valley Chapter and in 2010, she became a member of a third chapter, the IODE Captain Nichola Goddard Chapter. Mary K. is a third generation IODE member following in her mother and grandmother's footsteps. She has held many positions in every Chapter in which she belongs.

Mary K. was President of the IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter for many years until its disbandment in 2014. Mary K. also served as a Councillor at the National level.

Mary K. Anderson became a member of the Provincial Executive Committee in 2004. Most of us know her as the dedicated Toronto Legacy Committee Convenor, a position she has held since 2014. Prior to that she was the Membership Officer for the term 2009-2010.

Mary K. is a retired elementary school teacher who brought her love of children's books to IODE. She loves to read books, so it is fitting that she is the capable Chair of the Toronto Legacy Committee which oversees the presentation of the IODE Jean Troop Book Award. Every year Mary K. orchestrates a book selection committee, who through her guidance and leadership, comes up with a short list of children's books from which to select the worthy author and/or illustrator recipient of the IODE Jean Troop Book Award, now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year.

Her commitment to the Provincial Chapter is exceptional. Mary K. has contributed to the governance of IODE Ontario through her dedicated participation on many committees. She tirelessly supports the programs of IODE Ontario.

In recognition of her efforts and dedication to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, we all agree Mary K. Anderson is most worthy of receiving a Provincial Chapter of Ontario Life Membership.

After the presentation of Life Membership to Shirley Ann, a surprise audio message from her husband Geordie was played. Following the presentation to Mary K. a surprise message from her son, Asaad was read. Congratulations to both on their well-deserved Provincial Life Membership.

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**Nominating Committee Report Chair, Bonnie Rees, IODE Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener.**

"The Provincial Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 was elected by the Provincial Executive Committee at their meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Five members were elected to form the committee: Eleanor Bentley, Norma Chicoine, Eula Evans, Peggy Gallipeau and Bonnie Rees. The committee subsequently consulted and elected Bonnie Rees as chair of the committee.

The Provincial Nominating Committee operates in accordance with the IODE Constitution, Provincial By-Law #20A and the Terms of Reference for the Provincial Nominating Committee.

At the meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, motions were made directing the Nominating Committee to fill the positions of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary (in lieu of Secretary) and two Services Officers (in lieu of Services and Assistant Services Officers).

The interim Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 was presented to the Provincial Executive Committee at their meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. At that time, the Nominating Committee identified challenges filling the Area Vice-Presidents positions. A motion passed at that meeting directed the Nominating Committee to suspend filling the Area Vice-Presidents positions. This matter will be considered by the Officers.

Further nominees eligible for election as Provincial Officers could be submitted in writing up to 14 days prior to the Provincial Annual Meeting. The interim Slate of Officers was distributed to the Provincial Executive Committee members via the Minutes of their meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to allow the Provincial Councillors to exercise this option.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Provincial Annual Business Meeting would be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in virtual mode. Therefore, the date for further nominees was April 9<sup>h</sup>, 2020. As of that date, there were no further nominees. In addition, there were no positions for which more than one nomination was made. Thus, the final Slate of Officers for IODE Ontario for 2020-2021, without the Area Vice-Presidents:

President	Linda Gryner
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Caroline Rodgers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Helen Danby
Recording Secretary	Jan Casbourn
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Newnes
Treasurer	Debbie Button
Citizenship	Shirley Ann Elms
Communications	Elanor Brodie
Education	Helen Danby
Assistant Education	Aileen Reid
Membership	Caroline Rodgers
Assistant Membership	Gail McDiarmid
Services	Gloria Saunders
Services	Virginia Reade
Standard Bearer	Kathryn Weston

Appreciation is extended to the members of the 2020-2021 IODE Ontario Provincial Nominating Committee: Eleanor Bentley, Norma Chicoine, Eula Evans and Peggy Gallipeau. These ladies assisted in consulting all provincial councillors, asking for any nominations they may wish to make and asking them to consider taking Officer positions. The comments gathered were compiled and were most helpful.

The Nominating Committee stands ready to deal with any vacancies which may arise during the course of the year.”

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener**

**Seconded by: Sheila DeJaegher, IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham**

***“THAT the Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 be adopted as presented.”***

***CARRIED***

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**Virtual Installation of 2020-2021 Officers & Convenors - Carol McCall, National President**

“I wish to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication during the past year. President Linda Gryner has met every challenge during 2019 with enthusiasm, commitment and thoughtful consideration. The work completed in Ontario, the dedicated services and the continuing support by IODE members of the many programs initiated at all levels need to be celebrated.

I am pleased with the leadership of the Ontario’s Executive Committee and am inspired by continuing strength of IODE in Ontario. Even in these difficult times, I believe in the capacity of members to contribute to their communities and to support each other and strengthen our organization. Covid-19 is a challenge that can be met with the determination of our members to keep themselves safe and to provide support to others in their communities by standing together.

Based on the nominating report, I will announce each office and they will be virtually installed.

President	Linda Gryner
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**National President Carol:**

“To you LINDA GRYNER as President and to the Officers of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE is entrusted the honour and responsibility of guiding the primary chapter members in your province and encouraging them in their projects throughout the year. As I induct you into office, I encourage you to continue the good work that benefits your community, your province and Canada.

May the members you inspire, continue to build on knowledge that assists them in delivery of IODE programs, support of each other as “women dedicated to a better Canada” and continue to renew their pledge of loyalty to the organization. May IODE Ontario grow in membership during your term of office.”

**Provincial President Linda:**

“As President and on behalf of the officers of IODE Ontario, I pledge that, in accepting these offices, we will endeavour at all times to uphold the Constitution of IODE. We will strive to provide leadership that will inspire members to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs. We will also support each other as Canadian women.”

**National President Carol:**

“May you as President and each officer have the wisdom, strength and courage to be equal to this task. I trust that you, Linda, have the gavel, symbol of the high office you now hold. Use it wisely and often in your meetings and discussions, listening and considering the many points of view of all members.

Today marks a new beginning for IODE in Ontario, with this new slate of officers and new ideas. I congratulate you and wish you every success in this difficult year ahead. IODE will benefit from your experience and commitment. I congratulate you and wish you every success.

May you as President and may each officer have the wisdom, strength and courage to be equal to this task. I now present you with the gavel, symbol of the office you now hold. LINDA, use it wisely in your meetings and deliberations. I congratulate you and your officers and wish you every success.”

**Recommendations: Secretary, Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House, London**

“The following recommendations were approved at the April 21st Provincial Executive Committee meeting for presentation to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE in session at its 2020 Provincial Annual Meeting,

**Appointment of Honourary Vice-Presidents**

**MOTION**

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

Seconded by: Hazel MacLeod, IODE Eldon House, London

*“THAT the following Past Provincial Presidents be appointed as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the term 2020-2021”.*

**CARRIED**

Marty Dalton	Sandra Smith
Marie Westlake	E. Anne Mason
Ruth Ann Butler	Bonnie Rees
Patricia Fabian	Karen Barker
Chris Bateman	Renate Schuetz.”
Lynda Rivard	

**Letters of Greetings to Past Provincial Presidents:**

**MOTION:**

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

Seconded by: Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

*“THAT a Letter of Greetings with our good wishes, as well as a copy of the 2019 Annual report, be sent from this body to all Honorary Vice-Presidents”.*

**CARRIED**

**Announcement of the next year’s annual meeting**

**MOTION:**

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

Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

*“THAT the Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held in April 2021 in a location, with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee.”*

**CARRIED**

**Closing:** President Linda Gryner declared the business portion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Business Meeting closed. She thanked all for “attending” the 2020 Provincial Annual Business Meeting and expressed her hope to have the celebratory portion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Provincial Annual Meeting in the Fall. Further details will be announced.

There being no further business, the 100<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was declared closed.

Adjournment time 12:50 p.m. after the singing of “God Save the Queen.”

**A Big Thank You and Best Wishes to all IODE and non-IODE members who are frontline workers in various essential services.**

**Be safe, stay at home, keep well and continue to practice Anti-Covid measures. If we do our part, this will soon pass and we can meet and greet again in person!**