

**QUOTA INTERNATIONAL INC. – DISTRICT 18
MINUTES OF 65TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HELD AT HIGHLAND INN AND CONFERENCE CENTRE
MIDLAND, ONTARIO
MAY 13 – MAY 15, 2011**

Registration commenced at 3:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011 – OPENING CEREMONIES

Governor Mary Delaney presided and called the Conference to order at 8:00 pm. Gov. Mary welcomed members, guests and visiting dignitaries.

Presentation of Colours, Flags Ceremony was led by Past International President Ilse Mitchell (QI of Ottawa), Past Canada Area Directors and current Club Presidents, East Area Director & Canada Area Director, with the anthems of the 13 Quota countries.

The singing of the United States anthem, followed by the Canada anthem that was sung & signed by the Grade 2 students of Canadian Martyrs School of Penetanguishene. The Rainbow Song was also sung and signed by the students.

Governor Mary Delaney thanked the students for their performance.

Canada Area Director Marie Dobson-Dunlop gave the Invocation followed by a welcome from President of the Host Club, QI of Huronia, Petra Miller.

Monika Fairbairn of QI of Huronia introduced the dignitaries. Mayor of Midland, Gordon MacKay, Mayor of Penetanguishene, Gerry Marshall, Mayor of Tiny Township, Ray Millar, Mayor of Tay Township, Scott Warnock, MP Bruce Stanton, MPP Garfield Dunlop. Each brought greetings on District 18 65th Birthday. Monika Fairbairn thanked the dignitaries.

Governor Mary Delaney introduced and welcomed our Quota International Representative, Kathleen Sherman who brought greetings from Quota International.

Governor Mary Delaney read greetings from International, South Pacific Area Director Karen Murphy and Central Area Director Linda Morton.

Governor Mary Delaney gave a special welcome to the 4 “First Timers” to the conference. They were given a survival kit with noisemakers in them. They were asked to perform a tune, which they did.

Governor Mary Delaney presented awards to the Clubs

Membership	QI of Mariposa Silver Q
Club Attendance	QI of Peterborough
Conference Attendance	QI of Orillia
CARE	QI of Peterborough
International Service	QI of Orillia
Suzanne Prosser Project Director, Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund presented the District Trust Fund award	QI of Orillia.

Governor Mary Delaney appointed the Conference Minutes Committee. The Committee appointed was Chair, Susan Smith – QI of Orillia, Donna Potts – QI of Peterborough, Velma Smart – QI of Grey-Bruce.

Georgina Waind, QI of Collingwood, Nominating Committee chair gave her report.

Introduction of Candidates; Linda Kranich from QI of Orillia was nominated as Lt. Governor, she accepted. Nominations were called for Governor. Anne Ollikainen, of QI of Barrie was nominated and she accepted the position. Anne Ollikainen appointed Carol Simpson QI of Orillia club as Secretary-Treasurer.

Marilyn Smith introduced and thanked the students from Elmvale District High School Grade 12 drama class for their entertainment for the evening. Following the student's presentation the 65th Birthday cake was cut and the membership was invited back to the Hospitality Suite for refreshments that was hosted by the Huronia Club.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011 – BUSINESS SESSION

Club Sales began at 7:30 am

The Conference resumed at 9:00 AM with Governor Mary Delaney presiding. Governor Mary Delaney introduced the Head Table.

The Quota Collect and Objects presented by Kathy Blacow from QI of Collingwood.

Judy Juniper from QI of Grey-Bruce Silver Q presented the Memory Time ceremony honouring for two members who passed away over the past year.

Roll Call of delegates was read Governor Mary Delaney

Program & Conference Rules, presented by Anne Ollikainen from QI of Barrie.

Reports: The Conference Registrar, Barbara DesRochers (QI of Huronia) reported a total of 61 registrations, including 1 International Representative, 1 Canada Area Director, 2 Past International Presidents, 4 Past Canada Area Directors, 9 Past Governors in attendance.

Credentials Committee reports: District Officers – 1; Officers of International residing in District – 1; Past International Presidents residing in District – 2; Club Delegates – 16; Total Voting Strength – 20; presented by Carol Simpson (QI of Orillia), Chair and Barbara Brown (QI of Orillia). **Adoption of the report – passed**

Governor Mary Delaney presented her report, Lt. Governor Ann Keating-Morrison report and Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sanders report.

The Auditing Committee of Marie Dobson-Dunlop and Marilyn Smith both from QI of Huronia confirmed, with a written statement that upon the examinations of the Treasurer's books of District 18 that they found them to be in proper order. **Adoption of report – passed.**

Minutes Committee Chair Monika Fairbairn from QI of Huronia reported one change to the Minutes of the 64th Conference as follows: "The floor was then given to Judy Juniper (QI of Grey-Bruce Silver Q not of Owen Sound). **Minutes stand as corrected.**

Suzanne Prosser (QI of Orillia), Project Director for the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund, gave a report on what has been taking place this year. Copies of the report and financial reports were included in your registration packet.

The Resolutions and Standing Rules Committee report was given by Chair Heather Fell QI of Orillia. An email was sent on January 31, 2011 to all Club Presidents with the updated version of District 18 Standing Rules for review with their club and reply to committee by April 8, 2011 with proposed

changes. There are no proposed changes to our District Standing Rules for 2011-2012. Thank you to Heather Fell and committee members, Linda Hodgson (QI of Orillia) and Willy Lee (QI of Ottawa).

Governor Mary Delaney presented the Budget for 2011-12. Discussion followed. **Motion:** moved that: Quota International District 18 accept the financial report with changes – Convention expenses for 2010 changed from Off Shore Fund and be transferred to General Account.

Moved by Mary Craig Low and seconded by Anne Ollikainen – **passed**

The Budget was deferred to Sunday for final presentation to make the necessary changes and reprint the pages in question.

“Shopping for Quota” presentation by QI representative Kathleen Sherman, East Area Director, spoke about what she had for sale and what our goals can be.

Presentation of Off-shore skits began with QI of Orillia, and QI of Mariposa, QI of Owen Sound, QI of Barrie and QI of Ottawa.

Club sales 11:45am - 1215 pm.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR’S LUNCHEON

Presided by Governor Mary Delaney

The Blessing was given by Donna Potts, QI of Peterborough.

After luncheon Governor Mary Delaney introduced our guest speaker Melissa Bunker, from the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologists.

Mary Craig Low from QI of Grey-Bruce Silver Q thanked Melissa for coming and giving her presentation. It was most informative.

BUSINESS SESSION RESUMED AT 1:45 PM

The “Delivering Possibilities” presentation by QI representative Kathleen Sherman, East Area Director, and member of the QI of Charleston, West Virginia. It was very informative and exciting. Quota International is hoping that each club will add 5 new members to their clubs to by the end of 2011.

Off-shore skits presentations began with QI of Peterborough, and followed by QI of Grey-Bruce Silver Q, QI of Collingwood, and QI of Huronia.

Final Club sales and take down took place between 3:15 & 4:15 pm.

Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund Meeting took place in the ballroom, chaired by Suzanne Prosser, Project Director. Presidents’ Council Meeting took place in suite 352 for all Club Presidents or a club’s representative and Incoming District Board Officers.

Club Photographs took place in the lower level of the Atrium between 5:30 & 6:30 pm.

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2011 - BANQUET AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The evening began at 7:00 pm with Governor Mary Delaney presiding and welcoming guests and Quotarians.

The procession of Past District Leaders followed and piped in by the Midland Pipes and Drums Legion Band.

The Blessing was given by Suzanne Prosser, Past Canada Area Director
The toasts were made by Betty Lou Howlett, Past Canada Area Director

After dinner Governor Mary Delaney presented Awards:

Community Service	QI of Owen Sound Honourable Mention QI of Grey-Bruce Silver Q
Velma Moffat "Shatter Silence"	QI of Peterborough
Giving Back	QI of Orillia
Disadvantaged Women & Children	QI of Ottawa Honourable Mention QI of Mariposa Silver Q
Campbell Soup	QI of Ottawa
Volunteer of the Year	Liz Revell, QI of Ottawa

QI representative Kathleen Sherman assisted by Past International Presidents Helen Macdonald of QI of Mariposa Silver Q and Ilse Mitchell of QI of Ottawa performed the Installation of the District Officers for 2011-2012. It was quite beautiful and moving.

Blake Smith and three of his instrumental students provided the entertainment for the evening. We had a very special guest entertainer come to us all the way from Nashville, Miss Patsy Cline. We would like to thank her for coming so far to be a part of our Conference.

A reception followed for the incoming District Officers and was hosted by the QI of Huronia Club.

SUNDAY MAY 15, 2011 – BUSINESS SESSION

Development & Growth Breakfast meeting was held from 8:00 to 8:30 am with the incoming Lt. Governor and Club Presidents-elect, VP or representative.

Business meeting resumed at 8:30 am with Governor Mary Delaney presiding.

Reports:

Conference Registrar, Barbara DesRochers, QI of Huronia reported that, Total # of Registrations 59 that included: International Representatives 1, Canada Area Director 1, Past International Presidents 2, Past Canada Area Directors 4, Past Governors in attendance 9.

Roll Call of Delegates was called by Acting Secretary Marilyn Smith QI of Huronia,.

Report of the Credentials Committee Chair Carol Simpson and Barbara Brown, both of QI of Orillia included: # of District Officers 1, # of Officers of International residing in District 1, # of Past International Presidents residing in District 2, # of Club Delegates 17, Total Voting Strength 21. Changes to Credential Committee Report included – Collingwood – Georgian Waind, Alternate, Barrie – Marie Giberson, Delegate, Owen Sound, Peggy Ann Black, Alternate has replaced Tammy Flagler.

Outstanding Budget item: the changes made and presented by Governor Mary Delaney.

Motion: moved that: Quota International District 18 Budget 2011-2012 is accepted as prepared. Moved by Anne Ollikainen and seconded by Kathy Blacow - **passed**

Soup Label report was given by Georgina Waind, QI of Collingwood. Georgina Waind reported that 74,390 labels were collected and delivered to the Roberts School for the Deaf in London, Ontario. The

63,432 labels collected this year will go to the Rumball Camp for the Deaf. For the years 2012 and 2013 the labels will go to E.C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton, ON, Suzanne Prosser will deliver them.

Liz Revell, Webmaster gave her report on how the website is going. She reported that all of the clubs need to submit information and to make sure that information is current. Be sure to contact Liz if you have changes to be made. Use the website for newsletters, events, etc.

Governor Mary Delaney appointed Liz Revell, QI of Ottawa, as the Nominating Committee chair for 2011-12. The delegates appointed the additional two members to the committee - Gail MacMillan, QI of Huronia, and Carol Lee, QI of Owen Sound.

Conference locations for the next 3 years are: 2012 – QI of Owen Sound, 2013 – QI of Barrie and 2014 – QI of Orillia. Thank you to these clubs.

Discussion followed on the feasibility of making changes concerning conference that included – timing, frequency, location, duration, combining Area and Conference meetings etc.

Governor Mary Delaney set up an Ad hoc committee to look into all possibilities.

The Committee members are: Helen Macdonald, Chair, QI of Mariposa Silver Q, Georgia Waind, QI of Collingwood, Betty Lou Howett, QI of Grey Bruce Silver Q.

They are to contact clubs for input and report back at intervals with the Canada Area meeting as a starting point and aiming for a bylaw change for presentation at the 2012 Convention.

District Silent Auction sales totalled \$1004.00.

Early Bird draw winner was Linda Kranich, QI of Orillia.

The various clubs did their draws from the Club sales.

The On-Site Service donations were presented to a representative from the “Baby Needs Depot” of Midland.

Recognitions by Governor Mary Delaney

Outstanding Leadership Certificates were presented to the Sponsors that brought in the most new members over a two-year period. First place went to Lucy Stewart of Mariposa Silver Q and second place to Willy Lee of QI of Ottawa. Certificate of Excellence was given to Liz Revell QI of Ottawa for her support in technology and social media education within the District.

Thank You's, by Governor Mary Delaney

HMTF committee for organizing the Silent Auction, Eswar Prasad for all the IT support, Marilyn Smith as Acting Secretary, QI of Huronia for hosting the Conference.

Governor Mary Delaney requested the Evaluation forms are completed.

Governor Mary Delaney invited Owen Sound to make a presentation on Conference 2012. It will be May 25 – 27, 2012. The hotel is the Days Inn.

Governor Mary Delaney called on Quota International Representative Kathleen Sherman, East Area Director to make a few final comments. She announced that her sales were \$1334.00 and thanked everyone. The Huronia Club thanked and presented Kathleen Sherman with a token of appreciation.

Conference Courtesy Motion was presented by Pam Clark, QI of Ottawa.

Motion: moved that Quota International District 18 express our thanks to the following:

MP Bruce Stanton, MPP Garfield Dunlop, Mayor of Midland Gordon MacKay,
Mayor of Penetanguishene Gerry Marshall, Mayor of Tay Township Scott Warnock, Mayor of Tiny
Township Ray Millar

Students of Canadian Martyrs School, Elmvale District High School

Hotel staff of the Best Western Highland Inn & Conference Centre

International Representative, East Area Director, Kathleen Sherman QI of Charleston, West Virginia for
her presentations and sales

To Melissa Bunker, Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists as our guest
speaker at lunch on Saturday

The Midland Pipes & Drums Legion Band

Blake Smith and his students from Burkvale School and from Nashville Patsy Cline

Parliamentarian Gail Pomeroy, QI of Peterborough

Marilyn Smith, for taking on the role as Acting Secretary, QI of Huronia

Governor Mary Delaney for doing 3 different jobs

Finally, to QI of Huronia for hosting this year's Conference

Moved by Pam Clark and seconded by Anne Ollikainen

QI of Ottawa presented Governor Mary Delaney with a Thank You gift.

Governor Mary Delaney welcomed the Incoming Officers and presented pins to each.

Anne Ollikainen – Governor

Linda Kranich – Lt. Governor

Carol Simpson – Secretary/Treasurer

Outgoing Governor Mary Delaney passed on the gavel to Governor Anne Ollikainen.

We closed with the singing of District Song "We Can Make a Difference."

Judy Chalmers from Peterborough accompanied us on the guitar.

Adjournment was at 10:45 AM.