Greetings to Everyone,

The new Board met to discuss the Emphasis for 2016-17 and to start planning for the upcoming school year. Some of the items to be considered include review of the Strategic Plan, development of the Orphaned Benefits Trust, and strengthening communications and OASBO website through engagement with the membership.

Advisory Directors for Standing Committees were assigned. They provide updates to Chairs on current items as well as obtain feedback from Committees on specific concerns.

The proposal from the Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario (MROO) was discussed. MROO has offered a yearly sponsorship to OASBO in return for making information on retirement seminars and benefit packages available to the OASBO membership. In addition, MROO would be listed on the OASBO website and have access to the membership roster.

The Board accepted the letter of resignation from Mark Connors as Director as he was elected to the position of Vice President. The Board approved replacing the vacancy of Director left by Mark. The Nominating Committee comprising of the President, Past President and Vice President, plus one other Director will seek candidates to fill the vacancy and current Directors are encouraged to make their submission.

An update on the Facilitation Training Sessions was made. There was great interest in these sessions and over 150 delegates attended 8 workshops held throughout the province. The general feedback is that more such workshops are needed. Jennifer Passy, Chair of the 2015-16 Planning Committee spearheaded the project including liaison with the Ministry that funded the events.

The Board received the proposal from the Transportation Committee requesting that OASBO host the 2018 Canadian Pupil Transportation Conference (CPTC).

The Board approved the event subject to some revisions in the Business Plan and some adjustments to the submitted budget.

A brief review of the current OASBO By-laws was done. Discussion took place on items that may need revision such as Banking Resolution, Investment Policies, and Role of the Executive. Areas of concern will be identified and recommendations brought back to fall Board meeting.

Dialogue is continuing on Orphaned Benefits and the associations that have agreed to participate include: OASBO, Trustees groups, Ministry, CODE and AGEFO. The Joint Trust will be comprised of 9 members (5 from employee groups and must be professional independents). There will be 4 members from the trustees, 2 of which must be independents. The trust’s objective is to ensure that everyone is represented and to design the best sustainable benefits plan. The Board approved funds (up to $10,000) to cover legal and consultation fees related to the Orphaned Benefits Trust.
We extend Thank You to members whose term ended on the Board: Nancy Tallevi (Past President) and Mark Carbone (Director). A warm welcome to new member Andrew Seagram.

The Joint Meeting of Directors and Committee Chairs will continue to be held twice yearly (October and February). The next Joint Meeting is scheduled for October 6-7 in Mississauga.

Wishing all members an enjoyable and safe summer.

Peter Derochie
OASBO President

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