



Etobicoke/York ~ District 22  
North York ~ District 23  
Scarborough/East York ~ District 24  
Toronto ~ District 16

## **RTO/ERO TORONTO DISTRICTS** (SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHMENT)

As RTO/ERO developed over the years, four Districts were created to service retired teachers from the former boards of education within the boundaries of the current City of Toronto.

With the reorganization of School Boards across the Province of Ontario that resulted in the creation of the Toronto District School Board, it became apparent that there would be some difficulties maintaining the established communications between RTO/ERO districts and the new board. Additionally, it was becoming necessary to liaise with the practising educators to spread RTO/ERO membership information. There was also some interest in offering cross-district workshops that would have efficiencies of scale.

In the Fall of 2000, an ad-hoc committee of representatives from District 16, 22, 23, 24 met and proposed the creation of a joint-sponsored body to address some of the issues mentioned above.

### **Cooney/Menagh Report**

1. At the last meeting, Bill Menagh and Herb Cooney volunteered to bring forward some parameters for the operation of an umbrella organization that would facilitate the communications and joint programming for RTO/ERO members of Districts 16, 22, 23, 24.
2. The following is a basic framework presented for discussion and modification.  
NOTE: The Constitution and By-Laws of RTO/ERO are to provide the basic framework.
  - a Name: RTO/ERO Toronto Districts
  - b Officers: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer
  - c Members: Two (2) per District as determined by the district (recommend a local constitutional amendment)
  - d Finances: a bank account to require two (2) signatures;  
a per district grant as requested by RTO/ERO Toronto Region Districts (recommend a local district budget line item of \$1000);  
a financial statement be available upon request to local districts and available for each district's annual meeting.
  - e Meetings: Every two months: October, December, February, April; and,  
at the call of the group.

The following report was made to the four districts, approved by each and RTO/ERO Toronto Districts was formed. It is a voluntarily-sponsored entity of those districts.

The following minute from the RTO/ERO Toronto Districts meeting of January 17, 2001 was approved by each district and the \$1000/district was deposited in the new bank account.

*The Cooney/Menagh report (above) was discussed. H. Cooney and B. Menagh are prepared to take the positions of Chair and Treasurer until June, 2002 while the group gets organized. Rotating chairs were considered. Purpose of the group is to better communicate with local educator groups (offering them one contact), offer services to a greater number of members, liaise with each other prior to RTO/ERO Senate; etc.*

***Motion: (Menagh/Davies) that the Cooney/Menagh report be recommended to the district executives for support, information and action.***

The first use of the initial \$4000 was to sponsor a health workshop ('Just for the Health of It'). However despite the effort of a sub-committee of district health representatives and others, there was some difficulty in getting a viable level of enrolment from all districts in order to proceed. The event was cancelled. After some review of the situation, it was decided to consider in the new year (2001/2002) an every member needs assessment survey that would guide future decision-making both for RTO/ERO Toronto Districts and each sponsoring district.

The following motion was passed on May 1, 2001 in order to maintain the financial viability of RTO/ERO Toronto Districts. The local districts agreed.

***Motion: (Fraser/Pautz) that the sponsoring districts permit RTO/ERO Toronto Districts to retain the \$1000 seed monies provided for the Wellness Workshop in order to carry on with programs related to operations, membership and cross-district activities.***

At the meeting of January 20, 2000, it was agreed that a poster would be prepared and sent to all schools in the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board. The following motion was passed and approved by each district and the funds received.

***Motion: (Pautz/Neal) that an RTO/ERO Toronto Districts poster be produced and distributed at a cost of up to \$300 per district and that each District be requested to forward its funds to B. Menagh.***

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The concept of a no-cost website was discussed and direction was given to investigate. There is now an RTO/ERO Toronto Districts website: [www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org](http://www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org) established in July, 2003.