

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S.D.M.R.O.

September 2, 1971

In August, you received a special newsletter written by Mr. Peter Cavill, our 2nd Vice President. This newsletter was in relation to the Ontario Municipal Association. Mr. Wendell Brewster and I represented the Society at the O.M.A. Annual Convention in Toronto, August 22nd to 25th. The following is a short report of our meetings and observations. Mr. Brewster will submit a final report at our Annual Meeting in November.

Our prime reason for being at the O.M.A. was to shepherd our resolutions through the convention. At the eleventh hour, we found that Resolution Number Three was not to be brought before the convention due to its not being presented in time. Mr. Brewster and I were able to have the intent of Resolution Number Three written into Resolution Number One. Thus, the two resolutions presented were voted and carried by the members. These resolutions are as follows:

Legislative Changes with Regard to
Grants for Programs of Recreation

Whereas provision has been established under the Department of Education Act, Ont. Reg. 19/66, as amended by Ont. Reg. 151/66, to provide grants to municipalities for Programs of Recreation;

And Whereas the existing grants have been considered inadequate;

And Whereas proposed amendments to these regulations were submitted to the Minister of Education in 1968;

And Whereas Government action has been continually deferred;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Provincial Government be requested to expedite action with regard to this matter so that municipalities may receive more appropriate grants without further delay.

In recommending the above resolution, the O.M.A. stated that they would draw to the attention of the Provincial Government their standing policy on the desirability of massive unconditional grants to municipalities, and further to reaffirm the O.M.A.'s position with regard to the establishment of a Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs separate from the Department of Education.

Request for Legislative Changes
with Regard to Municipal Recreation Directors
Certificates and Arena Managers Certificates

Whereas the existing legislation with regard to Municipal Recreation Directors Certificates and Arena Managers Certificates under the Department of Education Act requires modification;

And Whereas proposed changes have been before the Provincial Government for more than two years;

And Whereas there are many people entering the recreation profession who are unable to be properly certified because of existing regulations;

And Whereas municipalities that employ these newly appointed persons cannot receive the appropriate grants because of the existing regulations;

And Whereas municipalities that employ these newly appointed persons cannot receive the appropriate grants because the employees are not certified;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Provincial Government be urged to take whatever steps are necessary to cause the new certification regulations to be passed immediately.

Our second reason for being at the O.M.A. was to study this organization to see in what way the Society could be involved, and have a voice.

We noted with interest the amalgamation of the Ontario Mayors and Reeves Association with the O.M.A. This year, both groups will meet as a joint executive, and at the Annual Meeting next year, this combined body will be called, "Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)". This body will have the strongest political voice in the province and obviously will be speaking for all municipal concerns. This year, there were 164 resolutions presented to the convention, all dealing with municipal concerns.

As you are aware, the Society has taken out an "Organization" membership in the O.M.A. This type of membership allows us to observe only. We have no vote, nor can we sit on the O.M.A. Executive with this type of membership.

We will be investigating the "Affiliated Organizations Section" before the Annual Meeting so that a complete report can be presented to you. Affiliated Organizations have a vote, and their president or his appointee sit on the Executive Committee. We noted with interest that the affiliated organizations run the workshop sessions at this convention. It is conceivable that if this type of membership was open to us, we could have a stronger voice at the conference and get our message to the elected people and our fellow municipal workers. However, we must study all the ramifications of this type of membership and present them to you at the Annual Meeting for your direction.

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Robert G. Christie,
PRESIDENT, S.D.M.R.O.

SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

Special Meeting With the Minister of Education, Honourable
Robert Welsh, Held in Toronto, Tuesday, August 17, 1971

To the Members of the S.D.M.R.O.

During the past number of months, your Executive has been corresponding considerably with the various government departments, and in particular the Department of Education to keep abreast of the current matters relative to recreation in Ontario.

You will recall the recent Newsletter prepared by the Past President and your President which was distributed to the membership a few months ago, and contained numerous pieces of communication which were carried on between your past Executives and the Department of Education. Recently, the Minister welcomed us to a meeting in his office on the above date which was attended by the following in addition to myself: B. Rennick, Past President; B. Wrigglesworth, 1st Vice-President; P. Cavill, 2nd Vice-President; J. Maxwell, Secretary; and G. Kormos, Chairman of the Certification Committee.

Also in attendance was the Deputy Minister, Dr. Stewart, and I am sure the cooperation exerted at this meeting bodes well for the Society in future years. We discussed the present status of the changes in the present certification legislation, and we were assured by Dr. Stewart that certain action would be taken within the next month. We should point out that both of these gentlemen are relatively new in their positions, and their expression of cooperation was most appreciative, and we look forward to their future communication in this regard.

The entire realm of municipal recreation in Ontario was discussed, and we urge that higher priority be given to municipal recreation within the Department of Education, and we were assured that this would be looked into.

The Minister and Deputy Minister requested any information as to "hang ups" in the use of schools throughout Ontario, and requested our assistance as to the pulse of this very integral part of the recreation program throughout this province.

Of interest, we were also queried as to the results of the Youth in Action Program which was conducted by the province during the past year, and the Minister asked for our help in keeping him informed of any of the results hereto.

Also, the matter of the value of present Certificate qualifications of recreation personnel in Ontario was discussed, and this will be left to a future meeting for more pertinent discussion.

The Minister and Deputy Minister also appeared to be more than willing to meet with our Executive more often, and we will endeavour to set up a further meeting with their department prior to our Annual Meeting.

We invited Mr. Welch, and his wife to attend the Annual Meeting of the S.D.M.R.O. this November, and they have graciously accepted. Therefore, I would request that each of you place the dates aside, and make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting and and show our complete support for the recreation movement in Ontario. I know Mr. Welch will be more than pleased to have a good turnout, and we can look forward to a very fruitful Annual Meeting.

In closing, may I say that the final regular Executive meeting of the year will be held during the latter part of September, and if any of the members have any further information or requests to make prior to that time I would appreciate it if they would correspond immediately.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Yours very truly,

R. Christie,
President, S.D.M.R.O.

EDITOR'S BULLETIN

The following letter from the Minister of Education to the S.D.M.R.O. President has just been received. It points out that action has indeed been taken.

Mowat Block, 22nd Floor,
Queen's Park,
Toronto 182, Ontario
September 8, 1971

Dear Bob

I was pleased to meet you and the members of your executive recently and to discuss some areas of mutual concern.

You will be pleased to know that we have now been able to reassess the proposed regulation pertaining to certification, that it has been approved by the Cabinet and has gone forward for filing. This will take place in the next day or two and at that time the regulation takes force.

I will look forward to seeing you and your group again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Welch,
Minister of Education

SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

Report on Fellowship

September 1, 1971

In January, 1971, the undersigned was appointed Registrar to act on Fellowship matters within the Society, and during the past months has endeavoured to update all related records, together with communicating with the membership. The following steps were taken:

1. A mailing was included with the minutes of one Executive meeting outlining the qualifications for Fellowship, procedure thereto, and requesting comments from the membership.
2. A similar article to #1 was included in one of our regular Newsletters.
3. On June 14th, 1971, a letter was forwarded directly to all members holding "A" and "B" Certificates, and at the present time do not hold Fellowship status in the Society. Consideration was requested as to whether they would desire to write a paper in the near future, or whether they do not wish to do so at any time. I also asked for comments which would help us in ascertaining the real value of Fellowship in the S.D.M.R.O.
4. On June 25th, 1971, a letter was sent to all members holding Fellowship status in the S.D.M.R.O. asking for comments on the present value of Fellowship, areas where we should be encouraging work toward Fellowship, concerns as to lack of interest, together with any suggestions to assist me in my role as Registrar this year.

Replies, phone calls, or other means of communication, were received from over sixty (60) people, and I believe this response to be very encouraging. The following pages of this report will indicate:

- General summary of comments received from above people, both pro and con, indicating whether comments were from a member with Fellowship status or otherwise;
- Recommendations of the Registrar.

A tabulation of letters sent out resulted in the following:

- 21 members indicated a definite interest in proceeding with Fellowship
- 7 members stated they were not interested
- 9 Fellows replied with various opinions and comments
- 27 members replied verbally, by phone, or letter with general comments and/or opinions, but did not indicate a desire to proceed, or otherwise.

I anticipate this report will inform the Society Executive and Council of Fellows as to the present status of the work of Registrar this year relative to Fellowship.

Blayne Rennick,
Registrar, S.D.M.R.O.

SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

Report on Fellowship

General Summary of Comments (Partial List)

From Non-Fellows

"Feel there is a need for this category at this time"

"I cannot see any benefit in it for a woman who does not intend to make recreation a career."

"Have not really had time to work on it"

"It will require a lot of work and I am too close to retirement"

"Due to delay in receiving approval from the Board of Regents, it was impossible to collect the data in the way I intended"

"Since no use has been made of Fellowship Papers, it stopped being a professional thing at all"

"To make Fellowship meaningful again, remove all special privileges, bestow the right to approve and grant Fellowship upon all members of the Society"

"I have settled into full Member Category and decided to remain"

"Fellowship is a plateau which is still reachable but not one that holds as much meaning for me as it did a few years ago"

"The Fellowship papers as part of the body of knowledge of recreation should be, in my opinion, available to any professional student"

"Why is the history of the Fellowship papers so shrouded"

From Fellows

"Fellowship is a fundamental prerequisite of professional growth"

"Feels that emphasis must be placed upon the self-imposed responsibility of submitting a paper."

"Mechanically, I feel there is a weakness in establishing an Administrative Committee annually. To keep on top of the Fellowship situation and to provide the necessary continuity, a three-person Fellowship Committee should be appointed for a three year term, with one member retiring annually"

"Under our present structure, there is actually nothing, or very little, for the remainder of the Fellows to do"

"Fellowship has value for the individual because of the personal growth that must occur in doing the necessary research."

"Hopefully, the Fellowship paper will be beneficial to other professionals"

"Re: lack of interest in Fellowship -- do not view with concern. This is very much an individual decision and lack of Fellowship should never imply that a member is less worthy"

"If there is concern, I suggest it must be focussed on the value of the Council of Fellows once one receives Fellowship. Perhaps some members have not pursued Fellowship because they look with disfavour on the attitude or actions of previous Council of Fellows."

From Non-Fellows

"I am interested in writing a Fellowship paper in the near future, but only if its information were made available to all recreation professionals as an open contribution to the field, if judged qualitative enough."

"There would be no greater satisfaction for me, as a professional, than to receive my Fellowship in the S.D.M.R.O."

"I personally feel that Fellowship is an excellent goal to attain in our Society. However, there must be a continual effort on the part of a person gaining Fellowship."

"I consider Fellowship status in our Society to be valid, provided the methods by which one becomes a Fellow reflect directly the highest standards desirable and that the process includes a genuine contribution which is beneficial to the Society, the field of recreation, and the practitioner."

"I am most interested in writing a Fellowship paper and would appreciate direction as to the procedure to be followed."

"For the first time I have a clear picture of the road to Fellowship. I am most anxious to get going on it."

(In comments from both Fellows and Non-Fellows, the quotes contain mostly cons, as the pros were mostly repetitious. To avoid further repetition, many similar comments were not included).

From Fellows

"I have always been at a loss to understand how criteria was judged. Perhaps the guidelines, role of advisors, etc., needs re-evaluation"

"I feel the present standard should be the bare minimum and in no way should be lowered for the sake of increasing the number of Fellows."

"Fellowship is not a social club, a clique of older members, an easy way to get initials, something done once and then forgotten, a gift, an easy procedure, a thing to be cheapened, an exalted status. To me Fellowship is, or should be an honour bestowed upon a member, a thing to be cherished, recognition for making a contribution which will benefit the society as well as the individual, a commitment by the receiver of continued effort."

"In my opinion, Fellowship has not reached its rightful place because there is not a standard of excellence placed upon it."

"I also believe that Fellowship is a status that should be revoked if the individual does not maintain the high standards for which it stands."

"Fellowship has been badly kicked around by members in the past few years, and I would say is presently totally misunderstood by most members."

"People aiming for Fellowship must want more than just the status. They must feel they can use this new status, knowledge and experience to make new and greater contributions to the profession and to the field of recreation."

"We have to start right from the beginning and return Fellowship to its proper image."

Recommendations of the Registrar

1. That Fellowship be continued within the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario.
2. That the Council of Fellows take immediate steps to revise the Procedures for Fellowship and recommend same at the next Executive meeting for approval.
3. That we recommend to the Executive a Fellowship Committee be set up, to work with the Registrar, as a sub-committee of the Board of Regents, following the 1971 Annual Meeting. This Committee would make final decisions on Fellowship, and recommend papers to the Executive for publication.
4. That the Society appoint a Registrar commencing with the 1971 Annual Meeting for three-year periods.
5. That at least one Fellow be assigned by the Fellowship Committee in an advisory capacity to all those who have signified interest in Fellowship, such appointed to coordinate efforts with the Registrar, and Registrar will add two additional Fellows in an advisory capacity as soon as title and outline is approved by the Fellowship Committee.
6. That the Fellowship Committee be responsible to ensure advisors carry out responsibilities.
7. That we involve as many Fellows as possible in the Fellowship procedure.
8. That steps be taken to make Fellowship more meaningful.
9. That a "library" of all papers be set up, and these resources be made available to the Membership, if deemed appropriate.
10. That the Council of Fellows conduct a special session at the Annual Meeting for all those interested in proceeding with Fellowship, to discuss papers, procedures, aims and objectives.

NEWS RELEASE RE: CERTIFICATION

The following news release was received by the Newsletter Editor on Monday, September 20.

Even though most members may have received the same news release, it is being circulated in this Newsletter to ensure that all S.D.M.R.O. members are aware of its content.

The members of the Executive would appreciate hearing from the members of the S.D.M.R.O. on their reaction to this news release.

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEWS RELEASE

REF: LLOYD MINSHALL
365-2625
FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

Graduates of a Canadian university, holding a degree in other than recreation, will now be able to obtain their Interim Type A Recreation Certificate on entering the municipal recreation profession by completing four university credit courses.

The new regulation, announced by Education Minister Robert Welch, will allow granting of a certificate after completion of credit courses in sociology, psychology, human growth and development and the philosophy of leisure.

Prior to the change, an Interim Type A Recreation Certificate, for those holding a degree in other than recreation, could only be obtained after completing a special one-year course at Conestoga College.

Graduates of community college recreation diploma programs who now obtain a university degree in other than recreation will also receive their Interim Type A Certificate on entering the profession.

The Interim Type A Certificate will become permanent after three years of employment in the municipal recreation field.

Regulations covering governing graduates of the two-year community college recreation leadership programs have not been changed. Graduates will remain eligible for the Interim Type B Certificate.

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The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of California.

The land is located in the County of San Diego, State of California, and is situated in the Township of San Diego, Range 14 North, and Section 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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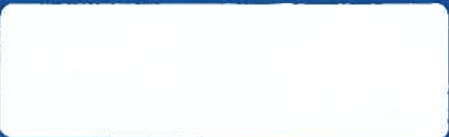
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