



## OHA District 7

### Newsletter #3 – June 2021

I hope everyone has had an amazing spring – working in their gardens and now that we are able – in our community gardens. A newsletter should always have some colour so I am including a few of my spring flowers that bloomed.



Thank you to all those that attended the OHA Special Meeting on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> or had given their proxy votes to the OHA Secretary or me. The following resolution was passed.

#### **RESOLUTION 21-1:**

**Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.4 be created as follows:**

**All meetings may be held at an in-person venue or may be held via electronic means provided such means allows all in attendance the ability to hear and also the opportunity and ability to have voice and to vote as provided by the by-laws.**

This brings the question of whether Societies should be changing their Constitution or Bylaws to accommodate meetings in this manner too. It is highly suggested to do so and can be done at your next Annual General Meeting. The District will also look into adding this to their Constitution.

### **OHA Convention 2021 – July 16 – 18<sup>th</sup>**

The OHA Convention will be virtual this year and all the up-to-date details of the speakers, garden tours, competitions and business to be conducted are on the Garden Ontario website. We hope that

members of your Society will attend. This 114<sup>th</sup> Convention will be a first virtual convention so be sure to be a part of it. It will be the least expensive convention that you will ever attend so please consider.

District 10 has been planning this Convention for a few years so let us support their efforts as they adapt to the virtual platform. Of course, it would be much better to be there to meet with all the like-minded-gardeners but we know that cannot happen.

Remember that District 7 (that is US!!) & 8 are responsible for Convention in 2022, so this is a chance to see what we may be faced with or if we can return to regular in person Conventions.

### **MEMBER RATES**

Early Bird Rate ends June 21st at 11:59 pm - \$100.00 + HST = \$113.00

Regular Rate begins June 22nd at 12:00 am - \$115.00 + HST = \$129.95

### **NON-MEMBER RATES**

Early Bird Rate ends June 21st at 11:59 pm - \$125.00 + HST = \$141.25

Regular Rate begins June 22nd at 12:00 am - \$140.00 + HST = \$158.20

### **NOTE - Registration closes on Monday, July 5th at 11:59 pm**

Once again there are resolutions that will be presented for approval and voting at the meeting. We need to have you once again, either attend the voting sessions as a voting member **OR** complete the proxy documents to appoint someone to do your voting. I would be happy to be your representative for the proxy votes **OR** you can have the OHA Secretary hold your votes.

However, do this **ASAP** so that the necessary paperwork can be done. Even if you plan to attend the Convention, you may or may not decide to attend the business portion. It is usually held in the morning prior to the morning break. 9:00 – 10:15 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Make your vote count. I will attach these documents to this newsletter as well. Please be sure to appoint someone in the Board of your Society to complete it.

Societies will have the same number of votes as they had for the Special Meeting and this is determined by membership numbers. Most Societies have 2 votes, some Societies have 3, 4 or 5. You know who you are.

**Register for the Convention!!!! Societies should share or pay the registration fee for their attending members. It should depend on the number of members who plan to attend. Eg. A Society that has 20 members who wish to attend may only be able to pay half the registration fee while a Society who has 2 or 3 attendees may pay full registration for them to attend the Convention.**

Be sure to check out and enter the Showcase of Talent or as we know - Competitions. However, it is bragging rights only this year – no prizes are being awarded.

## **Upcoming Events in District 7**

Societies are holding their general meetings – still by Zoom but expect that there will be some flower shows or outdoor meetings over the summer months.

The important thing to remember is to be safe.  
Any questions, please contact me.

Thanks

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