CENON 1st Quarter District Conference

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Voting members: Gov. Christine Smith, Sec. Linda Mitchinson, Treasurer Michelle Stokes, Past Gov. Tony Edge Lt. Zone 10, Kim Eros Lt. Zone1, Past Gov. Gordon Holly Lt. Zone 6, Alex Parthenais Lt. Zone 11
Guests: Lauralee Reily A&A Chair, Past Gov. Alex Ansell Parliamentarian, Past Gov. Ralph Brunton Finance Chair, Past Gov. Andrian Maes, Past Gov. George Clark Lt. Gov. Zone 6, Barb Holly Convention Chair & Lt. Zone 6, Past Gov. Brian Wick Past District Sec/Treasurer.
Regrets: Immediate Past Gov. Larry Harper, Past Gov. Bonnie Scheer-Edge

1.	**Call to order at 7:17pm**	**Governor Christine Smith**
2.	**Land Acknowledgement**	**Governor Christine Smith**
3.	**Invocation**	**Governor Christine Smith**
4.	**Welcome and Introductions**	**Governor Christine Smith**
5.	**Voting Rights**	**Secretary Linda Mitchinson**
	Governor Christine: for the record of the minutes, I will note that Zone 11 has not formally been separated out, as per OI's distinguishment, but for tonight's meeting, we will, account for Lieutenant Governor Alex's vote as part of our voting, and that's just due to, some mishaps with the minutes from the third quarter board meeting.	
6.	**Approval of Agenda**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	Motion: By Gord Holly, to add revisit of the 3rd Quarter Executive minutes May 2026 to the agenda. **Seconded:** Michelle Stokes **Carried** **Discussion:** The Minutes are incorrect, missing motion and vote **Motion:** By Michelle Stokes, to approve the agenda as amended **Seconded:** Tony Edge **Carried** **Discussion:** none	
7.	**Approval of the 4th Quarter, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	Motion: By Tony Edge to amend the title of the 4th Quarter Executive minutes from Agenda to Minutes **Seconded:** Kim Eros **Carried** **Discussion:** Amend the title from agenda to minutes. **Motion:** By Michelle Stokes to approve of the Amended 4th Quarter 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes **Seconded**: Tony Edge **Carried** **Discussion-** None	

	Motion: By Tony Edge to amend the title of the 4th Quarter Executive minutes from Agenda to Minutes **Seconded:** Kim Eros **Carried** **Discussion:** Amend the title from agenda to minutes. **Motion:** By Michelle Stokes to approve of the Amended 4th Quarter 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes **Seconded**: Tony Edge **Carried** **Discussion**- None	
8.	**Revisit of the 3rd Quarter Executive minutes May 2026- missing motion and vote**	**Past Governor Gord Holly**
	Motion: By Gord Holly to Amend the 3rd Quarter Executive Minutes to add to the paragraph "District Restructuring Update" Motion to split Zone 10 to: Zone 10 Nepean, Cornwall, Spencerville, Forest Park, Arnprior and Arnprior IC Women's; and Zone 11 Lancaster, Seaway, Stormont, and Augusta **Motion by Bonnie Scheer-Porteous, 2nd by Larry Harper, Carried.** **Seconded:** Michelle **Carried** **Discussion**: Point of clarification- Gord Holly-I want to go on record as stating we cannot alter the minutes and then post them as if they were passed that way.	
9.	**Review of the 2026 Convention Report for Recommendation to the Board of Directors**	**Convention Chair Barb Holly**
	As the intention is to break even on all conferences & conventions, and not make a profit, I **Gord Holly** would like to present the following **Motion:** That the net profit of $3,459.77 be held as a restricted income and be used solely for the purpose of subsidizing the 43rd Annual Convention, to assist with making it as affordable as other conventions in a location that may be more costly, in hope of obtaining as many possible attendees as can be achieved. If the funds are not required for the convention to meet this goal, then the funds can be transferred to general revenues for the following year. **Seconded:** Kim Eros **Carried** **Discussion: That's wonderful news. Job well done, thank you Barb.**	
10.	**Review of 4th Quarter Financial Statement**	**Past Governor Brian Wick**
	Motion: By Michelle Stokes, to accept the financial report as presented **Seconded:** Tony **Carried** **Discussion**: We had a surplus carry forward at the end of last year of 2,257.26. All invoices have been paid. We received our district allocations for Nov. 2025, on Oct. 15th and the May 2026 on Sept. 30th. A small error, an overpayment to Lieutenant Governor Kim Eros. Kim has agreed to discount her allocation for 2026, 27 as a result, instead of returning the funds. $57 left over from the hospitality suite, so we can pass it on to the new hospitality chair. That's cash it wasn't deposited to the bank.	
11.	**Review of 2026/2027 Budget Proposal for Finance Chair & Recommendation to the Board of Directors**	**Past Governor Ralph Brunton**
	Motion: By Michelle Stokes, to approve the Revised Budget **Seconded:** Gord Holly **Carried** **Discussion:** Line 160 is the interest from the GIC, which is the contingency fund, but the contingency fund is not a budget item, just the interest from it. There is reference	

	to the contingency fund in our district policies, so that's why the statement is posted on the website, for the GIC, just showing the $20,000. Policy changes made and approved in August, a budget line for secretary-treasurer or secretary designate, and treasure-designate if it is a split position to attend. But the attendance of the current district secretary-treasurer was removed. Line 540 **Motion:** By Michelle Stokes to accept Brenda's recommendation based on the current Policies to remove line 540, and reallocate the $400 to Line 268 Candidate qualifications. **Seconded:** Tony Edge **Carried**	
12.	**Approval of a Review Committee for 2025 to 2026 Year**	**Past Governor Ralph Brunton**
	Motion: By Gord Holly to amend the agenda with a correction of this item, from 23-24, Past Gov. Brian Wick, to now read 25-26, Governor Ralph. **Seconded:** Tony Edge **Carried** **Discussion:** Review and comparison of OI (OI Bylaws, Article 7, Section 5, Paragraph E) and CENON Bylaws and Policies. Based on such it was determined that the approval of the review committee for 2025 to 2026 year be deferred. A special Executive meeting will be called before the Board meeting to present the review committee and subsequently presented to the Board of directors. Motion: By Michelle Stokes to defer the Approval of the review to a subsequent executive committee meeting to be held before the First Quarter Board on Nov. 7th, 2026 **Seconded: Tony Edge Carried**	
13.	**Approval of the Depository and signing officers for the 2026-2027 Administrative year**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	Motion: By Gord Holly, to approve the CIBC at Lloyd Manor Branch in Etobicoke as the depository, and assigning officers to be any two of the following, The Governor, Treasurer, Past Governor and Finance Chair. (Christine Smith, Michelle Stokes, Larry Harper, Ralph Brunton) **Seconded:** Tony Edge **Carried** **Discussion:** This was discussed at the Board of Directors meeting at the convention, however, was not done at the executive meeting**.**	
14.	**Approval of the 2026-2027 District Recognition Program (as proposed by L. Reily)**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	Motion: By Tony Edge, to accept the Awards and Achievements Report as presented by Laura Lee Riley. **Seconded**: Kim Eros **Carried** **Discussion:** Highlighted changes, and Governor Christine answered questions of clarification.	
15.	**New Business**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	None	
16.	**Announcement of the date and time for the next regular Executive Meeting**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	Jan 21st @7pm via zoom	
17.	**Dates to Remember**	**Governor Christine Smith**
	2nd Quarter Board – Newmarket February 6th & 7th	
18.	**Motion:** by Tony Edge to adjourn at 8:53pm	
	Seconded: Gord Holly **Carried**	