



MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Since my last report at the 2008 General Meeting, every effort was made to stay in touch with our membership through e-mail, phone or regular mailings. In order to update and complete our records, requests for phone numbers and e-mail addresses were sent to all members whose records were incomplete. Thanks to all who responded. If you have not already notified us of your e-mail address or change of e-mail address, it's not too late; just drop me a line at membership@ocraretirees.ca.

Members who receive their renewal notices directly from OCRA will have noticed that, in response to a recommendation received at last year's General Meeting, a new Membership Renewal Form has been developed. This form contains all information regarding a particular membership and does not require you to re-enter information we already have on file. A section of this renewal form is left blank, and may be used for communicating information back to the OCRA office. In the case of Life Members we don't send annual renewal reminders and sometimes months pass before we learn of a change of address, etc. To ensure that we don't lose touch, it is important that you advise the Membership Coordinator (or any other member of the OCRA Executive) of your change of address, phone number and e-mail whenever such changes occur.

During the course of the past twelve months, we had two mailings concerning memberships. One was in January and a follow-up reminder during the course of the summer months to individuals who had not responded to the first mailing. Every year more retirees are choosing Life Membership and we appreciate their commitment to OCRA.

As we all know, the success of our association depends on the assistance we receive from our local retiree associations. A special thanks to the following colleges and their retiree associations for collecting membership dues on behalf of OCRA and for ensuring our records are kept up-to-date. These colleges and individuals are:

Centennial College – Arthur Donin & Conrad D'Souza
Lambton College – Des Pigott
Mohawk College – Joanne Wolfarth
St. Clair College – Anita Blair
St. Lawrence College – Clare Rayner

There may be others who assisted in the background and, although I can't mention them all in this report, you know who you areand I thank you.

Hilda Moessner
Membership Coordinator