

Ontario Women's History Network Chair's Report, 2022 AGM

Executive Summary:

As we are still learning to live with Covid as an ongoing presence, we have adopted a hybrid conference model that allows people to attend virtually or in-person.

This year we donated to a project that is developing curriculum units to support the teaching of women's and gender history in Ontario.

Last year OWHN hired filmmaker Dr. Donna Gall to produce the anniversary video. We ask that members continue to share this fabulous resource with colleagues and friends.

We have applied for the Ontario Heritage Development Grant (HODG) and are still awaiting the results. This year, the grant administration changed platforms and the process seems to have been delayed.

Our charitable status and affiliation with Ontario Historical Society are up to date. Since the last AGM we are pleased to report that membership is at 25 (and rising).

Website:

As in previous years, OWHN continues to benefit from having a website where current and prospective members to pay for memberships, register for conferences, and donate to the organization. We continue to seek ways to add content and improve our website.

Framing Our Past:

This year OWHN donated \$2,000 to the creation of curriculum units that support the teaching of women's and gender history in Ontario. The project is based on the book *Framing Our Past*, edited by several long-time OWHN members – Rose Fine-Meyer, Lorna McLean, and Sharon Cook with Marie-Helene Brunet. We will feature some of their fine work on our website.

Ontario Heritage Fairs:

OWHN has long donated pins, ribbons and certificates, to the Ontario Heritage Fairs, for the best projects in women's history. We donated books and certificates to the 2020 Ontario Heritage Fairs for the best projects in women's history. Since the 2020 fairs were cancelled, the prizes were handed out at the 2021 and 2022 fairs. The list of student projects that involved women were quite impressive and the fairs continue to be a great outreach tool for us.

Ontario Historical Society:

We paid our dues and are in good standing with the Ontario Historical Society.

Grant/Charitable Status:

We were awaiting the results of the Ontario Government Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) for 2022-2023. OWHN successfully applied for a 2021-2022 HODG. Our charitable status has been renewed for another year.

Executive:

The executive is in the middle of its two-year term. We are without a Vice Chair and that position needs to be filled at the 2022 AGM. Amber Lloydlangston has been working as our web person, Sara MacDonald is our treasurer, and Rose Fine-Meyer continues as our Secretary, the linchpin of the organization!

Lastly, I would like to thank the executive for all their hard work, support, and guidance.

Shannon Stettner
Chair, Ontario Women's History Network