



Halton Region
Chinese Canadian Association
荷頓加華協會

2010 Annual General Meeting

December 19, 2010, 11:30 am
Red Maple Restaurant, Burlington

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- 1. Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting**
 - Motion: "That the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting be approved."
- 2. President's Report**
 - Motion: "That the President's Report be received."
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
 - Motion: "That the Treasurer's Report be received."
- 4. Constitution and By-laws No. 1 and 2**
 - Motion: "That the Proposed Constitution for the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association, as circulated prior to the Annual General Meeting, be approved." (Requires a two-third majority vote)
 - Motion: "That Proposed Association By-laws No. 1 and 2, as circulated prior to the Annual General Meeting, be approved."
- 5. Election of 2011-2012 Board of Directors**
 - Motion: "That the following members be elected as the Association's Board of Directors for the term of 2011-2012:
 President—Mr Allan Lo
 Past President—Mrs Mary Lui
 Secretary—Mrs Frances Chui
 Treasurer—Mr Ho Wong
 Director—Ms Amy Ho
 Director—Dr Alex Lui
 Director—Mr Louis Tsai
 Director—Mrs Shirley Wong"
- 6. Other Businesses and Announcements**
 - Chinese New Year 10th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at Burlington Convention Centre, in support of Oakville Hospital Foundation's Campaign for the new Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital
 - Winner of 2010 HRCCA Scholarship
- 7. Adjournment**
 - Motion: "That the 2010 Annual General Meeting be adjourned."

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Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting

Welcome

The meeting was held on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at the Red Maple Buffet Restaurant in Burlington. A total of approximately 50 members and guests were in attendance. Mary Lui opened the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their on-going support of the Association.

Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting was unanimously carried.

President's Report

Mary Lui remarked on the success of the Association events in 2009, especially the Chinese New Year fund-raising dinner in support of the Yee Hong Foundation and the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration under a new format. She thanked the outgoing Vice-President Mr Hok-Nam Ng for his contributions to the Board over the years. Finally, she described her new role as Past President on the Board and appealed to the membership to join the Board. A motion to receive the President's Report was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ho Wong reported that the operations of the Association in 2009 resulted in a modest surplus of \$1,453.78, mostly from membership fees, and the gym program. As of year end, the net asset stands at \$14,232.85. A motion to receive the Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously.

Election of 2010 Board of Directors

With a unanimous vote, the following members were elected to the 2010 Board of Directors:

- Mrs. Mary Lui, *Past President*
- Mrs. Frances Chui, *Secretary*
- Mr. Ho Wong, *Treasurer*
- Mr. Allan Lo, *Director*
- Dr. Alex Lui, *Director*
- Mr. Louis Tsai, *Director*
- Dr. Edward Younglai, *Director*.

Announcements

It was announced that the 2010 Chinese New Year event will be held on February 20, 2010 at Summit Garden in support of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington. For the 2009 Scholarship, the award went to Jessica Wang from Nelson High School in Burlington.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Proposed Constitution & By-laws

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association.

Article II: Objectives

The Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association shall be a non-profit, non-political and non-denominational organization, and its objectives shall be:

- To promote multiculturalism, hence fostering understanding, interaction and harmony between the Chinese community and the society-at-large.
- To promote and preserve Chinese culture and heritage.
- To promote active citizenship and provide support to other local non-profit and charitable organizations and community projects.
- To identify and address relevant social, cultural, educational and recreational issues and needs.
- To promote networking among the Chinese community.

Article III: Membership

- Membership of the Association shall be open to (i) Individual Single Member, (ii) Family Member, (iii) Corporate Member (iv) Senior (over 65) Lifetime Individual Member and (v) Senior Lifetime Family Member.
- A member shall be a resident of Halton or surrounding regions.
- A corporate member shall be a corporation, institute or organization.
- All members shall pay a membership fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Membership Privileges

- All members shall be entitled to participate in activities sponsored by the Association.
- Single, family, senior as well as representative of corporate members, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- The spouse of a family member shall also be entitled to one (1) vote.
- All voting members shall be entitled to hold elected office as defined in Article V. and Article VI.

Article V: Board of Directors

- The property and business of the Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall comprise the Past President, President and a minimum of six (6) officers. They include: the Vice-president, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and at least three Directors elected each year to serve on the Board.
- If vacancies occur in an officer position, that position shall be filled by an appointment of the Board until the next Annual General Meeting.

Article VI: Committees

- The Board shall from time to time appoint committees as it deems necessary. Committees, when established, will be given clear and specific mandates and guidelines.
- Any such committee may formulate its own rules and procedures, subject to approval by the Board. The Board may remove any committee member at any time by resolution of the Board.

Article VII: Meetings

- Board meetings shall be held regularly, no less than once every two months, at a time and place determined by the Board.
- A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Association business.
- Special meetings in preparation for events shall be held if necessary and shall be announced.

Article VIII: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended, from time to time, by a resolution confirmed by a two-third majority of the membership.

Article IX: Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the association shall be held within 90 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, at a time and place determined by the Board.

The President shall report on the general activities of the Association and election results when appropriate.

Article X: By-Laws

The Board of Directors is empowered to enact the By-laws for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association, and such By-laws shall be approved, revoked or amended at the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority vote of the members present.

BY-LAW No. 1

Finance

The fiscal year of the club shall be from January 1 through December 31 inclusive.

Duties of Officers

The officers of the association shall perform the duties as stated below.

- President – shall, when present, preside at all Board meetings and general meetings of the Association; act as the spokesperson, and supervise all activities.
- Vice-President – The VP shall assume the roles of the President in his/her absence; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.
- Past President – shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall provide continuity, guidance and advice in furthering the objectives of the Association.
- Treasurer – shall maintain records of the Association funds and dues; discharge expenses to a limit of 10% above pre-approved budgets; prepare, submit, and monitor the budget and finances of the Association.
- Secretary – shall keep minutes of the meetings, record keeper for Association's activities and membership; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.
- Directors – shall represent the association and maintain communication with other community groups; perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board.

Election of Officers

Election of officers shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. Any member in good standing can be nominated by another member or director. A slate of the candidates shall be drawn by the Board, and voted on by a simple majority.

Each Board member shall be elected for a minimum term of 2 years and may hold the same office for consecutive terms if elected.

Dissolution of the Association

A vote carrying at least 75% of the members at a general meeting shall be necessary to dissolve the Association.

BY-LAW No. 2

Scholarship

An annual Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association scholarship award has been created to recognize a graduating high school student in the Halton Region who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting Chinese culture, has achieved a high academic standing and is in financial need. The award of the scholarship, including the selection of the successful candidate and the disbursement of funds, shall be administered by the Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) on behalf of the Association and assisted by a Selection Committee struck jointly by the Foundation and the Association. All graduating high school students in Halton Region, except for the immediate family and close relatives of a member of the current Selection Committee, are eligible to apply and be considered for the scholarship.

Approved: Board of Directors' special e-meeting November 15-25, 2010

President's Report

Allan Lo

If numbers only tell half a story, 2010 has been a successful year for HRCCA in term of record attendance for our events and activities. We truly appreciate all the support and commitment from our members. I would also like to thank all our friends and fans of HRCCA for their participation at our events.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2011, we would like to move our Association forward to new heights with an official Constitution, two new By-laws, an expanded Board of Directors, and hopefully, an increased membership.

HRCCA has been a regional Chinese Canadian organization from inception, and as such, we need to be inclusive and expand our membership to include as many local residents as possible. It would be up to all of us to embrace diversity and democracy, and enjoy the full meaning of living "the true North strong and free" as Chinese Canadians.

In closing, I would like to encourage all present and future members to reach out to our communities, Chinese or otherwise, to help promote a true multicultural society for all to enjoy. Thank you.

2010 Activities and Special Events

Activities/Events	Date & Location
Saturday Mandarin Class	Weekly at Blakelock High School, Oakville
Sunday Recreation	Weekly at Brant Hill Recreation Centre, Burlington
Chinese New Year Fundraising Banquet	February 20, 2010 at Summit Garden Restaurant supporting Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital
Asian Heritage Month Celebration	May 8, 2010 at Regional Centre hosted by Halton Regional Police Service
HRCCA Scholarship Program	Annual award winner announced in June 2010
Summer Picnic	June 20, 2010 at Coronation Park in Oakville
Oakville Dragon Boat Festival - HRCCA Team	August 15, 2010 at Kelso Conservation Park, Milton
Mid Autumn Festival	September 15, 2010 at Burlington Seniors Centre
Christmas Luncheon & Annual General Meeting	December 19, 2010 at Red Maple Restaurant in Burlington
Halton Police Chief Forum	Two to three times annually at Regional Centre

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Treasurer's Report

Ho Wong

The operations in 2009 resulted in a modest surplus of \$1,718.47. Net revenues from membership fees, the gym program and the Chinese New Year event supported other programs.

Programs	2009 Net Amount	2010 Revenues	2010 Expenses	2010 Net Amount
Membership Fees	\$1,110.00	\$1,410.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
Operating Expenses	-\$429.35	\$0.00	-\$500.73	-\$500.73
Gym Program	\$2,075.66	\$6,178.00	-\$4,835.78	\$1,342.22
Chinese New Year Event	\$647.70	\$24,973.00	-\$23,642.55	\$1,330.45
Summer Picnic	-\$64.38	\$0.00	-\$892.01	-\$892.01
Mid-Autumn Festival	-\$575.89	\$1,179.50	-\$1,595.90	-\$416.40
Dragon Boat Festival	\$30.00	\$1,180.00	-\$1,750.00	-\$570.00
Total	\$2,793.74	\$34,935.44	-\$33,216.97	\$1,718.47

As of the end of the 2010 fiscal year, HRCCA has total assets in the amount of \$17,291.28, a Disaster Relief Reserve Fund of \$915.00, and a Scholarship Endowment Fund of \$21,007.03 (pending an update from the Oakville Community Foundation).

Assets & Funds	2009 Balance	2010 Revenues	2010 Expenses	2010 Net Amount	2010 Balance
Cash and Bank Account	\$11,279.68	\$34,920.50	-\$33,216.97	\$1,703.53	\$12,983.21
GIC	\$4,293.13	\$14.94	\$0.00	\$14.94	\$4,308.07
Total Assets	\$15,572.81	\$34,935.44	-\$33,216.97	\$1,718.47	\$17,291.28
Disaster Relief Reserve Fund	\$915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$915.00
Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$21,007.03	←	Pending 2010 Year End Statement		→

In 2010, there are 82 active members and 52 inactive ones (who have not renewed their membership for the past three years but remain on the Association's mailing list).

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2010 Highlights

Sunday Gym

HRCCA offers both badminton and line dance activities every Sunday from 3 to 5pm at Brant Hills Community Centre in Burlington. All members and their kids 12 years and older are welcome. Currently there are about 30 participants each Sunday. The fee is \$50.00 every 3 calendar months for each active member, who is allowed to bring one child (age 18 or under) free of charge. Come join us and have fun!



Chinese New Year Fund-raising Dinner

Attended by nearly 300 members and guests, the 2010 premiere event celebrating the Year of the Tiger was another resounding success. It was held at the Summit Garden Restaurant in Mississauga on February 20, 2010. Through ticket sales, donations, karaoke, silent auction and a raffle draw, it raised over \$16,000 in support of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington. Many compliments were received on this year's entertainment program that included traditional Chinese dances and musical instrument performances and a fashion show.



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Scholarship Award

The 2010 HRCCA Scholarship goes to Andrew Wong of Nelson High School, Burlington. Andrew demonstrated high achievements in many areas. Academically, he has an overall average grade well above 95%. Artistically, he excelled at piano, attaining first class honours with the Royal Conservatory of Music (ARCT diploma-piano) and received numerous awards at piano competitions. Athletically, he represented his school at track and field, cross country, badminton and table tennis. Contributing not only to his school community as executive of many clubs, he also volunteered extensively at Chinese cultural events and local services, including being a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. Andrew is currently attending the University of Western Ontario, majoring in biological and medical sciences. The award will be formally presented to Andrew at the 2011 Chinese New Year dinner.



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Summer Picnic

Our annual Summer BBQ picnic was held this year on Sunday June 20 at Coronation Park in Oakville. With the help of our new Directors Helena Han and Shirley Wong, we were able to reach out to the broader Chinese community, attracting a record attendance. It was definitely a day of family games, delicious food and above all, great opportunities to meet new friends and share tales. With so many new faces, we completed a survey to better understand the needs of our community.

Dragon Boat Competition

Another successful Dragon Boat season! Third-place finish in the C Championship class with a time of 2:25. All the paddlers should be thanked for their hard work and efforts. As for the new paddlers, it was an awesome job! We hope to see you again next year.



Mid-Autumn Festival

Over 300 members and guests including 42 volunteers celebrated this year's Mid-Autumn Festival—one of the four major Chinese cultural celebrations—at the Burlington Senior Center. Building on last year's success, it featured another HRCCA talent search that brought out the best entertainers and performers among our membership and friends. Other highlights included a presentation by the beautiful and legendary Chang Er, a lantern parade, fun games, moon cake making, and kids' and adults' riddle contests. A questionnaire was conducted to collect information to help HRCCA serve the community better. We welcome those new members who joined the Association after attending this event.

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