

THE UNITED SENIOR CITIZENS  
OF  
ONTARIO INC.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
57TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 10TH, 11TH & 12TH, 2015

HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTRE  
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

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The 57th Annual Convention of the United Seniors Citizens of Ontario was held in St. Catharine's, Ontario on August 10th, 11th and 12th, 2015.

***Monday, August 10, 2015***

***Opening of Convention***

The Convention opened at 1:00 pm by President, Bernard Jordaan. The Town Crier of St. Catharine's, Mark Molar followed by OPP Officer Robin Sanders led the procession of the invited dignitaries to the Head Table and the Board and Field Representatives to their tables. A ceremonial placement of the Book of Remembrance onto a table by OPP Officer Robin Sanders occurred during the processional. President Bernard Jordaan welcomed all to the 57th Annual Convention.

Gerry Graham led the delegates in singing "O Canada" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Introduction of the Head Table was done by Bernard Jordaan.

Prayer of Invocation – by Rev. Wayne Harnden

***Greetings:*** were extended by the following who were introduced by Bernard Jordaan:

James Bradley, MPP

He welcomed the delegates to the Niagara region talking about its amenities. He noted the role of volunteers in Ontario and mentioned that April is volunteer recognition month. It was acknowledged that overwhelmingly seniors are the majority of volunteers in every sector where volunteers are involved. Systems would collapse if senior volunteers all decided to quit. He also noted the importance of our resolutions and input from seniors to the government and especially to the Seniors Secretariat.

Bill Phillips – Deputy Mayor, St. Catharine's

Commented that St. Catharine's was thrilled to have the USCO in the city and noted that we have a very full agenda. The senior population is a very important demographic in the city with being number two in the province for the highest percentage of seniors. This is attributed to the good weather, good transportation, having over 100 wineries in the area and other attractions such as the Welland Canal and the antique carousel at Port Dalhousie. He thanked the USCO for being the voice for seniors in Ontario.

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Herb John, President of the National Pensioners Federation

He thanked the USCO for the work they do for seniors. The NPF Convention is being held in Ottawa on September 30 – October 2 and encouraged attendance. On October 1 which is the United Nations Day of the Older Persons there will be a demonstration and celebration at Parliament Hill. He noted the work that they are doing with the Canada Post Union to save home delivery. Other work being done involve – Seniors Health Strategy, Financial Security, Child Poverty, etc. The NPF website has information on these issues. He noted that Canada does not have a Position Paper on a National Housing Policy and this is needed. Issues are being discussed and decisions made that will have a global and future impact- need a participatory democracy at this election time and ongoing. He commented on Bill C51 and the economy and that while the government is promoting these, critics claim that they are not doing what need to achieve, eg. poverty, housing, education. There are also unresolved issues with the Senate and CBC.

Bernard Jordaan introduced the following at this time:

Juanita Dobson, Deputy Minister, Seniors Secretariat  
USCO Office Staff - Bev Dougherty and Maureen Dougherty

***Speaker – Honourable Mario Sergio, Minister Responsible for Seniors***

He stated what a pleasure to be in St. Catharine's and acknowledged the work of James Bradley, MPP for the riding. He brought greeting from the Premier. He thanked the USCO for the invitation to speak at our Convention. He described working "alongside" the USCO for seniors and that he has seen the impact across the years of working together – partnership and cooperation with the USCO to meet mutual goals.

He stated that there over 2 million individuals over 65 in Ontario and this number is growing fast. They are living longer and better lives than ever before. Their lives would be good if they can have a good quality of life. This is why there is a need to invest in healthy lifestyle programs, eg. increasing the Seniors Community Grant Program to \$2 million for the next year. He stated that the last round saw 367 projects funded and over 73,000 people benefiting. Included in these projects, was a \$8000 grant to the USCO to help with Convention costs.

The Seniors Action Plan is aimed at improving seniors lives by launching programs to help seniors. There will be an investment of \$750 million over the next three years to help seniors "age at home". The new Ontario Retirement Pension Plan will improve security in years to come. Elder Abuse is too great a problem with 4 in 10 seniors subject to abuse. \$9 million has been spent by Ontario on preventing elder abuse. There is a review underway for the current Elder Abuse Strategy. The government passed the Retirement Homes Act with its main focus to prevent elder abuse. There have been over 2000 complaints investigated. There are now over 700 homes now meeting the current standards.

He thanked the USCO for its work and for volunteering in communities across Ontario.

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- Thank you** – to Minister Sergio by Bernard Jordaan with an invitation for the 2016 Convention.
- to Robin Sanders, OPP for her assistance
  - to the dignitaries for attending

The Head Table guests were excused at this time and Board members were invited to come forward to the Head Table.

***Appointment of Committees*** – Bernard Jordaan identified and appointed the membership of the committees for the Convention as per the published listing in the “Convention Information” book.

***Speaker – Lorne Coe, Regional Councillor Durham Region (Whitby)*** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan.

Acknowledged the work of the USCO which he was very familiar with in his previous position with the Seniors Secretariat. His topic for the presentation is Affordable Housing – that the Government's commitment was a game changer. We are now talking about how we can do things to improve the lives of Ontarians and the health and sustainability of our communities through a strong foundation of access to affordable housing. The Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy presents an opportunity to identify the critical factors that will facilitate Ontario's 47 Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and the District Social Services Administration Board role in addressing the issue of housing affordability in every corner of the province. This strategy will leverage affordable housing. The goals for the government – flexibility, strengthening the provincial-municipal partnership, streamlining policies, and frame housing affordability and homelessness prevention in a broader vision of community health, well-being and social and economic sustainability.

Need the province to work together with local municipalities and input from community organizations such as the USCO to make this work. Across Ontario there will be a variety of solutions to meet the urban, rural, northern situations. This is a very complex issue. It is necessary to incorporate the concerns of poverty on housing. There is a need to keep the plan simple – have the decisions made at the local level with provincial partnership and support.

There is a desire to work with the USCO in further developing the Ontario strategy on housing. Resolutions from the USCO Convention do have an impact.

Thank you and a gift for Lorne Coe – by Joyce Mitchell

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*Speaker – Jamie Wilson Howe, Alzheimers Niagara* – introduced by Bernard Jordaan.

Alzheimers Niagara has been in existence for 23 years. In 1978, The Ontario Alzheimers Society was founded at the University of Toronto. It was focused on looking at individuals with a diagnosis of dementia and memory loss. It was to help patients, family, friends, caregivers, health professionals and the general public.

She spoke on dementia – what it is, rights, care management, how can the patient still keep involved in their community. It was noted that it is often the family of the person with dementia who identifies that there is a problem leading to the diagnosis being made.

Services available through the Alzheimers Society:

- Education
  - o learning series with a patient focus at the early stage
  - o learning series for the care partners
  - o workshops for healthcare professionals, community groups, 1 on 1
- Counseling – individual basis – coping, advocate services
- Early Stage Programs
- Exercise and Social Involvement – “Minds in Motion”
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Friendly Visiting – by volunteers
- Phone support and information

Dementia – symptom that the brain is not working properly, e.g

- memory loss (usually short-term)
- impaired judgment / reasoning
- disorientation
- difficulty communicating – understanding and speaking
- difficulty or forgetting routine tasks

Alzheimers is a type of dementia – it is the most common type

- makes up 60% of all dementia
- 8500 individuals in the Niagara Region have dementia
- 745,000 Canadians have dementia
- 52% of people know someone with dementia
- it must be stressed that people can live a meaningful life with dementia

A quiz was played with prizes awarded to the delegates with the right answer.

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Minimizing getting dementia – the following can help –

- doing brain exercises
- physical exercise and keeping active
- good diet
- socialization
- learning new things

Normal aging does include some forgetfulness – so don't be hard on yourself if this happens. It becomes a concern if it begins to affect your daily activities. Do not self-diagnose – see your physician and get tested properly. It was noted that there is a familial type of Alzheimers. Increased memory loss can also be brought on by stress and loss of sleep. If it needs to be checked by a physician – test may be done that include blood work, getting a thorough medical history, review medications given, doing a memory test and check abstract thinking, brain CT Scan.

Information on any Alzheimers Society can be found in the local phone book or on the Internet.

Thank you and a gift for Jamie Wilson-Howe – by Dorothy Kelley.

**Booths** – Bernard Jordaan reminded the delegates to visit the booths set up at the back of the room.

- “Right at Home”
- Seniors Secretariat
- Johnson Insurance

**Speaker – Catherine Turner, Johnson Insurance** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

The USCO and Johnson Insurance have a partnership for accessing insurance for USCO members. Johnson Insurance is a Canadian owned company with its head office in Newfoundland. It owns its own insurance and this allows more flexibility in the plans offered – handle many types of insurance including – home, automobile, medical travel. There is information at their booth.

Discussed issues:

- distracted driving
- premium surcharge due to tickets and accidents
- MTO reports are accessed by Insurance companies to learn about tickets and accidents on a spot check basis
- Use of dash cams
- Cross border trips and need for extra insurance for travel
- Out-of- province travel insurance needs

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If calling Johnson Insurance – make sure identify as a USCO member to get access to special plans and rates

Request made to Johnson Insurance to look into a plan for Health and Dental Plan for USCO members – They will follow up on this.

Thank you and a gift for Catherine Turner – by Sylvia Gagnon

**Resolutions** – Peggy Hawthorn, Chair of the Resolutions Committee reviewed the process for resolutions and the Rules of Order, use of the microphones, reducing table talk, timing of the speakers, need to have amendments in writing.

In order to have the resolutions discussed – it was noted that all resolutions are moved by Peggy Hawthorn and seconded by Dorothy Kelley.

Resolution #1 - Carried  
Resolution #2 – Carried  
Resolution #3 – Carried  
Resolution #4 – Carried  
Resolution #5 – Carried  
Resolution #6 – Carried  
Resolution #7 – Carried  
Resolution #8 – Carried as Amended

Add to end of BE IT RESOLVED ...to prevent them from using the roads where other means are available.

Moved by Arnie DeVaan, Seconded by Les MacDonald Carried

Resolution #9 – Carried as Amended

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the USCO communicate our opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership which would prevent a Canadian Pharma Care Program.

Moved by Ken Robertson, Seconded by Arnie DeVaan Carried

Resolution #10 – Carried

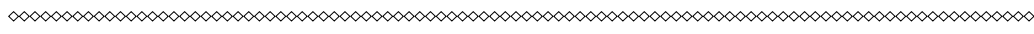
**Announcements** – Bernard Jordaan

- Asked for first time attendees to identify themselves
- Location of dinner identified
- Reminded the Board, Zone Presidents and Field Representatives of the breakfast meeting on Tuesday.

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**Adjourned for day** – at 4:40 pm

Monday after dinner entertainment was provided by Deb Misener – Jones who provided vocal, yodeling, bell ringing within a variety show – much enjoyed by all attending.



**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

8:45 am – Opening Remarks by Bernard Jordaan

**Interim Credentials Report** – by Marie Smith

Delegates	72
Board	11
Field Representatives	<u>9</u>
	92
Visitors	<u>5</u>
	97

Marie Smith noted the importance of the Seniors Community Grant for \$8,000 – every year delegates have had their expenses subsidized by a grant. The registration fees paid do not cover the real costs of the accommodation and meals.

**Financial Reports** – Susanne Robarts commented on the following reports:

- Pg 13 – Building Fund
- Pg 16 – The Voice Account
- Pg 17 – Convention Account
- Pg 20 – General Account

**Moved by Nick Collini, seconded by Susanne Robarts, that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented. Carried.**

Bernard Jordaan commented that the Board will be taking a look at fundraising.

**Board Reports** – Bernard Jordaan noted that the Board Reports are printed in the Convention Information booklet. The Board has been working under the new Constitution. The Executive Committee was begun with the 5 officers meeting by teleconference to review issues and make recommendations to the Board for decision. This has worked out well.

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It was reported that the Trillium Fund has changed its criteria in that funding has to flow through an incorporated body. Therefore, if a Club which is not incorporated is applying for a grant it must find an incorporated group to go through – the USCO provincially is available to assist any Club.

The USCO has obtained the rights to a “Hug a Senior” logo and will be using it for fundraising purposes. It is also available to Zones and Clubs in a digital format. We will be looking to trademark the logo.

**Moved by Les MacDonald, seconded by Gerard Bernatchez, that the Board Reports be accepted as presented. Carried.**

***Motion to Ratify the Action of the Executive Since Last Convention***

**Moved by Jeff Johnston, seconded by Mike Lepine that the delegates to the 2015 Annual Convention ratify the actions of the Board since the last Annual Convention. Carried**

***Resolutions (continued)***

Resolution #11 – Withdrawn by the Russell Seniors 55 Club

Resolution #12 – Carried

Resolution #13 – 18 – clustered and vote on # 15 – Carried

Resolution #19 – Carried

Resolution #20 – Carried

Resolution #21 – Change WCIB to WSIB Carried

Resolution #22 – 25 – clustered and vote on #22 – Carried

- Agreed that wherever “fixed income” appears – that “fixed low income” will be understood

Resolution #26 – Carried

Resolution #27 - Carried

Resolution #28 – Carried

Resolution #29 – Carried

Resolution #30 – Carried

Resolution #31 – Carried

Resolution #32 – 33 – clustered and vote on #32 – Carried

Resolution #34 – Carried

Resolution #35 – Carried

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Resolution #36 – Carried  
Resolution #37 – Carried  
Resolution #38 – Carried  
Resolution #39 – Carried  
Resolution #40 – Carried  
Resolution #41 – Carried

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**Speaker – Patrick Brown “Vulnerable Road Users”** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

He noted that as he has just turned 50 that he can now join the USCO. Commenting that he has spoken to the USCO Convention on previous occasions, he is pleased to update us on the issues dealt with together – that the USCO is very powerful and gets changes made where other efforts fail.

Restoring justice for grandparents and grandchildren – with changes, now compensation can be paid to these groups with the 2010 law which did away with the deductible on compensation (was \$15,000). This is the first time this type of law has been passed to award benefits – this was due to the intervention of the USCO.

USCO was a partner in the coalition to push for a Coroner’s Review into the deaths of pedestrians and cyclists. This review has been completed and 14 recommendations were made, eg more paved shoulders, decreased speed limits in residential areas, 1 meter spacing between vehicles and cycles. In 2015 – increased penalties and other changes in the law were passed. He noted that the USCO initiatives led to these changes.

This convention, he wants to bring the issue of “Vulnerable Road Users Laws” – people who use the roads who are not in cars, eg. pedestrians, road workers, wheelchair users, cyclists. It was noted that ¼ of fatalities are to vulnerable road users. Causes can be attributed to – stupidity, jay walkers, cyclist/car collisions, pedestrians/car collisions.

There are many misconceptions – usually not the drivers fault (62% of accidents are driver fault due to distracted driving, speeding, etc); driver is always punished (only 23% are charged out of the 62% who are at fault); penalties are severe for these accidents caused by the driver (he reviewed several cases and gave the results of the penalties that were levied – very minor amounts). He compared the fine for a driver who caused a death of \$85 to the same fine being levied for a cyclist riding on a sidewalk.

Some US states have passed legislation – main goal is to get the penalties increased.

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He has asked the USCO to join in an Action Plan to have a Vulnerable Road Users Law passed. (A resolution was drafted by Patrick Brown and added to the list of Resolutions to be dealt with).

Thank you and a gift for Patrick Brown – by Marie Smith

***Speaker – Peggy Hawthorn – “Nurse Practitioners”*** – Introduced by Bernard Jordaan

All health professionals are under the Regulated Health Professionals Act, eg. nurses, physicians, physiotherapists, dentists, etc. Clarified the types of nurses in Ontario – Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses (Extended Class). All nurses are regulated under the College of Nurses of Ontario and the College establishes the standards of practice for the nurses. As of August of this year there are 106,382 Registered Nurses, 47,259 Registered Practical Nurses and 2,656 Registered Nurses (Extended Class). A Nurse Practitioner is a name used for a Registered Nurse (Extended Class). Nurse Practitioners began as a class of nurses who worked in remote, northern communities in the 1970's. In the 1980's a movement was started to have additional training and certification for these nurses as they were performing duties beyond the normal scope of practice of a nurse. Finally, in the 1990's special programs were started in 9 universities in Ontario to allow Registered Nurses to obtain a Masters in Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner and the College of Nurses of Ontario began to register nurses with the RN (EC) designation. There are 4 certifications available for the RN (EC) – primary health care, adult, pediatrics and anesthesia. The current numbers are – primary health care 1,951; adult 508; pediatric 214 and anesthesia 0. A Nurse Practitioner can be certified in more than one category.

Nurse Practitioners are able to practice in an expanded role including:

- diagnose illness and injury
- perform physical checkups
- order and interpret diagnostic tests
- provide counseling and education
- provide treatment
- order procedures
- refer patients to other health professionals and specialists
- prescribe medication
- manage chronic diseases such as diabetes, COPD and asthma
- treat, transfer and discharge both in-patients and community outpatients from hospital
- cast fractures and reduce dislocations
- order blood products and oxygen

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Nurse Practitioners work in the following areas:

- Community Health Clinics
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Palliative Care
- Aboriginal Centres
- Community based Facilities eg. Public Health, Occupational Health, Schools, Correctional Facilities
- Ambulatory Care Centres, eg. Walk In Clinics
- Family Health Teams

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics – these are a new concept in Ontario where the Nurse Practitioner is the leader of the clinic which also houses other health professionals. These are funded through OHIP and are going to make access to primary health care easier.

In the future, Nurse Practitioners will have additions to their scope of practice and their numbers will continue to increase as our aging population will need more services and the shortage of physicians will continue to be a problem.

Nurse Practitioners have benefits and are often preferred over physicians – patients feel they listen more closely and really care for them, feel they give them more time and do not feel rushed.

More information on Nurse Practitioners or how to find one can be obtained through – Health Care Connect or Service Ontario. You can self-refer to a Nurse Practitioner.

Thank you and a gift for Peggy Hawthorn – by Susanne Robarts

***Resolutions (continued) –***

Resolution #42 – Carried

Resolution #43 – Carried

Resolution #59 – New Resolution on Vulnerable Road Users Law

WHEREAS: In 2012 Public Health Ontario reported that there was a decrease in the number of car drivers injured or killed on Ontario roads, the same was not true for pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooter riders, electric wheelchair riders, construction road workers and roadside emergency responders are to be considered to be vulnerable road users; and

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WHEREAS: Laws have been passed in a number of States in the USA; and

WHEREAS: The present laws do not adequately penalize those injuring or killing vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS: Increased penalties will require others to drive with increased safety and precautions when near vulnerable road users and reduce the number of injuries and fatalities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Provincial Government pass Vulnerable Road Users Laws to increase penalties when a Vulnerable Road User is injured or killed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the defendant be required to be present in court when the victim impact statements are read out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That USCO join a coalition to lobby and implement this initiative.

Carried

Resolution #44 – Defeated

Resolution #45 - Carried

--Lunch break--

***Speaker – Jeremy Bertrand, Ontario Ministry of Finance*** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

“Get Your Money – Understanding Ontario’s Tax Credits and Benefits for Individuals and Families 2015”

It is important for everyone to know about tax credit information.

He talked about:

- Ontario Trillium Benefits – refundable credits
  - o Ontario Energy & Property Tax Credit
  - o Ontario Sales Tax Credit
  - o Northern Ontario Energy Credit

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- Non-refundable tax credits
  - o Personal Claim
  - o Spousal/Partner Claim
  - o CPP Contributions
  - o EI Premiums
  - o Caregivers Amount
  - o Tuition/Education Amount
  - o Medical Expenses (booklet available)
  - o Donations and Gifts

Information available on [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca) or 800-959-8281 for some of these.

He also said seniors need to take advantage of some programs now available. Such as:

- Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit
- Ontario Senior Homeowner Property Tax Credit
- GAINS – if get the OAS & GIS, then may qualify – inquire through Service Canada

#### Older Adult Credits

- age amount for over 65
- pension income amount credit
- all or portion of spouse/partner age or pension amount

#### Other Credits/Programs

- Disability Tax Credit
- Disability Amount
- Registered Disability Savings Plan
- Tax Free Savings Accounts

Most credits need to apply for through Income Tax Return or other application. May be able to claim for past years so inquire. A good resource book is the Guide for Seniors Services available through the Seniors Secretariat.

Thank you and a gift for Jeremy Bertrand – by Jim Laidman

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*Speaker – Mike Lepine, Disabilities for Seniors/Veterans* – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

He began by playing a song “Freedom” written by J. Horner. We need to thank all those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

A lot of issues affect seniors as well as veterans. He provided the following profile –

- WW 1 Vets – 0 left
- WW 2 Vets – average age is 89
- Korea Vets – average age 85/86
- Vietnam – average age is 65

He noted the development of the Bill Of Rights – established to address problems but it involves a lump payment to disabled service persons which is insufficient to meet ongoing needs that an ongoing payment plan would meet.

Older Vets are also finding difficulty with accessing benefits if they are not already in the system. This needs to be addressed. Similarly, seniors also get frustrated when trying to get access to services and benefits. For Vets, there is a role for the Legion to pay to advocate for individual older Vets since many do not have family to help with this.

Current Vets – have issues that need to be addressed also, eg,

- treatment for PTSD since often delayed onset and do not identify the problem early enough
- addictions occur since do not have a support system for the reservists who return home and they have problems adjusting back to their life
- often referred to a non-military therapist who does not understand

Noted that Oct 1 is the United Nations Day of the Older Person (25th anniversary of this). It is going to be celebrated across Canada with an objective to bring awareness to the reduced services for seniors.

In Canada, Canadians deserve more input into decisions that affect them, eg. pensions, etc. We must share the same message across Canada to show support for seniors and veterans. Credit must be given to the USCO since we are all on the same page and are able to initiate change.

Thank you and a gift for Mike Lepine – by Gerry Graham

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**Speaker – Jennifer Sauve, Service Canada** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

She spoke on several programs for seniors provided by the Federal Government.

Canada Pension Plan – everyone contributes who is employed once they reach the age of 18 until reach 65. The pension amount paid is dependent on the years paid in and the amount paid. It must be applied for. Information is available through Service Canada or use the 1-800-O Canada toll free number. The two main types are:

- Regular CPP – retirement and disability
- Survivor CPP

She reviewed highlights of these pensions.

Old Age Security – funded through general tax revenues. Eligibility is dependent on age, citizenship and years spent in Canada. There are three sections to it:

- OAS Pension
- GIS Allowance
- Allowance for Survivor

She reviewed the highlights of these programs.

In order to maintain client privacy, a form needs to be signed by the client and be on file before a family member or other person can inquire about these pensions.

Thank you and a gift for Jennifer Sauve – by Lois Jordaan

**Speaker – Marshall Swadron, Estates and Guardianships** – introduced by Bernard Jordaan

Commented on the change in estate administration where there will no more probating of an estate on the honour system – now have to do a complete inventory of assets and provide valuation. If estimating, there is a need to refile once the real value is identified. Enforcement has been put in place with penalties for falsifying reporting.

Discussed the concept of guardianship where a person is able to make decisions for a person who cannot make their own. The Substitute Decisions Act has now been in place for 20 years. It provides for appointment of decision makers for personal care and decision makers for property and financial affairs. He provided information as to how these work.

He also provided information on Advance Directives and talked about recent Supreme Court decisions that impact on these.

Thank you and a gift for Marshall Swadron – by Peggy Hawthorn

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*Resolutions (continued)*

- Resolution #46 - Carried
- Resolution #47 - Carried
- Resolution #48 - Carried
- Resolution #49 - Carried
- Resolution #50 - Carried
- Resolution #51 - Carried
- Resolution #52 - Carried
- Resolution #53 - Carried
- Resolution #54 - Carried
- Resolution #55 - Carried
- Resolution #56 - Carried
- Resolution #57 - Carried
- Resolution #58 - Carried

Peggy Hawthorn, Chair of the Resolution Committee thanked the following:

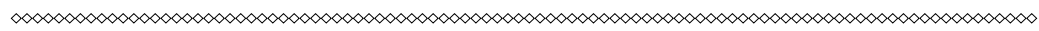
- Submitters of the Resolutions
- Resolution Committee members
- Delegates for their diligence in working on these resolutions

She asked the delegates to have their Clubs to start working on resolutions for 2016 Convention.

**Adjournment for the day** – 4:45 pm

**Banquet** – Held at 6:30 pm

- Presentation of USCO Senior of the Year Award to Roy Kerr
- Entertainment – The Welland Ukrainian Mandolin Orchestra



**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

**Call to Order** - at 9:05 am by Bernard Jordaan



***Final Report of Credentials Committee*** – by Marie Smith

Delegates	76
Board	11
Field Representatives	<u>9</u>
	96
Visitors	<u>5</u>
	101

***Announcements*** – Bernard Jordaan

- Several badge ribbons have been handed in
- Thank you to:
  - Delegates for coming to the Convention
  - Les MacDonald for his technical assistance
  - Out-going Board members for their service and their support to the USCO, especially to Dorothy Kelley who has served for 21 years
- Request for Board members and Field Representatives to get their expenses in to the Office by the end of the month
- Thanked the USCO and his wife Lois for their support to him during his term in office as President

***Elections*** – Election Chair – Dave Bradley

Bernard Jordaan vacated the chair and invited Dave Bradley to conduct the elections for the Executive for 2015/16. He read the Election Procedures so all would be aware of the process.

Ron Shelley is the Chair of the Scrutineers. There will timing lights used for the nominations.

Dave Bradley declared all positions vacant.

The called for nominations of the positions as follow – President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Board Members. Positions of President, 1st Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were acclaimed. An election was held for the positions of 2nd Vice-President and Board Members (6). Past President is Bernard Jordaan.

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Position	Nominee	Nominator	Acceptance to Run
<b>President</b>	Gerry Graham	Les MacDonald	Yes
<b>1st Vice-President</b>	Peggy Hawthorn	Dorothy Kelley	Yes
<b>Secretary</b>	Peggy Graham	Bernard Jordaan	Yes*

\* written confirmation of willingness to run received by Secretary (copy on file)

<b>Treasurer</b>	Susanne Robarts	Doug Walsh	Yes
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Position	Nominee	Nominator	Acceptance to Run
2nd Vice-President	Sylvia Gagnon	Gerard Bernatchez	Yes
	Debra Ann McBride	Marjorie Lougheed	Yes

Elected Debra Ann McBride

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Acceptance to Run	Elected
<b>Board Members</b>	<del>Joyce Mitchell</del>	<del>Art Field</del>		
	Doug Walsh	Lois Jordaan	Yes	Yes
	Jeanette Johnson	Bernard Jordaan	Yes	Yes
	Treasure Lotton	Dorothy Kelley	Yes	Yes
	Marie Smith	Pat Flavell	Yes	Yes
	Marjorie Lougheed	Treasure Lotton	Yes	No
	Christine Gillies	Toni Sisti	Yes	No
	Sylvia Gagnon	Gerard Bernatchez	Yes	No
	Jeff Johnston	Wanda Schamehorn	Yes	Yes
	Jim Laidman	Margaret Bradley	Yes	Yes

**Point of Order** – was raised as to if Joyce Mitchell had USCO membership. In consultation with the Election Chair and the Parliamentarian, it was determined that she did not since her qualification for USCO membership as a Board member ceased when the Board positions were declared vacant and she did not have Club or individual membership. She is then not qualified to be nominated.

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*Motion*

**Moved by Dorothy Kelley, seconded by Gerard Bernatchez that the ballots be destroyed.  
Carried**

**Obligation of Office** - was conducted Dave Bradley

**Dismissal of Committees** – All Convention Committees were dismissed and thanked for their work by Marie Smith.

**Adjournment** – The 57th Annual Convention adjourned at 11:05 am.