

President's Report

It has been an honour to serve this Association in the capacity of President for the past five years. Of all the years I have been President, this past year has been the most difficult, but we were able to accomplish most of the tasks we set ourselves at the beginning of the year.

The year started off with the election of officers as stipulated by our Constitution, to form a New Executive to conduct the business of the Association on behalf of the members. The results of the Election were as follows:

President – Winston Powell

Vice - President – Winston McIntosh

Secretary – Julia Coore

Assistant Secretary – Douglas Angell

Treasurer – Reggie Clarke

Assistant Treasurer – Winston Roach

Members at Large

John Drummond

Trevor Coore

Lona Freemantle

Earle Haye

Ken Johnson

Valda Keldo-McDonald

The new Executive was completed with the automatic addition of **Inez Johnson** as the **Immediate Past President of the Association**.

The new Executive met shortly after the Election and formulated initiatives we believed would satisfy the needs and interests of the Association. These included, i) ways to attract younger members to serve on the Executive, ii) the reorganization of the Standing Committees to increase more participation from the general membership, iii) the exploration of new avenues to generate revenue, iv) ways to improve communication to the general membership, v) the expansion of our scholarship awards.

Although we have been working tirelessly, not all the goals we set at the beginning of the year have been met. However, we have been able to successfully carry out the following events:

- The Mico Walkathon
- The Annual Family Picnic
- The Annual Banquet and Scholarship Awards
- Mentoring Scholarship Recipients and other prospective Teachers

This would not have been possible without the support of a hard-working, committed and encouraging Executive. The exemplary efforts of this team must be applauded, and I take the opportunity to sincerely thank every one of the Executive members for their devoted service to the Association. I would also like to thank the other members who willingly gave of their time and efforts to assist us.

Sadly, during the year we lost the services of Members at Large, Earle Hays who was forced to resign from the Executive due to work commitment which would not allow him to carry out his responsibilities, and Valda Keldo-McDonald who took a leave of absence to deal with personal matters. I am pleased that Earle plans to stay involved as a regular member, and I anxiously await the return to active duty of Valda.

The Annual Banquet and Scholarship Awards

The Annual Banquet and Scholarship Awards function which was held on Saturday, October 28, 2014, was not as successful as we anticipated as we were unable to attract the size crowd needed for it to be a resounding success. However, we are grateful to our sponsors, members and friends who supported us. We were honoured to have Ms. Thando Hyman as our Guest of Honour and Main Speaker.

Details of the other events mentioned above will be given to you by the Chair of the committee that has responsibility for those events.

Our term of office will expire by this time next year when we have our Annual General Meeting. A new Executive must be elected. I am imploring all of you, especially the younger members to consider running for office. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas. You can make a difference in the future of Mico Alumni Association Ontario Chapter. Let us "Do it With Thy Might".

Respectfully submitted by

Winston Powell
President.