

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE  
2011 ANNUAL MEETING  
HOUSE CHAMBER, IOWA STATE CAPITOL  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

The 2011 annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature was convened in the House Chamber of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines on Tuesday September 27, 2011 at 2:35 pm by Ron Donald, Chair, Board of Directors, Older Iowans Legislature.

**Members in attendance:** Sally Donald, Ron Donald, Sandra Graser, John Graser, Karen Neider, Mike Otto, Neil Wubben, Bob Welsh, Dale Weaver, Leta Wall, Roberta VanDeWalker, Francis Thom, Arlene Sweet, Judy Stalkfleet, Rex Shepherd, Roy Schoon, Joyce Schoon, Alice King, Bob King, Betty Jordan, Betty Kelly, Max Knauer, Lila Kramer, Janice Frey, David Cavey, Clarice Bartz, Ron Jome

**Minutes of the 2010 annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature were approved as written.**

**Treasurer's report was submitted by Francis Thom, 2010 2011 Treasurer of the Older Iowans Legislature, and approved as written.**

Financial report 09/24/2010 to 09/27/2011

Starting balance – 09/23/2010	\$11,060.84
Receipts	\$ 6,240.10
Expenses	\$ 3,584.70
Ending balance – 09/27/2011	\$13,716.24

RECEIPTS

73 Individual dues – 2011	\$1,825.00
5 Individual dues – 2012 thru 2015	\$ 125.00
16 Professional dues – one 2012	\$4,000.00
Donations	\$ 265.00
Memorial donation – Healy/Harshner	\$ 25.00
TOTALS	\$6,240.10

EXPENSES

Secretary Expense and Service	\$1,000.00
Postage-Copy-Printing-Phone	\$1,059.76
Newsletter and Receipt Postage	\$ 140.80
Page Meals	\$ 150.85
Insurance	\$ 193.00
Web Site – 9/10 to 9/11	\$ 120.00
OIL Clips – Legislature	\$ 265.69
OIL Board Meeting Lunches	\$ 377.90
OIL Board Travel Expenses	\$ 255.30

Miscellaneous – 2011 Member Cards	\$ 21.40
TOTALS	\$3,584.70

### Old Business to be discussed

- Reviewed the effectiveness of the purchase of “alligator clips” printed with OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE that were placed on the desks of Senators and Representatives in January 2011 at the beginning of the session of the Iowa General Assembly. The “alligator clip” given to each legislator secured a small bundle of papers that described the Priority Bills of the 2010 Older Iowans Legislature. NOTE: Representatives to the 2011 Older Iowans Legislature session received the “alligator clips” on September 26, 2011.
- Leta Wall urged that future money be spent on more publicity for Older Iowans Legislature. Wall also urged that newspapers and news people who cover the lawmakers be contacted with information about the Older Iowans Legislature.
- Mike Otto reviewed the “letters to the editor” that had been distributed to Iowa newspapers prior to the session of the Iowa General Assembly.

### New Business

- Amending Article XI AMENDMENTS of the By-Laws of the Older Iowans Legislature as amended May 31, 2006.
  - **Present wording:** “These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order on this subject.”
  - **Proposed new wording:** These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted provided such amendments have been presented in writing to the Older Iowans Legislature membership not less than fourteen (14) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting, by mail or email to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting, and said amendments gain a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of members voting, a quorum being present.”
  - **Action taken:** A motion to approve the amendment was made and seconded. After discussion the amendment was approved by voice vote.
- Amending ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP Section 2: Regular Member of the By-Laws of the Older Iowans Legislature as amended May 31, 2006.
  - **Present wording:** “Any citizen of the United States residing in Iowa shall be eligible for voting membership in OIL providing they are at least 60 years of age....”.
  - **Proposed new wording:** Any citizen of the United States residing in Iowa shall be eligible for voting membership in OIL providing they are at least 55 years of age....”.
  - **Action taken:** A motion to approve the amendment was made and seconded. After discussion the amendment was approved by voice vote.
- Amending Article II MEMBERSHIP by adding Section 4 – Professional to the By-Laws of the Older Iowans Legislature as amended May 31, 2006.
  - **Proposed wording of new Section 4:** “Any Professional Organization having paid the yearly dues may have one (1) delegate that meets membership requirements.”

- **Action taken:** A motion to approve the amendment was made and seconded. After discussion the amendment was approved by voice vote.
- Amending Article II MEMBERSHIP by adding Section 5 – At large delegates to the By-Laws of the Older Iowans Legislature as amended May 31, 2006.
  - **Proposed wording of new Section 5:** Allowing at large delegates to be seated and possess the same privileges as District delegates at the annual legislative session.”
  - **Action taken:** A motion to approve the amendment was made and seconded. After discussion the amendment was approved by voice vote.

### **Election of Older Iowans Legislature officers for 2011-2012**

- The slate of officers nominated by the Board of Directors was unanimously approved by the membership of the 2011 annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature. The Older Iowans Legislature officers for 2011-2012 are:
  - Ron Donald, Van Horne, Chair
  - Mike Otto, Paulina, Vice-Chair
  - Ron Jome, Ogden, Secretary
  - Francis Thom, Centerville, Treasurer

**Betty Kelly won voice vote approval to submit to the Board of Directors at a future time some ideas for an OIL emblem or seal that would help promote the Older Iowans Legislature.**

The 2011 annual meeting of the Older Iowans Legislature as adjourned by Chair Ron Donald at 3:30 pm.