

The National Conference and Board Meeting took place in Hamilton, Ontario on May 21st – 23rd. Barrie/Simcoe County branch was represented by Maureen Armstrong (branch Vice President), Chantalle Freeborough (branch President), Arlene Stone (branch Past President and current National Vice President) and Gale Belcourt (National QAA Registrar).

The Professional Development event on May 21st was well received with great feedback from all who attended. The National Board meeting took place on Friday, May 22nd and the AGM on Saturday May 23rd. Awards were presented at the AGM where Maureen Armstrong received the Barrie/Simcoe County Branch Honor Roll and Arlene Stone was the recipient of the highest award bestowed within the Association, the Linda Bates Award of Excellence. At the QAA grad luncheon, Gale Belcourt presided over the highest number ever to graduate – 19 graduates in 2015! Our own Sue Colwell (unable to attend) received her QAA designation. Congratulations to all Award Recipients!

Quotes from attendees . . .

“I always leave National Board Meetings feeling inspired, re-energized and motivated; the admins provide a comfortable atmosphere offering support, great ideas and suggestions for the workplace and branch activities. I’m so grateful for this network of people and look forward to reconnecting (face-to-face) in the fall. All members are welcome to attend national AGM.” - Chantalle

“It was a fantastic experience, great to meet and network with other Admins from across the Country and overall just a wonderful and rewarding experience. It was great to see and feel the energy levels and it would definitely be a great asset for all Admins to experience if they can.” – Maureen

Set your sights on attending next year’s events – taking place in Vancouver! June 2-4, 2016!