

**UVIC RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 17, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – MacLaurin Building D111**

**The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held June 17, 2009, in Room D111, MacLaurin Building. Approximately 25 members attended with Isobel Dawson, President, in the Chair.**

Isobel Dawson opened the meeting by welcoming those attending, and asked for a minute of silence to remember those members who had passed away during the year.

1. **Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda was approved as circulated with an addition by Joanne Thomas on the Financial Planning and Management for Seniors Workshop held June 8, 2009 (see 4.8).  
(George Smith/Beverly Timmons).
2. **Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.** The Minutes of the 2008 AGM were approved as circulated.  
(Elizabeth Coey/ Fred Fischer)
3. **Business Arising.** There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Officers' Reports**

**4.1 President's Report.** (Isobel Dawson).

Isobel reported that Marie Elliott was stepping down as Secretary to the UVRA. She extended her appreciation for all the work Marie has done for the Association and also thanked Lyle Robertson for his assistance and advice during her transition to President...She also gave an update on CURAC and other university retiree associations in the USA and BC in the effort to monitor benefits available at other universities that could be offered to UVic retirees. She also mentioned that Grant Hughes has been appointed to the Vice-President, External Affairs office, as Director of Community Relations, and will liaise between the University and the UVRA.

She thanked the continuing and outgoing members of the board for their contributions and welcomed the incoming board and the new members of the Association. The report was accepted.

(Beverly Timmons/George Smith)

**4.2 Treasurer's Report**

Colin Butterfield arrived near the end of the meeting with the Financial Statements and advised that Beth Watton has agreed to audit.

He discussed the parking fees for this year and last year

Summary – membership down 35 to 53

Parking permits \$15,611

More spent on Events

Audited financial statements will go on the website.

(Colin Butterfield/Jim Pearce)

**4.3 Benefits Committee – Dr. Fred Fischer**

Dr. Fischer reported that no additional benefits have been added during the past year. Johnson has developed a single trip travel policy to complement

the current annual policy. The advantage of the annual policy is that for short (up to 35 days) a holder is covered for any number of trips so that if a policy holder is accustomed to making frequent short trips out of the Province the cover is always there, However, some members who travel less frequently may find the single trip policy attractive Dr. Peter Liddell mentioned that the cost of travel insurance appeared less expensive through Blue Cross. Dr. Fischer replied that Johnson Inc. coverage was up to \$5 million while Blue Cross was \$50,000 life-time coverage. For travel insurance through Johnson Inc, contact directly and for Pacific Blue Cross contact UVic Human Resources.

Blue Cross premium rates will rise by 25% for the Extended Health Benefit and 11.5% for the Dental Benefit for the forthcoming policy year. Since the 2006 year the EHB premium has doubled. Dental has risen by 30.5% over the same time period. The Medoc (Johnson) premium rates will rise by 14% after being stable for a number of years.

The Benefits Committee has been renewed for the forthcoming year with the addition of David Clode, Peter Liddell, Gerry Poulton, Winona Pugh and Cled Thomas.

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#### **Bus Pass – Trevor Matthews**

Situation is employee pass program extended to retirees. University got into trouble with Revenue Canada as this is a taxable benefit because retirees are not university employees. Retirees are considered a non-defined employee group.

Tax legislation is framed around employers as discussed by Bill Pfaffenberger and VP Finance. If you have a pass probably can be renewed.

The Benefits committee has five new members with one member to become Chair for this year.

- 4.4 Communications Committee Report.** (Judy Cryderman/Helen Kempster  
Judy indicated this was an eventful year of changes in communication. Information of interest, newsletters, etc. was sent to members via email distribution lists. There are currently about 400 members with email addresses. The UVRA website was redesigned and updated using the newly designed UVic templates with support given by the UVic Web Coordinator's office and executive members. Some forms, i.e., events and membership application forms are available on line, with more to be added in the future.

Helen Kempster reported that she was stepping aside as Editor of the Newsletter and that Elizabeth Coey would be taking over the duties of this position.

The report was accepted. (Beverly Timmons/George Smith.)

- 4.5 Membership Committee Report.** (George Smith)  
Human Resources reported in 2008 that 50 employees were eligible for retirement. Of these, 22 have joined which is a lower than normal

percentage. We also obtained a list of those attending the Retirees Dinner and will contact them. We were contacted by a further 8 retirees not reported by Human Resources who have joined the Association. George reported that the final total was 30 out of 58 retirees, or 51% who joined in 2008/09. Two Associate members also joined.

The report was accepted. (George Smith/Jim Pearce)

**4.6 Events Committee Report. (John Fitch)**

Trevor Matthews spoke for John who was away. He said it had been a pleasure working with John. Things ran smoothly and the Events were well attended including an overnight tour attended by 36 retirees to the Marine Sciences Centre at Bamfield, In the future there will be

- A further campus visit;
- Galiano Island with Betty Kennedy;
- Dockyard visit to see cruise ship in drydock;
- overnight run to Gold River if enough interest
- Christmas Luncheon
- Another trip to Bamfield

The report was accepted. (Trevor Matthews/George Smith)

**4.7 Nomination Committee Report. (Lyle Robertson)**

Three people have left the Board: Bill Pfaffenberger, Marie Elliott and Helen Kempster (Two members-at-large and the Secretary.. Lyle expressed his personal thanks to Marie Elliott and proposed a vote of thanks. Lyle presented the list of proposed new board members for the 2009/2010 year. The three new people who have agreed to be nominated are Wendy Leyland for Secretary, and Elizabeth Coey and David Docherty for members-at-large.

There being no nominations from the floor, the new members were adopted as presented. The new executive for 2009/10 will be:

<b>President:</b>	Isobel Dawson
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Dawn Neill
<b>Secretary:</b>	Wendy Leyland
<b>Past President:</b>	Lyle Robertson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Colin Butterfield
<b>Benefits:</b>	Fred Fischer
<b>Membership:</b>	George Smith
<b>Communications:</b>	Judy Cryderman
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Elizabeth Coey
<b>Events:</b>	John Fitch
<b>Members at Large:</b>	Doug Alexander, Sharon Crumly, Joanne Thomas, Beverly Timmons, Jim Pearce, David Docherty
<b>Ex Officio Life Member:</b>	Peter Darling

**4.8 Financial Planning and Management for Seniors Workshop held June 8, 2009 – (Joanne Thomas)**

Joanne reported on the Investment seminar held June 8, 2009 with 68 in attendance. Karen Howard and Roger Davidson organized the event with the Centre on Aging. Evaluation by the Centre on Aging indicated that 93% indicated the seminar was good or excellent and 90% were interested in a similar event in the future. Joanne expressed her thanks to those who supported this event.

**5. Masterminds Report.** (Beverly Timmons)

The Masterminds lectures were presented from April 15 through May 6, 2009. The Centre on Aging and the UVRA co-hosted the series with the generous support of the University. Until this year the Masterminds events were under the direct purview of President David Turpin and his staff. This was a transition year with the Masterminds being transferred to Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Vice President, External Relations. As well a new Director of Community Relations, Grant Hughes, was added to Dr. Kuehne's staff. Beverly reported that attendance has grown steadily over the past four years. She felt the Times Colonist advertisement created the most audience response.

Of the 437 people who responded to the questionnaire handed out at each lecture, 130 people (57.2%) were seniors. There were fewer complaints about the sound and lighting than in 2008 as the auditorium's public address system and console had been replaced. She expressed her thanks to Elaine Gallagher who is being replaced by Holly Tuokko, Centre on Aging.

The report was accepted. (Beverly Timmons/George Smith))

**6. New Business.**

Jim Pearce suggested a link to the Pension Plan through the UVRA website. Judy Cryderman will look after updating this link on the UVRA website.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Recorded by:  
Sharon Crumly,  
Acting Secretary*