UVIC RETIREES ASSOCIATION
17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 16, 2010

09:30 a.m. – MacLaurin Building D111

The seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held June 16, 2010, in Room D111, MacLaurin Building. Approximately 27 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:

Lionel Adey	Gerd Bell	Albert Hurd	William Taggert
Alan Austin	Bill Bender	Judith Johnson	Luzia Williams
Lorraine Ayers	Harry Foster	Oliver Burton Kurth	

1. Approval of the Agenda. The agenda was approved as circulated with a change by the President that the Officer's Report on Nominations (4.8) would be considered after the Report on Masterminds (5)

(Jean Whiffin/Beverly Timmons).

2. Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.
The Minutes of the 2009 AGM were accepted as circulated.

(Beverly Timmons/Lyle Robertson)

3, **Business Arising** there was no business arising from the minutes

4. Officers' Reports

4.1 President's Report. (Isobel Dawson)\
The President was very grateful to the Executive Board and the Committees for their dedication and hard work during the year. The highlights included the creation of the new Newsletter; a new UVRA brochure and web site; the Masterminds Art Show and Lecture Series; the interesting selection of events; the updating, security and maintenance of the data files; research on board liability and third party insurance; the exploration of benefits regarding bus passes for retirees and parking; and negotiations that keep the UVRA part of the computer network at UVic.

Work and sharing of information has continued with other associations, agencies, centres and the community. Examples are CURAC, the Centre on Aging, Friends of the Library and the Centre for Religion and Society and other departments at UVic. UBC has developed a very informative package on preparation for retirement for retirees and has asked the UVRA to use and comment on it. The UBC retirees were so impressed by the new UVRA brochure that they copied ideas from it.

Plans for the coming year include reviewing and updating of the Constitution and By-laws, As well, a waiver statement will be created on events re: possible accidents Also, the Association will be searching for and trying to encourage recent retirees to become members of the Association. To do this we hope to include walking groups, autobiographical writing workshops, and perhaps marine exploration trips of the BC coast and Island. The highly valued Masterminds

Series organized so well for the last five years by Beverly Timmons will be continued under John Fitch with the support of the President Dr. David Turpin, Vice President of External Relations Dr. Valerie Kuehne and Grant Hughes, Manager of Community Relations.

The Benefits Committee will continue to explore transportation issues and alternatives for seniors at UVic and in the community. This may include participation in research concerning seniors' needs and requirements. The Association will continue to be in contact with other university retiree associations in BC, Canada and the USA in an effort to monitor benefits available at other universities that could be offered at UVic.

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

(Elizabeth Coey/David Clode)

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Colin Butterfield, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Annual Report. indicating a $4,253 gain. During the year there were significant expenditures for computing equipment but office supplies are in good order. The main concern is declining membership which the Executive is addressing. Events are quite successful making quite a few dollars. Next year parking will be handled in a different way.

(Colin Butterfield/Victor Neufeldt)

4.3 Benefits Committee – David Clode

The Chair, David Clode, thanked the Committee members, Cled Thomas, Peter Liddell, Winona Pugh, Gerry Poulton and Trevor Matthews for their hard work and good judgment. He reported that a good part of the year was devoted to a bus pass for retirees. David Clode and Isobel Dawson signed a letter with Neil Connelly of UVic's Budget and Plannning office that transit will provide a reduced bus pass which the University will subsidize. Unfortunately, this arrangement is on hold at the moment.

The sale of parking permits will be streamlined and a tentative agreement has been reached with Campus Security Services

Jim Forbes, Director, University of Victoria Bookstore, has extended a complimentary UVic Bookstore Simplicity Club membership to members of the UVic Retirees Association. The yearly membership fee is waived and all general book purchases (non-textbook) will be entitled to a 10% discount. The Computer Store will continue to extend educational software and hardware discounts to current members of the Association. To access the Simplicity Club discount and Computer Store educational pricing, the official University of Victoria ID Card with the 'Retiree' designation must be presented at point-of-purchase.

The Association has been working with the University to have all retirees and UVRA members included in the University of Victoria identity management system (IDMS). Thanks is extended to Lyle Robertson who has been working on this project for three years. He indicated that 610 members were left to be entered. The Association will be asking for birthdates which will be used as an identifier in the system. With the use of the IDMS system it will be possible to look up what you are entitled to as a retiree.

The Benefits Committee will continue to work on areas which might produce new or enhanced benefits for members of the Association.

(David Clode/Robin MacLeod)

4.4 Communications Committee Report. (Judy Cryderman/Elizabeth Coey)

Since the last general meeting, four editions of the Newsletter have been produced involving Laura Proctor, Elizabeth Coey and Judy Cryderman. The majority of UVRA members receive it electronically and those wishing a hard copy receive it by mail.

Executive members and chairs of the various committees have continued to use the resource of emailing UVRA members and using the announcement on the main UVRA web page when something of importance needs to be communicated to members.

The web site has not had any major development since last year. Members are encouraged to submit photos for the website. Updating the membership database is ever evolving, in particular tracking member addresses, phone numbers and email address changes, as well as members who are deceased. We rely greatly on the membership and the office volunteers to bring these changes to our attention.

4.5 Events Committee Report. (John Fitch)

In John Fitch's absence, Jim Currie read the descriptive Events report. In summary, Events included a Salmon Barbeque at the Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre in Duncan, BC; a presentation by Martin Segger on Katharine Maltwood, her art and her donations to the University followed by lunch at Swans Hotel downtown Victoria; the traditional buffet Christmas at the University Club;where Trevor Matthews gave his second instalment of his "Rambles in Reminiscence around Ring Road; an expedition to Galiano Island at the home of Betty Kennedy' a visit to the Ismaili Jamarkhana an Centre, Burnaby, BC; Chinese New Year lunch at the Golden City Restaurant accompanied by a presentation by Elsie Chan on her trip "Along the Silk Road in China"; Victoria Shipyards and the Esquimalt Graving Dock; Birding on the UVic campus led by Bill Dancer; and, the last event, a Tour of New Buildings on UVic Campus, part 2

The events were well supported with an average attendance of about 40 and a high 55 for the Christmas Buffet.

A thanks was given to the members of the Events Committee: Trudy Byers, Jim Currie and Trevor Matthews. Winona Pugh, a new member of the committee was welcomed for next season. Trevor Matthews is looking for new members for the Committee.

In planning for next year's events, Trevor Matthews mentioned the MV Uchuck boat trip with an overnight stop at the Bamfield Marine Station usually in the second week of May.. Cost would be $350 per person and would be organized by Uchuck. It was agreed this would be worthwhile exploring with the membership.

Other suggestions for events included:

- a 10-week guided/biographical program suggested by Winona Pugh
- walking tours
- geo-caching
- a questionnaire to see what retirees were doing.

(Jim Currie/Winona Pugh)

4.5 Membership Committee Report. (George Smith)
Isobel Dawson reported in George Smith's absence.

- looked at the definitions of types of members

4.6 Newsletter

Editing the Newsletter has been an ongoing learning experience. Trying to keep things to a manageable length (6-8 pages) requires discipline Elizabeth Coey is grateful for the enthusiasm shown by members who have contributed their stories. We will continue to keep you informed about upcoming events and tri-university activities. David Docherty's "*Physical Activity and Wellness Corner*" is a welcome addition Special thanks to Judy Cryderman whose expertise in formatting the Newsletter gives it the enhanced look on which many have favourably commented. Members should drop off any comments/suggestions/stories they would like to see in future UVRA Newsletters

4.6 Nomination Committee Report. (Lyle Robertson)
Four people have left the Board: Dawn Neill (Vice-President). Doug Alexander (member-at-large), Wendy Leyland (Secretary), Colin Butterfield (Treasurer) John Fitch has stepped down as Events and is taking over Masterminds from Beverly Timmons. Lyle thanked John Schofield for stepping in as Vice-President to June 30, 2010.

Lyle presented the list of proposed new board members for the 2010/2011 year. The four new people who have agreed to be nominated are David Docherty for Vice—President, Sharon Moulson for Secretary, Kathy Harris as Treasurer and Mel Klassen, member-at large.
There being no nominations from the floor, the new members were adopted as presented. The new executive for 2010/2011 will be:

President:	Isobel Dawson
Vice-President:	David Docherty
Secretary:	Sharon Moulson
Past President:	Lyle Robertson
Treasurer:	Kathy Harris
Benefits:	David Clode
Membership:	George Smith
Communications:	Judy Cryderman
Newsletter:	Elizabeth Coey
Events:	Winona Pugh
Members at Large:	Sharon Crumly, Mel Klassen, Joanne Thomas, Jim Pearce, Beverly Timmons
Ex Officio Life Member:	Peter Darling

4.9 Office Report – Sharon Crumly
Sharon reported on UVRA volunteer staffing of the office. There are currently 25 volunteers. The Association always welcomes new volunteers

5. **Masterminds Report.** (Beverly Timmons)
Beverly Timmons reported on the Masterminds Lecture Series for 2010 and Art Exhibit. This was the fifth year of the Masterminds and was successful with many people from UVic attending. The series of four lectures attracted a total of 397 people. Twenty-

seven artists participated in the exhibit in the Maltwood Art Museum and Galllery, including UVRA members, UVic retirees from both faculty and staff. Visitors to the show indicated that the presentation was excellent, highly skilled, and sensitively done. Isobel expressed her sincere thanks and gratitude to Beverly for her years of service to Masterminds.

6. New Business.

The matter of parking was discussed and David Clode, Benefits Chair, wants system to go directly to the Parking office. The price of parking permits is unknown at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Recorded by:
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