

**UVIC RETIREES ASSOCIATION
18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 15, 2011**

10:00 a.m. – MacLaurin Building D111

The eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held June 15, 2011, 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

1. Approval of the Agenda. The agenda was approved as circulated

2. Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as circulated.

(Beverly Timmons/Lyle Robertson)

3. Business Arising Constitution & By-laws

Victor Neufeldt spoke to the changes recommended to the Executive Committee and Board. Changes for clarification and Society Act brought about by mandatory retirement. The Board identified problems to make sure they conformed to the Society Act. Once approved by the AGM must be approved by the BC Government.

Moved on behalf of the Executive Committee

24 yes, 1 abstention

(Beverly Timmons/Trevor Matthews)

Isobel Dawson thanked the Committee for their work. The members of the Committee are: David Clode, Isobel Dawson, David Docherty, Sandra McCallum and Trevor Matthews

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 again this year. The highlights included the revised and updated version of the Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by the Board and membership. The Committee was chaired by Victor Neufeldt. The changes consist mainly of additions, clarification, the incorporation of current practices and bringing the Bylaws into conformity with the Society Act of BC. Other highlights include UVic's 50th Anniversary Celebrations, a history of the UVRA, the CURAC Conference and AGM 2012 Committee chaired by John Schofield.

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.

(Isobel Dawson/Victor Neufeldt)

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Kathy Harris, Treasurer, thanked Colin Butterfield for his help and submitted the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2010/11. The Report was accepted.

(Kathy Harris/Jim Pearce)

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 two key issues. The first was the on-going effort to obtain a discounted bus pass for retirees of the University who also qualify for the standard seniors bus pass. Unfortunately, no progress has made on this issue. The second issue has been that of the extended health and dental plans. The rapid rise in premiums has caused many members to contemplate dropping out. The Committee has been investigating alternatives. Parking permits will be handled in the same way as last year with cost for 2011/12 to be determined.

David welcomed Peter Liddell as the new Chair of the Benefits Committee. Lyle Roberson thanked David for his contribution to the Benefits Committee and Retirees Association. The report was accepted.

(David Clode/Victor Neufeldt)

- 4.4 Communications Committee Report.** (Judy Cryderman/Elizabeth Coey)
Extremely busy with data base, committees and getting out information to extremely active retirees and preparing the Newsletter. The Report was accepted.

(Isobel Dawson/Beverly Timmons)

- 4.5 Events Committee Report.** (Winona Pugh)

The events of the past year provided diverse, cultural, social and nature experiences as committee members led us through fascinating locations. The average attendance for the events was 25 with the traditional Christmas and Chinese New Year gatherings attracting the largest numbers. Winona gave a huge thank you to Trevor Matthews. The Report was accepted.

(Winona Pugh/Jean Whiffin)

- 4.6 Membership Committee Report.** (George Smith)

Membership numbers appear to stay around the 520 mark with equal numbers of life and annual members. The Association will be working with both HR and the Pensions office to see if there are ways to more accurately target potential members. The Report was accepted.

(George Smith/Victor Neufeldt)

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

Three people have left the Board: Sharon Moulson (Secretary), David Clode (Chair, Benefits) and Elizabeth Coey (Newsletter)

Lyle presented the list of proposed board members for the 2011/2012 year. David Docherty has agreed to be nominated for President. Other vacancies can be filled by the Executive Committee as they do not have to go to the AGM. The list was adopted as presented.

The new executive for 2011/12 will be:

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| President: | David Docherty |
| Vice-President: | <i>vacant</i> |
| Secretary: | <i>vacant</i> |
| Past President: | Isobel Dawson |
| Treasurer: | Kathy Harris |
| Benefits: | Peter Liddell |
| Membership: | George Smith |

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| Communications: | Judy Cryderman |
| Masterminds | Beverly Timmons |
| Newsletter: | <i>vacant</i> |
| Events: | Winona Pugh |
| Members at Large: | Sharon Crumly, Melvin Klassen, Joanne Thomas, Jim Pearce, Beverly Timmons |
| Ex Officio Life Member: | Peter Darling |

Beverly Timmons discussed the position of Chair, Masterminds. Looking for someone who would like to coordinate the Masterminds and chair the selection committee.

The Secretary position has become more onerous and the Executive will have to deal with this. Lyle asked for any nominations from the floor. John Schofield proposed a motion to thank those outgoing members of the Board.

(Lyle Robertson/Beverly Timmons)

4.8 Office Report – Sharon Crumly

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

4. Masterminds Report. (Beverly Timmons)

Beverly Timmons reported on the Masterminds Lecture Series for 2011. This year 366 people attended the four Wednesday evening lectures in April. A larger than usual percentage (72.6%) of the audience members described themselves as seniors, UVic retirees, or retirees. Beverly expressed her thanks to all who participated in Masterminds 2011 and made it such a great success.

(Beverly Timmons/Victor Neufeldt)

5. CURAC – John Schofield

Each year CURAC holds a conference. This year the meeting is at the University of Regina. UVRA has offered to hold the next meeting at UVic April 18 – 20, 2012.at Harbour Towers. UVic is hosting with UBC and SFU. John would like to thank everyone involved: Joanne Thomas and Kathy Harris. Others offering assistance are Lyle Robertson, Sponsorship Committee, Social Events. Communications – Judy Cryderman; Technical Services – Melvin Klassen; Translation – Barry Beardsmore. General members are welcome to attend.

6. New Business.

Trevor Matthews talked about the history of the University and said the history is our Retirees. It was suggested that in the next Newsletter retirees be invited to submit their phone number to the UVRA for future contact regarding their reminiscences that were turning points that transformed the University for use in the University's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Beverly Timmons is on the Advisory Committee of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Victor Neufeldt is looking into the history of the UVRA.

It was moved that a vote of thanks be given to Isobel Dawson, for her three years as President of the UVRA.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Recorded by:

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