

UVIC Retirees Association 2010-2011 Annual General Meeting

President=s Report

In memory of members who have passed away during the past year:

Percy John Bandy	Peter Dodd	Sydney Wade Jackman	Maurice Tugwell
Gerd Bell	Jean Farquhar	Phoebe Noble	
Jens Block	William Gordon	Marilyn Miller	

I am very grateful to the Executive Board and the Committees for their dedication and hard work hard work again this year. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee chaired by Victor Neufeldt has produced a revised and updated version for consideration by the Board and membership . The changes consist mainly of additions, clarification, the incorporation of current practices and bringing the Bylaws into conformity with the Society Act. The UVic 50th Anniversary Committee is calling for members to help with the compilation of reminiscences of events and initiatives that transformed UVic. These will be added to the UVic archives. A history of the UVRA is proposed as is the provision of information about how the buildings at UVic are named. The CURAC Conference and AGM 2012 Committee, chaired by John Schofield, is working with the retiree associations at UBC and SFU to welcome to Victoria and the west coast the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) in April 2012. The Mastermind Lecture Series in April, coordinated by Beverly Timmons with the assistance of the Centre on Aging, was a great success. Again it was offered 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, chaired by David Clode, is reviewing our insurance options and exploring benefits to do with bus passes for retirees and parking.. The Events Committee Chaired by Winona Pugh has organized a variety of interesting opportunities for the membership to meet and engage in healthy activities such as walking groups, and exploration trips of the BC coast and Islands . Kathy Harris has streamlined our financial record keeping system, and continually comes up with new ideas.The Communications Committee headed by Judy Cryderman and the Newsletter Editor, Elizabeth Coey have produced three very fine Newsletters. Membership, overseen by George Smith hovers around 515. Sharon Crumly=s office volunteers have been doing an exceptional job keeping us up to date and on track.

In January the Board had the honor of hearing a presentation by President David Turpin who spoke about renewing the vision of the UVic Strategic Plan and the UVRA was invited to participate. On February 15, 2011 we held a Town Hall meeting and following their presentations were encouraged by Vice President Valerie Kuehne, University Secretary Julia Eastman and the Director of Community Relations Grant Hughes. We submitted a response based on ideas shared at the Town Hall meeting encouraging the creation of options that support lifelong learning by increasing continuing educational opportunities, and perhaps the first stage of an Elder College or Academy.

We have continued to work with and share information with other associations, agencies, centres and the community. For example, we nominated John Schofield to the CURAC Board, Beverly Timmons engages with the Centre on Aging, others with the Friends of the Library, and the Centre for Religion and Society and other departments at Uvic. We have been able to continue to meet with equivalent retiree groups at UBC and SFU to compare policies and to exchange ideas.

I wish to thank the continuing and outgoing members of the Board for their contributions and to welcome the incoming board and the new members of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Isobel Dawson

