

UVIC RETIREES ASSOCIATION
20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – June 18, 2013
10:00 am – MacLaurin Building D110

The twentieth Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held June 18, 2013, in Room D110 of the MacLaurin Building. Approximately 30 members attended with David Docherty, President, in the Chair.

David Docherty opened the meeting by welcoming those attending.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as circulated.
(Isobel Dawson/Jim Pearce)

Carried

2. **Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

Motion: The Minutes of the 2013 AGM be accepted as circulated.

(Bev Timmons/Peter Liddell)

Carried

3. **Business Arising**

Nothing other than what will be discussed in the reports.

4. **Officers' Reports**

4.1 President's Report – David Docherty

It was a busy year with some successes and some challenges and frustrations.

Successes: The 50th Anniversary celebration for UVic directly involved the UVRA. Victor Neufeldt compiled the history of the UVRA and is looking for pictures to include with the text. It will be made available to members when it is complete. The Events Committee was very active this year and there was more participation than ever. The Masterminds series was also very popular.

A Board Retreat was held with Board members and others that have played a role in the UVRA to look at what we are doing now and where we need to go looking forward.

Works in progress:

- The development of a Memorandum of Understanding between UVic and the UVRA. David met with the President and as a result the UVRA is now written into the University's Strategic Plan. He is working with John Schofield on this project.
- To develop and present workshops to members and those soon to be retired regarding CPP, benefits and other subjects important to this group.

- To provide an alternative option to Pacific Blue Cross for EHB, travel insurance and dental coverage for UVRA members.
- Elder Academy – Offer programs and activities specifically designed for 55+ retirees. Beverly Timmons has been working to bring this idea to fruition. A draft proposal has been prepared. Good momentum was established with Valerie Kuehne, VP External Relations, who has now left that position. Grant Hughes, the Director of Community Relations, has provided access to Carmen Charette, the new VP, who is also supportive. There have been meetings with several groups on campus including Continuing Studies and the Centre on Aging (Bev is the UVRA representative on their Board). The Alumni Association, the Development Office, AVP Research have also shown interest.

A very successful Volunteer Recognition luncheon was held in April with Lois Holizki as the speaker. This will be a yearly event in April during Volunteer Recognition week.

David thanked all Board members for their ideas, work and support over the past year.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (D. Docherty/G. Poulton)

Carried

4.2 Treasurer’s Report – Kathy Harris

The Treasurer submitted the Treasurer’s Annual Report for 2012/13. Linda Sproule Jones asked what the major expenditures were in the year. They were for CURAC (which was held at UVic this year), new computer in office, expenses for conducting a members survey, the volunteer lunch and the Board Retreat.

Motion: “That the 2012/2013 Report be accepted.”

(K.Harris/R. Charania) **Carried**

4.3 Benefits Committee Report – Peter Liddell

After much work and the invaluable help of Lois Jones, an agreement has been reached with Johnson Inc. to provide an option for Extended Health/Dental and Travel Insurance to UVRA members. A lawyer has gone over the agreement on behalf of the Association and its members. The Plan will be available for members to join on July 1st, 2013. There was some discussion regarding the mechanics of the UVRA providing Johnson with assurance that applicants are members in good standing of the UVRA when they apply. Members interested in applying for coverage will be encouraged to take out life-time membership in the UVRA.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (P.Liddell/B.Timmons)

Carried

4.4 Communications – Mel Klassen

A verbal report was given.

4.5 Events Committee – Winona Pugh

Winona presented her report and said it had been a very rewarding experience. She will be stepping down as Events Committee Chair.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (W. Pugh/L. Sproule-Jones)

Carried

4.6 Membership Committee – George Smith

Cled Thomas, who will be taking over from George Smith, presented the report. Jim Pearce suggested that people who have been annual members for at least 5 years get a 50% discount on a life membership.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (C.Thomas/J.Pearce)

Carried

4.7 Newsletter – Mel Klassen

Mel said that the Board is looking for a new editor for the newsletter. Mel will continue in the meantime and requested articles for the July 2013 edition.

4.8 Office Report – Sharon Crumly

A written report was presented on Sharon’s behalf. David thanked her for her work as office manager.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (B.Timmons/P.Liddell)

Carried

4.9 United Way Report – Isobel Dawson

Isobel presented the United Way Report.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (I.Dawson/V. Neufeldt)

Carried

5. Nominating Committee Report – Isobel Dawson

Isobel thanked the departing Board members and the new Board members. She asked for nominations from the floor for a new Nominating Committee Chair but agreed to stay on if necessary. She was accepted by acclamation. The Committee is also seeking an Editor for the Newsletter.

The new executive for 2013/2013 will be:

President: David Docherty

Vice-President: Peter Liddell

Secretary:	Linda Metters
Treasurer:	Rashna Charania
Benefits:	Peter Liddell
Membership:	Cled Thomas
Communications:	Mel Klassen
Newsletter:	TBA (Mel Klassen on interim basis)
Events:	Betty Miller
Members at Large:	Sharon Crumly, Winona Pugh, Jim Pearce, Beverly Timmons, Jane Milliken, Lois Holizki, Walter Muir
Ex Officio Life Members:	Lois Jones

6. **Masterminds Report – David Turkington**

David Docherty read the report on behalf of David Turkington who sent his regrets. He thanked him for a great job. This year was an outstanding success with a record 700 people in attendance. The Masterminds Lecture Series is co-hosted by the UVRA and the Centre on Aging. Geri Van Gyn has agreed to take over from David Turkington next year.

Motion: “That the Report be accepted.” (D.Docherty/B.Timmons)

Carried

7. **New Business**

- Kathy Harris reported on the results of the member survey that was sent out with the membership renewal forms this year. The goal of the survey was to give members an opportunity to express their views and ideas to the Board. The completed surveys were given to the Events Committee and the Membership Committee for their review. A hard-copy of the results is available for members to see in the UVRA office, and all attendees at the AGM have been given a copy. The cost for preparing and sending out the survey, including postage-paid return envelopes, was over \$700.
- Victor Neufeldt mentioned that on-campus parking permits are now available to all UVic retirees, not just UVRA members.
- Peter Liddell said that negotiations with UVic to make reduced-fare bus passes available for UVRA members were unsuccessful.
- Work is still underway by Victor Neufeldt on his history of the UVRA. The text is complete but design and production is still necessary.

David Docherty thanked the members of the Board for their service. He especially thanked Peter Zingeler and Mel Klassen for their work on the newsletter, which has been well received. A copy is sent to every unit on campus and there has been a very positive response. He also gave a special thanks to Kathy Harris for her great ideas and contributions which were above & beyond her duties as Treasurer. He welcomed Linda Metters as Secretary and Rashna Charania as Treasurer.

8. **Adjournment** – Walter Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.