

UVIC RETIREES ASSOCIATION – Draft Minutes from 2015 AGM

DRAFT MINUTES of the 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held at 10 a.m. on June 17, 2015, in Room C108 of the David Strong Building. Peter Liddell, President, was in the Chair.

There were 32 members in attendance.

Peter opened the meeting welcoming those attending, and requesting a minute of silence for our members who passed away in the preceding year.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved as circulated. (L.Holizki/B.Timmons)
2. **Approval of Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting:** Minutes accepted as circulated.
(B.Timmons/I.Dawson)
3. **Business Arising** – No business arising
4. **Officers' Reports**
 - 4.1 **President's Report – Peter Liddell**
 - He began by saying that the UVRA reporting structure is likely to change with the retirement of Joy Davis, but our intention to establish a Memorandum of Agreement between the UVRA and UVic remains unchanged, particularly once we have solid evidence of what retirees continue to contribute to UVic and our community. With this in mind, a member survey will be going out soon to determine the direct and indirect contributions of retirees to the University's mandate as defined in the Strategic Plan. There will also be a short transit survey which will help to create a lobby to the province to improve and make more affordable public transit for seniors.
 - Peter acknowledged the four people that are leaving the Board – Cled Thomas, Kathy Harris, Rashna Charania and Linda Metters.
 - Fees will remain at \$16.00 per year, and ten times that amount for lifetime membership. The effects, if any, of the offer of free initial membership for retirees will be assessed at the September Board Meeting.
 - Peter thanked David Docherty for his invaluable support and help during the past year.

4.2 Treasurer's Report – Rashna Charania

The Treasurer reported that the UVRA finances are in good standing. She said that the significant expenses incurred this year resulted from the move of the office from the TEF Building to R Hut and the cost of attendance at the CURAC meeting which was held at McMaster University.

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4.3 Benefits Committee Report – Peter Liddell

- UVRA members who are not eligible for a OneCard are restricted as to what campus facilities are available to them. The Benefits Committee continues to seek clarification.
- The extended health policy with Johnson’s has been purchased by 124 members to date. Johnson’s also offers home and pet insurance.
- Peter didn’t attend the CURAC meeting this year because of the expense.

4.4 Communications and Newsletter– Mel Klassen

Mel presented his reports. John Schofield complimented Mel on the constantly improving newsletter that he has been instrumental in producing. Mel mentioned that the position of ‘Editor’ for the newsletter is vacant.

Jim Pearce said that the Pension Office now has information on the performance of the pension plan available on the UVic website under ‘Combination Pension Plan’.

4.5 Events Committee – Jane Milliken

Jane said that the Events Committee was not formed until last September after a discussion between Kathy, Rashna, Linda and herself. The many connections that Kathy has because of her other volunteering was very helpful. There were seven events planned by the committee as well as the volunteer recognition lunch in April. Jane asked for volunteers to help her this coming year.

4.6 Membership Committee – Kathy Harris

Kathy presented her report which included a very comprehensive analysis of the UVRA membership.

4.7 Office Report – Linda Metters

Linda said that the move to the Centre on Aging offices has been very positive and thanked Lois for helping to make it happen. It had been suggested by Valma Lanceley, one of the office volunteers, that the office be closed during the summer. David thought it could work if the office was open at least one day per week. Lois said that the front staff in the Centre on Aging could possibly help when there is no volunteer in the office.

4.9 United Way Report – Grant Hughes

Grant said the UVRA continue to support the UVic United Way campaign and thanked everyone for their help. He asked if it would be feasible to add a question to the membership form as to whether or not the applicant donated to the United Way when they were working. Someone asked if we should have a thermometer on the UVRA webpage to indicate the UVRA contributions. Grant didn’t think this would be useful.

Motion: That the Officers’ reports be accepted. (I.Dawson/C.Scarfe) Carried

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5. Nominating Committee Report – David Docherty

David reported that he had a good response from Peter’s appeal for new board members to fill the vacant positions and to join as members at large. Dick Chappell agreed to fill the position of Treasurer, and when David asked for nominations from the floor, Elizabeth Bigelow agreed to become Secretary and Lois Holizki volunteered to take on the Editor position.

The new executive for 2015/2016 will be:

President:	Peter Liddell	Secretary:	Elizabeth Bigelow
Vice-President:	Colin Scarfe	Past President:	David Docherty
Treasurer:	Dick Chappell		

Standing Committee Chairs:

Communications:	Mel Klassen
Newsletter Editor:	Lois Holizki
Membership:	[Zulette Gordon later volunteered for this position]
Benefits:	Winona Pugh
Special Events:	Jane Milliken
Masterminds:	Geri Van Gyn

Members at Large:

Walter Muir (subsequently resigned)	Patti Pitts
James Pearce	Juliana Saxton
Beverly Timmons	Barbara Whittington
Zulette Gordon	Laurain Mills

6. Masterminds Report – Geri Van Gyn

Lois Holizki presented the Masterminds report on behalf of Geri. She noted that the sessions were well attended but that the venue in the David Turpin Building was not very good. She said they will try to get back into the Hickman Building and will also look at the Phoenix Theatre. Geri has speakers lined up for next year.

University Communications has taken on a large portion of the Masterminds expenses and COAG will book everything in the future, because the UVRA is charged the outside fee which is 35% higher than on-campus departments.

7. New Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.