

University of Victoria Retirees Association

26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 29, 2019

The 26th Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held on May 29, 2019 in room A104 of the David Turpin Building of the University of Victoria. Twenty-six members attended with President John Anderson chairing the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35. John opened the meeting by welcoming members and acknowledging the traditional territory of the WS'ANEC' (Saanich), Lkwungen (Songhees), Wyomilth (Esquimalt) peoples of the Coast Salish Nation.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated, with the recognition that reports have been circulated in advance and that only highlights will be spoken to during the report presentations. Moved- Peter Liddell. Seconded- Colin Scarfe. Approved.

2. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

Motion: That the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as circulated.

Moved- Winona Pugh. Seconded- David Docherty. Approved.

3. **Business Arising.** None.

4. **Annual Reports (for complete versions see written reports on the UVRA website. Highlights of the reports were projected on a screen). The minutes refer to discussion points raised in the meeting, not a complete summary of the reports presented.**

4.1 President's Report – John Anderson

No questions.

4.2 Treasurer's Report – Dick Chappell

Several questions for clarification were raised with respect to the contribution of administrative stipend to the UVRA from Johnsons Insurance. The amount is approximately \$10,000 per year and is payment for the services we provide to our members on behalf of Johnsons to transition from the employee extended health plan to the Johnsons plan for retirees should the retiree select that option.

It was recognized that the UVRA is in a healthy financial position, in part because “life members” have paid the equivalent of 10 years “annual premium” for a lifetime of benefits. These premiums are protected so that they are not used up in the shorter-term operating needs of the association which could leave it short of cash with a continuing membership comprised of many “life members”.

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A question was raised about the “operating funds”, balance sheet and income statement of the UVRA since the financial summary reported did not have details at this level. Dick had brought much more documentation in a binder for members to look at during or after the meeting should they wish. All items are checked every month and resolved against any inconsistencies. In addition, the records were reviewed and signed off as required in the UVRA Bylaw 5.6 with this year’s reviewer being Rashna Charania,

Motion: that the UVRA present the financial statement in future years with a budget and an income statement so that members can see an annual summary of income and expenditures against a budget. Moved by Michelle Favarger. Seconded by Isabel Dawson. Approved.

4.3 Benefits – Winona Pugh

No questions.

4.4 Membership – Zulette Gordon

A question was raised about the “lifetime membership” category with respect to the sustainability of the association where a single payment is received when a lifetime member joins, but no further dues are required. The payment is based upon 10x annual membership fee but the retirees may continue as members for many additional years (a good thing). A suggestion was made to do an analysis of the net present value of the funds collected for that category which could lead to seeing that cash flow from that category that could be used on an annual basis for operating activities, while preserving the principle.

4.5 Social Events – Lou Schmidt

No questions.

4.6 Elder Academy – Lou Schmidt

No questions.

4.7 Masterminds Lectures – John Anderson

No questions.

4.8 Newsletter – John Anderson

It was suggested that members be encouraged to send in information about their ongoing contribution to their disciplines in retirement (e.g. list of papers published, academic awards received) for publication in the newsletter. This would show the ongoing contribution of the UVRA members to the university and wider community.

4.9 UVRA Office - Lou Schmidt

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No questions.

4.10 United Way – Patty Pitts

No questions.

4.11 University Club – David Leeming

No questions.

5. Motion to revise Board appointment clause 4.15, in order to provide the Board with flexibility in maintaining positions on the Board:

FROM: No Officer shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms in one position.

TO: No Officer shall normally serve for more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms in one position. However, at the discretion of, and by majority vote of the Board, should an Officer be willing to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in one position, this will be permitted for a maximum of a further two (2) consecutive two-year terms.

Moved- Zulette Gordon. Seconded- Colin Scarfe. Approved unanimously.

6. Nominating Committee – Peter Liddell

The slate nominated for 2019 – 2020 is as follows.

Directors / Officers:

- President: John Anderson
- Vice President: Margaret Klatt
- Treasurer: Richard Chappell
- Secretary: Susan Service
- Past President: Peter Liddell

Standing Committee Chairs:

- Benefits: Winona Pugh
- Elder Academy: Peter Liddell, (Advisory Board), Jane Birkbeck (Program)
- Newsletter Editor: Lou Schmidt
- Masterminds Series: John Anderson / Peter Liddell
- Membership: Zulette Gordon
- Social Events: TBD
- United Way: Mary Ellen Purkis

Members at Large:

- Jane Birkbeck

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- James Pearce
- Mary Ellen Purkis
- Colin Scarfe
- Juliana Saxton
- June Whitmore

Other:

- Office Manager: Lou Schmidt

Ex Officio:

- Delegate, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health
- Benefits Manager, Human Resources

Motion: That the list of Board members as shown above be approved.

Moved- Peter Liddell. Seconded- Jane Milliken.

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Colin Scarfe

Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50