

University of Victoria Retirees Association

27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 3, 2020

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the UVRA was held on June 03, 2020, via Zoom teleconference. Twenty-six members attended with President John Anderson chairing the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm. John opened the meeting by welcoming members.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda but with item Nominating Committee nominations (item 5) moved to follow the Annual Reports (item 6).

Moved by Margaret Klatt. Seconded by Peter Liddell. APPROVED.

2. **Minutes of the May 29, 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Motion: That the minutes of the May 29, 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved by Margaret Klatt. Seconded by Dick Chappell. APPROVED.

3. **Business Arising**

It was reported that the motion approved at the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM), regarding presentation of a budget, would be addressed during the annual report from the Treasurer.

4. **UVRA Scholarship Recipient**

Lisa Ohlhauser, the recipient of the first UVRA Scholarship award, thanked the UVRA for the award. Lisa is a doctoral student in clinical psychology and provided the UVRA with a presentation on her research into the impact of exercise on cognitive declines from dementia and Alzheimer's.

Motion: That the UVRA thank Lisa Ohlhauser for her presentation.

Moved by Juliana Saxton. Seconded by Colin Scarfe. APPROVED.

5. **Annual Reports (for complete versions, refer to the UVRA website; complete reports were posted on the website when the notice of meeting was issued). The minutes refer to discussion points raised in the meeting, and are not intended to represent a complete summary of the reports.**

5.1 President's Report – John Anderson

John reported on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the UVRA's activities. He also noted that the UVRA is dependent on volunteers.

There were no questions.

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5.2 Treasurer's Report – Dick Chappell

Dick Chappell reported that the UVRA total assets were \$123,923 as at March 31, 2020. This does not include a pending refund of \$5,000 for the UVRA sponsorship of the College and University Retirees Associations of Canada (CURAC) 2020 conference which has been postponed to 2021.

Dick noted that his complete report, which is posted on the UVRA website, includes the budget information requested at the 2019 AGM. It was noted that the pandemic increases the uncertainty around budgeted amounts.

There were no questions. Members were invited to email follow up questions to Dick.

5.3 Benefits – Winona Pugh

There were no questions.

5.4 Membership – Zulette Gordon

Zulette Gordon provided an overview of her report noting that the UVRA membership is up 5% with an additional 33 members this year. Most of the 741 UVRA members are life members (89%) and there is an approximately even representation of retired faculty and retired staff.

Zulette reported that membership dues for annual members will increase from \$16 per year to \$20 per year, effective the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021. In response to a question from a member regarding the approval process for the increase, Zulette explained that the UVRA bylaws require dues to be set annually by the Board and to be subsequently reported to the membership at the AGM.

5.5 Social Events – Lou Schmidt

Lou Schmidt reported that the position of coordinator of social events is vacant and that she has been filling the role on a protem basis. Members were encouraged to contact Lou regarding this volunteer opportunity.

There were no questions.

5.6 Elder Academy – John Gunton (not present)

The board noted the significant contributions made by John Gunton to Elder Academy. John has been providing his services on an entirely voluntary basis, as he is not a member of the UVRA and has no prior affiliation with UVic.

There were no questions.

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5.7 Masterminds – John Anderson

John Anderson reported that the pandemic sidelined this year's Masterminds series, originally scheduled for April 2020. In response to a question regarding rescheduling the series to April 2021, John reported that commitments have not yet been secured from the presenters.

5.8 Newsletter – Lou Schmidt

Lou Schmidt expressed thanks to Diana Hocking for her work proofreading newsletters and to Melvin Klassen for his "bits and bytes" articles for newsletters. The UVRA welcomes content from members. Members were invited to submit their ideas and articles to Lou.

There were no questions.

5.9 UVRA Office - Lou Schmidt

There were no questions.

5.10 United Way – Mary Ellen Purkis

There were no questions.

5.11 University Club – Peter Liddell

Peter Liddell reported that as the Club is dependent on outside resources, the pandemic has had a significant negative impact on the Club's financial position and has depleted its reserves.

There were no questions.

6. **Nominating Committee**

Peter Liddell reported that there was no response to the Call for Nomination for a Director at large.

The slate nominated for 2020 – 2021 is as follows.

Directors / Officers:

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

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Standing Committee Chairs:

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

***non-member of UVRA*

Directors at Large:

- Jane Birkbeck
- Peter Liddell
- Mary Ellen Purkis
- Colin Scarfe
- Juliana Saxton
- June Whitmore

Other:

- Office Manager: Lou Schmidt

Ex Officio:

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

Motion: That the list of Board members as shown above be approved.
Moved by Peter Liddell. Seconded by Zulette Gordon. APPROVED.

7. **Other Business**

None.

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Jane Birkbeck. APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.