

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003**

Present: Norah Carey (President), Joel Gajadharsingh (Vice President), Bob Woods (Treasurer), Yvonne Cuttle (Secretary), Bob Brach, Victor Buyniak, A. K. Chakravarti, Les Coleman, Dennis Dibski, Harbans Dhingra, Cecil Ewing, U.T. Hammer, Gary Hanson, Glen Harnett, Doris Hasell, T.Y. Henderson, Lou Horlick, Faye Kernan, Howard Klein, Pat Lawson, Isabelle Mills, Robert Morall, Howard Nixon, Wilson Quail, Bob Sanche, Doug Schmeiser, Jim Wood, D. Zuck.

Call to order:

President Norah Carey called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Doris Hasell, seconded by Dennis Dibski, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

2. Minutes of the September 9, 2003 meeting:

Moved by Lou Horlick, seconded by Harbans Dhingra, that the minutes of September 9, 2002 be adopted as circulated. Carried

3. President's Report:

President Norah Carey reported that she represented the University Retirees Association twice during her term of office: on November 11, 2002, at Saskatchewan Place for the Remembrance Day ceremony and on May 9, 2003 for the University of Saskatchewan Retirement Banquet.

In addition, a group of retirees made up of Howard Nixon, Les Coleman, Bob Brack and herself represented the USRA at the meetings of the Campus Community Campaign. Thanks to Les Coleman's fine record keeping they were able to provide the Campaign with the information it required.

4. Executive Committee Reports

4.1 Treasurer – Bob Woods

Bob Woods explained the Auditor's Report for the membership. He indicated that the changes in assets and liabilities from last year were due to the increase in the number of Life Membership and to the fact that the moneys from these prepaid life membership dues were invested in GICs.

Moved by Bob Woods, seconded by Doug Schmeiser, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried

4.2 Pension and Benefits - Doug Knott

In his absence, Doug Knott's written report was received. .

4.3 Office Services – Les Coleman

Les Coleman thanked the members who helped to staff the office during the year. He expressed the need for additional volunteers in order to be able to staff the office every weekday. He described the various duties expected of such volunteers and encouraged members to become involved in the running of the office.

Moved by Les Coleman, seconded by Bob Sanche, that the report be accepted as circulated. Carried.

4.4 Membership – Les Coleman

Les Coleman informed the membership that the number of life members increased by 150% over the last year and that a small number of new retirees joined the USRA. Responding to a question of T.Y. Henderson, Les indicated that a substantial number of retirees who left the province are members of the USRA.

Moved by Les Coleman, seconded by Harbans Dhingra, that the report be accepted as circulated. Carried

4.5 Education

4.5.1 Symposium – Howard Nixon

The report on the Arthritis Symposium appeared in the September Newsletter. Howard Nixon commented on the excellence of the speakers and on the much-appreciated support of the University. He deplored the rather small number of registered participants not only in this year's symposium but also, except for a few cases, in previous years.

Howard Klein suggested that more positive topics might attract more participants.

Moved by Howard Nixon, seconded by Garry Hansen, that the report be accepted as presented and printed in the Newsletter. Carried

4.5.2 Visit to the CLS – Doris Hasell

Doris Hasell reminded the membership that the visit to the CLS will occur October 9, at 10:15 a.m., followed by lunch at Boffins.

4.6 Social and Recreation – Pat Lawson

Pat Lawson reported on the three social gathering of 2002-03, namely the September AGM banquet, the Christmas reception at President MacKinnon's residence and the June BBQ.

4.7 Prime of Life Achievement Awards – Peter Cribb & Faye Kernan

Peter Cribb announced that this year's Prime of Life Achievement Awards will be presented at the banquet to Isabel Mills and Clifton A. Shook.

5. Nomination Committee Report

The following nominations were presented for approval:

President – Joel Gajadharsingh

Vice President – Pat Lawson

Treasurer – Bob Woods

Secretary – Yvonne Cuttle

Norah Carey invited nominations from the floor to positions on the Executive Committee. Les Coleman nominated Howard Klein who accepted the nomination.

Moved by Doug Schmeiser, seconded by Bob Sanche, that the report of the Nomination Committee be accepted. Carried

6. Other Business

None

Les Coleman moved adjournment and a vote of thanks to retiring President Norah Carey for her diligent work on behalf of the USRA,

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.