

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

Present: Pat Lawson (President), Peter Cribb (Vice President) Ken Smith (Treasurer), Yvonne Cuttle (Secretary), Jack Billinton, Joyce Billinton, Marilyn Billinton, Roy Billinton, Bob Brack, Joe Campbell, Norah Carey, David Christensen, Harbans Dhingra, Dennis Dibski, Sergey Fedoroff, Betty Gerrard, John Gerrard, Ted Hammer, Glen Hartnett, Faye Kernan, Howard Klein, Doug Knott, Bob Sanche, Margaret Sanche, Duff Spafford, Tony Whitworth, Jan Wilson, Kevin Wilson, Bob Woods, Donald Zuck.

Regrets: Les Coleman, Joel Gajadharsingh.

1. Call to order and approval of the agenda:

President Pat Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Norah Carey, that the agenda be approved as circulated with the additions of 4.10 CURAC and 7.2 College Building.

Carried

2. Minutes of the AGM meeting of September 20, 2004

Moved by Harbans Dhingra, seconded by Bob Sanche, that the minutes of September 20, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. President's Report:

President Pat Lawson presented her written report.

She thanked the members of the Executive for their efforts and in particular Peter Cribb for agreeing to succeed her as President of the USRA and for having filled the position during her absences from the city, Ken Smith for volunteering to fill the position of treasurer and Duff Spafford for attending the annual meeting of CURAC in Vancouver. She informed the members of the reduction in the USRA office space in the Toxicology Building and of the USRA web site put in place by Mohindar Sachdev and Harbans Dhingra.

She stressed the importance not only of recruiting new members but also of encouraging them to attend the various events organized by the Executive.

Moved by Pat Lawson, seconded by Bob Woods that the President's report be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Executive Committee Reports

4.1 Treasurer – Ken Smith

Ken Smith informed the membership that due to the generous offer of the University President to cover the cost of mailing the Newsletter, the expenses of the USRA were reduced and a small profit was realized in 2004-05. The various events organized by the Executive came close to breaking even and the mailing blitz led to the renewal of a number of elapsed memberships.

Moved by Ken Smith, seconded by Peter Cribb, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as circulated.

Carried

#### 4.2 Pension and Benefits - Doug Knott

Doug Knott stated that the Pension Fund showed a small surplus at the end of July 2005.

The health insurance newly available to retirees from Manulife Financial through CAUT was found to be nearly twice as expensive as that provided presently by Blue Cross but could be obtained without medical examination.

A sheet, prepared by Doug Knott, Duff Spafford and Dean Botham, outlining the plan was circulated to the membership and a pamphlet of the CAUT plan was included in each package for the meeting.

Moved by Doug Knott, seconded by Dennis Dibski, that the report of the Pension and Benefits Committee be accepted as presented. Carried

#### 4.3 -4.4 Office Services - Membership – Les Coleman

In the absence of Les Coleman Pat Lawson pointed out that the percentage of eligible retirees that are members of the USRA has increased from last year and that many have chosen to become Life Members.

Moved by Pat Lawson, seconded by Howard Klein, that the reports be received as circulated. Carried

#### 4.5 Newsletter – Howard Klein

Howard Klein presented his report and requested contributions from the members of articles, stories and photographs for inclusion in the newsletter. He would welcome any member who would join him in the formation of an Editorial Board.

Moved by Howard Klein, seconded by Bob Sanche, that the Editor's report be accepted as circulated. Carried

#### 4.6 Social and Recreation – Joel Gajadharsingh

In the absence of Joel Gajadharsingh, Pat Lawson, seconded by Duff Spafford moved that the report of the Social and Recreation Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

#### 4.7 Education – Norah Carey

Norah Carey thanked Peter Cribb for organizing the extremely successful symposium on digital photography and urged him to stay on as a member of the committee.

Moved by Norah Carey, seconded by Bob Woods, that her verbal report be accepted as presented. Carried

#### 4.8 Prime of Life Achievement Awards – Peter Cribb

Peter Cribb announced that this year's Prime of Life Achievement Awards will be presented to Drs. D. L. Kaplan and P. N. Nikiforuk. He invited the members to send in nominations for next year's awards.

Moved by Peter Cribb, seconded by Harbans Dhingra, that his verbal report be accepted as presented. Carried

#### 4.9 Pictorial History – Fay Kernan

Fay Kernan advised the members that one of the volumes of the pictorial history of the USRA is missing and urged members to inform her of its whereabouts.

She requested donations of photographs pertaining to the USRA that members would be willing to part with, and asked that the members take time to peruse the volume presently in the office and identify the persons in the photos.

Moved by Faye Kernan, seconded by Peter Cribb, that her verbal report be accepted as presented. Carried

Harbans Dhingra suggested that the photographs be scanned and stored on disc.

#### 4.10 CURAC

Duff Spafford reported on the CURAC conference held in Vancouver this summer. He mentioned that to date 31 retirees associations belong to CURAC. Peter Russell, the president of the University of Toronto retirees association, was responsible for the abolition of compulsory retirement at the U. of T.

Across North America many retirees centers are formed whose main purpose is to keep the retirees connected to their universities. The cost of joining CURAC is \$ 0.50 per member, there are no paid employees, volunteers do all the work. A report on CURAC will appear in a previous Newsletter (August 2005).

### 5. Nomination Committee Report – Joel Gajadharsingh

#### 5.1 Nominations from the Floor

There being no nomination from the floor, Kevin Wilson, seconded by Roy Billinton, moved that nominations ceased. Carried

### 6. Election of Executive Officers for 2005-2006

Moved by Bob Sanche, seconded by Duff Spafford, that the slate of nominations submitted by the Nomination Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

President-	Peter Cribb
Vice-President	Bob Woods
Secretary	Yvonne Cuttle
Treasurer	Ken Smith
Past President	Pat Lawson
Members at large	Norah Carey, Les Coleman, Harbans Dhingra, Joel Gajadharsingh, Doris Hasell, Fay Kernan, Howard Klein, Doug Knott, Bob Sanche, Duff Spafford

It should be noted that, in addition, all past presidents are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

### 7. Other business

#### 7.1 Honorary membership

Moved by Howard Klein, seconded by Howard Nixon, that approval be given to award honorary membership to President Peter MacKinnon in recognition of his interest in and his help to the USRA. Carried

#### 7.2. College Building

Peter Cribb reported on the opening ceremony of the College Building, which was attended by the Premier of the Province, the chair of the University's Board of Governors, the University's President and the architect. He found the ceremony impressive and the non-guided tour particularly interesting.

Moved by Peter Cribb, seconded by Ted Hammer, that a congratulatory letter be sent by Peter Cribb to President MacKinnon. Carried

8. Adjournment:

Peter Cribb moved adjournment at 5:45 p.m.