

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

Present: Pat Lawson (Past President and Acting Chair), Ken Smith (Treasurer), Yvonne Cuttle (Secretary), Jim Blackburn, Bob Brack, Norah Carey, Wayne Chappell, Les Coleman, Donald H. Dabbs, Dennis Dibski, Joel Gajadharsingh, Wilfred Grassman, Gary Hanson, Doris Hasell, T. J. Henderson, Dennis Jonhson, Gordon Johnson, Howard Klein, Howard Nixon, Earle Ripley, Mohindar Sachdev, Murray P. Scharf, Duff Spafford, Kevin Wilson, Bob Woods.

Regrets: Peter Cribb.

1. Call to order and approval of the agenda:

Past President and Acting Chair Pat Lawson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Moved by Les Coleman, seconded by Doris Hasell, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

2. Minutes of the AGM meeting of September 12, 2005

Moved by Doug Knott, seconded by Ken Smith, that the minutes of the AGM of September 12, 2005 be adopted as circulated. Carried

3. President's Report:

In the absence of Peter Cribb, Pat Lawson presented the President's written report noting that the second sentence of the fifth paragraph should be omitted as no Prime of Life Award will be presented at the dinner following the AGM.

Moved by Pat Lawson, seconded by Norah Carey, that the President's written report be accepted as amended. Carried

4. Executive Committee Reports

4.1 Treasurer – Ken Smith

Ken Smith emphasized that due to the generosity of the University President in covering the cost of mailing the Newsletter, the Association remains in a good financial position.

Revenue from Annual Memberships was down by approximately \$120, but transfer from the Pre Paid Membership Fund increased by about the same amount.

The financial statements will be audited as soon as the University's finance system is able to produce the invoices for the USRA account.

Moved by Ken Smith, seconded by Les Coleman, that the Treasurer's written report be accepted as circulated. Carried

4.2 Pension and Benefits - Doug Knott

Doug Knott stated that the USRA Pension and Benefits Committee did not meet since the last AGM. Some information on the Retirees Pension Plan of interest to the membership has appeared in the Newsletter but the Pension Committee for the

Retirees is of the opinion that it is not appropriate for the USRA to report on the performance of the Pension Plan.

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

4.3 Office Services – Les Coleman

Les Coleman reminded those present of the move of the Office to the Williams Building that occurred during his absence and of the shut down of the “Duke” server. The USRA e-mail address is now ss.usra@usask.ca. The USRA web site will be brought up to date by Mohindar Sachdev.

The members present were asked to provide the Office with their e-mail address if they did not receive the Newsletter.

Moved by Les Coleman, seconded by Garry Hansen, that the report be accepted as circulated. Carried

4.4 Membership – Les Coleman

Elaborating on his written report, Les Coleman informed the meeting that the total number of USRA members remains stable with a large number of Life Members. Paid up members as well as those only one year in arrears receive the Newsletter. Newly retired employees of the University, eligible for membership in the USRA, receive a complimentary membership for the first year after retirement.

Moved by Les Coleman, seconded by Norah Carey, that the report of the Membership Committee be accepted as circulated. Carried

It was suggested by Bob Woods to publicize in the Newsletter the fact that widows / widowers of members of the Association have the privilege to continue as members and that Life Memberships are transferred to the widowed spouse.

4.5 Newsletter – Howard Klein

Howard Klein presented his report and encouraged all members to forward articles as well as photographs for publication in the Newsletter. Suggestions for improvement of the Newsletter that would encourage more involvement from the membership would be welcome.

Moved by Howard Klein, seconded by Joel Gajadharsingh, that the Editor’s report be accepted as circulated. Carried

4.6 Social, Recreation and Education – Joel Gajadharsingh

Joel Gajadharsingh expressed disappointment at the poor attendance for some of the social activities of the Association. However, the members who did attend reported that the events were enjoyable and the topics interesting.

Tentative programme for the coming year includes a session on Fitness and Nutrition as well as Yoga for Seniors. Joel encouraged the members to forward suggestions of topics for possible USRA events.

Moved by Joel Gajadharsingh, seconded by Howard Klein, that the report of the Social, Recreation and Education Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4.7 Prime of Life Achievement Awards – Peter Cribb

Pat Lawson presented the report on behalf of Peter Cribb. She reminded the members present that the presentation of the award to Dr. Radostits was made this year at the Spring BBQ.

She invited the members to send in nominations for next year's awards.

Moved by Pat Lawson, seconded by Duff Spafford, that the written report of the Prime of Life Awards Committee be accepted as received. Carried

4.8 Pictorial History – Fay Kernan

No report

4.9 CURAC

Duff Spafford reminded the members that his written report on CURAC appeared in the last Newsletter.

He assured the members that belonging to CURAC, at a cost of \$ 0.50 per member, is well worth while for the USRA and its members. The main project of CURAC this year was a survey of the non-medical benefits accorded by Canadian Universities to their retired employees. Report of the survey will be posted on the CURAC web site at a later date. It is to be noted that, unlike some other universities, the U.of S. does not offer a programme aimed at preparing employees for retirement.

Presently 32 Canadian University Retirees Associations belong to CURAC.

Moved by Duff Spafford, seconded by Gary Hansen, that the report be accepted as it appeared in the August 2006 Newsletter. Carried

5. Nomination Committee Report – Pat Lawson

Pat Lawson reminded the membership that nominations have to be received 30 days before the AGM, and that nominations from the floor are not allowed by the by-laws of the Association.

Since the printing of the Nomination Committee report, Doug Knott resigned from his position on the Executive. Thanks are extended to Doug for his dedicated service to the Association during the last 13 years.

Earlier this year the Executive accepted the resignation of Harbans Dhingra.

The position of Vice President remains vacant, but Peter Cribb has agreed to serve again as President after Bob Woods's term.

6. Election of Executive Officers for 2006-2007

Moved by Pat Lawson, seconded by Joel Gajadharsingh, that the slate of nominations submitted by the Nomination Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

President-	Bob Woods
Vice President	Vacant
Past President	Peter Cribb
Secretary	Yvonne Cuttle
Treasurer	Ken Smith

Members at large: Jim Blackburn, Norah Carey, Les Coleman, Joel Gajadharsingh, Doris Hasell, Fay Kernan, Pat Lawson, Howard Klein, Mohindar Sachdev, Bob Sanche, Murray Scharf, Duff Spafford

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

7. Other business

Murray Scharf and Jim Blackburn moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee. Carried

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.