

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**

Present: Bob Woods (President), Ken Smith (Treasurer), Pat Lawson (Recording Secretary), Roy Billinton, Bob Brack, Betty Burwell, Norah Carey, Hans Dommasch, Sergey Fedoroff, Gary Hanson, Doris Hasell, Gordon Johnson, Doug Knott, Don McEwen, Gwenna Moss, Howard Nixon, John and Jacqueline Owen, Mohindar Sachdev, Murray Scharf, John and Nancy Senior, George Sofko, Michael Stoneham, Bill and Laura Wallace, Jan and Kevin Wilson.

Regrets: Jim Blackburn, Les Coleman, Peter Cribb, Yvonne Cuttle, Duff Spafford.

1. Call to order and approval of the agenda:

Moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by John Senior, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

2. Minutes of the AGM meeting of September 11, 2006

It was noted that the correct spelling of Gary Hansen should be GARY HANSON.

Moved by Murray Scharf, seconded by Mohindar Sachdev, that the minutes of the AGM of September 11, 2006 be adopted as amended to correct the spelling of Gary Hanson's name. Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

4. President's Report:

Moved by Gary Hanson, seconded by Don McEwen, that the President's report be accepted as presented. Carried

Jacqueline Owen asked if the committee reports could be made available earlier. The Chair responded that perhaps they could be put on the web site.

5. Executive Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer – Ken Smith

Moved by Ken Smith, seconded by Kevin Wilson, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried

It was reported that a professional who is the spouse of a USRA member did the audit, at no cost.

5.2 Pension and Benefits – Duff Spafford

In the absence of Duff Spafford, Doug Knott moved, seconded by John Senior, that the written report of the Pension and Benefits Committee be accepted as circulated. Carried

5.3 Office Services – Les Coleman

In the absence of Les Coleman, it was moved by Doris Hasell, seconded by Gwenna Moss, that the written report of the Office Service Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5.4 Membership – Les Coleman

In the absence of Les Coleman, Mohindar Sachdev moved, seconded by Doris Hasell, that the written report of the Membership Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Discussion followed regarding the eligibility for membership of Sessional lecturers and adjunct professors.

It was agreed to refer the general approval by the meeting to the incoming Membership Committee.

5.5 Newsletter – Jim Blackburn

In the absence of Jim Blackburn, Gordon Johnson moved, seconded by Earl Newton, that the written report of the Newsletter Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Earl Newton who lives in Vancouver spoke about the importance of the Newsletter to those living outside of Saskatoon.

The good work of Howard Klein as editor was recognized by the meeting.

5.6 Social, Recreation and Education – Doris Hasell

Moved by Doris Hasell, seconded by Bill Wallace, that the report of the Social, Recreation and Education Committee be accepted as presented.

Carried

5.7 Prime of Life Achievement Awards – Peter Cribb

In the absence of Peter Cribb, Gary Hanson moved, seconded by Doris Hasell, that the written report of the Prime of Life Achievement Awards Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5.8 Pictorial History – Fay Kernan

No report

5.9 CURAC – Duff Spafford

In the absence of Duff Spafford, Kevin Wilson moved, seconded by Bill Wallace, that the written report the CURAC Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried

John Owen asked about USRA representation at CURAC. He reported that the University of Alberta provides some funding to assist with travel to the meetings. One option might be to request a member living near the site of the CURAC annual meeting to attend.

5.10 USRA Web Site – Mohindar Sachdev

Moved by Mohindar Sachdev, seconded by Gary Hanson, that the report of the Web Site Committee be accepted as presented. Carried

6. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Moved by John Senior, seconded by Mohindar Sachdev, that the amendments to the Constitution be adopted as presented.

The vote was by show of hand, with one opposed, one abstaining and the remainder in favor. As over two third of the members present were in favor, the motion was carried.

7 – 8. Nomination Committee Report – Pat Lawson

The Nominations committee report was circulated to the members in the Newsletter 30 days before the meeting. No additional nominations were received. By Article 10.5 of the By-Laws, the candidates in the list provided by the Nomination Committee are considered elected by acclamation.

Pat Lawson mentioned the following recent resignations from the Executive: Joel Gajadharsingh, Doug Knott, Harbans Dhingra, Howard Klein, Doris Hasell and Pat Lawson.

Thanks were extended to the new members for agreeing to serve: Barry McLennan, Dale Miquelon, Nancy Senior and George Sofko.

9. Other business

9.1 Gary Hanson reported that, although he did not host a session discussing Turkey and the book “Snow”, he was still willing to do so. President Woods suggested that this be pursued through the Newsletter.

9.2 The written report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the 100th anniversary of the University of Saskatchewan, chaired by Murray Scharf, was circulated.

Moved by Murray Scharf, seconded by Ken Smith, that the report of the Ad Hoc Committee be accepted as circulated. Carried

9.3 John Owen questioned whether the annual meeting should be held at a later date given the number of members not available to present their reports. Bob Brach suggested that a later date might exclude members who leave for the winter. The incoming Executive will consider the matter.

10. Adjournment:

Doris Hasell seconded by Ken Smith, moved adjournment of the meeting.