

University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association  
Annual General Meeting  
September 19, 2016, 4:30 P.M.  
University Club, Saskatoon

**Present:** Asit Sarkar , Merry Beazely, Jacqueline Huck, Earle Newton, Bryan Harvey, Eileen Harvey, Murray Scharf, Michael Hayden, Thomas Wilson, Jim Blackburn, Ken Smith, Mel Hosain, Alan Anderson, Walt Pawlovich, Judith Henderson, T.Y. Henderson

Thanks for taking the minutes.

1. Call to order and for approval of agenda by President Asit Sarkar  
Moved by Bryan Harvey, seconded by Michael Hayden. **Carried.**

2. Minutes of the Sept. 28, 2015 Annual General Meeting.  
Moved by Murray Scharf, seconded by Merry Beazely. **Carried.**

3. President's Remarks.

Asit Sarkar reviewed the work of the committees as set out in the reports of the chairs as set out in the material supplied to AGM attendees and spoke of the successful hosting of the annual national meeting of CURAC.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ken Smith emphasized the importance of the university's financial support, both continuing and for this year's national CURAC meeting. He reported that because of the sharing proceeds policy of CURAC the local U.S.R.A. is in better financial shape than had been the case in recent years.

Acceptance moved by Ken Smith, seconded by Mel Hosain. **Carried.**

Motion not to require an audit moved by Bryan Harvey, seconded by Merry Beazely. **Carried.**

5. Committee Reports

(a) Awards: Chair Walt Pawlovich announced that Prime of Life Awards would be given to Glen Aikenhead, David Carpenter, Daniel Ish and Robin Morrall. The new Continuing Contribution Award would be give to Alan Anderson, Winfried Grassmann and Bruce Reeder. The Duff Spafford Award would be given to Kurt Tischler.

(b) CURAC: Chair Bryan Harvey reported on the successful hosting of the national meeting of CURAC and presented a certificate of appreciation from the CURAC national board to President Sarkar.

© Communication: report not made due to the absence of the chair because of his wife's emergency operation. Details of the committee's work can be found in the material provided to those attending the AGM.

(d) Education, Social and Recreation: Judith Henderson reviewed the events of the past year and provided a preview of some of the coming events. Experimentation indicated that Mano's remains the best venue for the luncheon and lecture series. Members were warned that early registration for these events is advised. The

President's Reception is scheduled for December 5.

(e) Membership: Membership remains roughly the same as last year with deaths being balanced by the addition of new members. Two problems face next year's committee: 1) convincing this year's new members to take out a paid membership; 2) finding a way to pry loose information from Human Resources concerning those who will be retiring in 2017. The newly appointed Vice President University Relations will be approached about this problem.

(f) Nominations: The nominations committee presented the following slate for the 2016-17 Executive: Past President - Asit Sarkar, President - Judith Henderson, Vice President - Tom Wilson, members - Dale Miquelon, Michael Hayden, Ken Smith, Dean Jones, Bryan Harvey, Merry Beazely, Jacqueline Huck. Acceptance moved by Tom Wilson, seconded by Walt Pawlovich. **Carried**  
Retirements from the Executive" Walt Pawlovich, Gail Lang, Joan Sawatzky

(g) Retirees Engagement: The relevant university officials remain vague in positive statements about engaging retirees. Responses to the committee's survey indicated that U.S.R.A. members enjoy the monthly luncheons and talks, the annual barbeque, the AGM and Banquet and, especially, the President's Reception. Relatively little interest was expressed in other activities.

(h) Honourary Degree Nominations: The committee made three recommendations for honorary degrees. The result is not yet known.

Moved by Tom Wilson and seconded by Walt Pawlovich that the committee reports be accepted. **Carried.**

7. New Business - none

8. Adjournment

Moved by Murray Scharf, seconded by Mel Hosain.