

University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association
Annual General Meeting
September 25, 2017
University Club, U of S Campus

Present: Murray Scharf, Jacqueline Huck, Gail Laing, Joan Sawatzky, Mary Dykes, Ken Smith, Michael Hayden, Merry Beazely, Don McEwen, Bryan Harvey, Eileen Harvey, Thomas Wilson, Dale Miquelon, Bob McKercher, Judith Henderson, Jim Blackburn, John Courtney, Asit Sarkar, Dennis Dibski, Nancy Senior, John Senior, Mel Hosain, Dean Jones (recorder)

Regrets: T.Y. Henderson, Don Hamilton

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Bryan Harvey moved, Jackie Huck seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Sep 19, 2016 Minutes

Ken Smith moved, Jim Blackburn seconded, that the minutes of the September 19, 2016 AGM be approved. Passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

Judith Henderson presented the President's report. Ensuing discussion identified the need to understand pension committee representation as there appear to be several pension committees, including one of representatives of the University and of retirees in all five of the University's pension plans. Dennis Dibski serves on this committee.

5. Treasurer's Report

Ken Smith moved, Merry Beazely seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Passed unanimously.

Ken Smith moved, Bryan Harvey seconded, that no financial audit be conducted. Passed unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Awards

Bryan Harvey presented the Awards Committee report. He noted the committee members and that there are six awards. He thanked those who nominated the recipients and Eileen Harvey who prepared the Awards program booklet.

b. CURAC

Bryan Harvey reported that the 2017 conference was held at Carleton University in Ottawa coinciding with the 15th anniversary of CURAC/ARUCC, the 75th anniversary of Carleton and the 150th anniversary of Canada. 75 people attended. There were three themes. The conference website provides conference information as well as conference presentations.

The 2018 conference is being held at Dalhousie University in Halifax from May 23 - 25.

c. Communications

Dean Jones presented the Communications Committee report, noting that three newsletters were produced due to the encouragement and contributions of Judith Henderson, the president.

d. Education, Social and Recreation

Tom Wilson presented the Education, Social and Recreation Committee report. He noted the survey conducted early in the year, which showed that members liked the lunch with speaker format. The BBQ was switched to Louis', and was well received by the attendees. The next two lunches are scheduled for October 16 (topic is the Saskatoon airport) and November 10 (topic is terrorism).

e. Membership

Michael Hayden presented the Membership Committee report. We are down 23 members due to deaths, and are struggling to recruit new members because we cannot get retiree information from the University. However, the merger of USNARA and USRA will increase our ranks substantially. One possibility for recruitment is partnering with the University to put on a retirement banquet (the University stopped holding a retiree banquet a couple of years ago).

f. Retiree Engagement

Michael Hayden presented the Retiree Engagement Committee report. For many years we have had good support from University presidents, but the person delegated to work with us didn't follow through for various reasons. We are looking forward to working with the current Vice President of University Advancement, Debra Pozega Osburn, who is attending our banquet today.

g. Honorary Degrees

Tom Wilson presented the Honorary Degrees Committee report. One of our 2016 nominees, Ali Rajput, has been chosen for an honorary degree in 2017. We have submitted one name in 2017.

Murray Scharf moved, John Courtney seconded, that the committee reports be accepted. Passed unanimously.

7. New Business

a. Constitution and Bylaw Changes

Bryan Harvey, who headed the working group (Jacqueline Huck, Mary Dykes, Tonya Kaye, Judith Henderson and Bryan Harvey) that prepared the changes, noted that most of the changes proposed accommodate broadening the membership to include USNARA and any other retirees not eligible for USRA or USNARA membership. The remaining changes are cleaning up the bylaws and constitution.

A question was raised re the wording of 11.3 F.1 when we don't know the precise pension committee representation. Bryan responded that we that will change that bylaw if needed next year.

Mary Dykes moved, Gail Laing seconded, an amendment to remove "as observers"; from 11.3 F.1. Passed unanimously.

Bryan Harvey moved, Jackie Huck seconded, that we accept the amended, proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws. 22 in favour, one opposed. Passed

b. Nominations

Asit Sarkar presented the Nominations Committee report.

President Tom Wilson

Vice-President Michael Hayden

Secretary Dean Jones

Treasurer Ken Smith

Immediate Past President Judith Henderson

Executive Committee Members Merry Beazely, Mary Dykes, Bryan Harvey, Jacqueline Huck, Asit Sarkar

c. Elections

Jim Blackburn moved, Mel Hosain seconded, that the Nominations Committee slate be elected. Passed Unanimously.

d. Other

John Courtney moved, Mary Dykes seconded, that the people who worked so hard to bring USNARA and USRA together be acknowledged for their work. Passed unanimously

8. Adjournment

Mel Hosain moved that the meeting be adjourned.