

The Association of Retired UPEI Employees
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, November 27, 2009
MacDougall Hall

Members Present

Doris Anderson, Fr. Francis W Bolger, Betty Campbell, Ron Collins, Evelyn Daley, Satadal Dasgupta, Cathy Dillon, Shirley Dillon, Lawson Drake, Betty Ann Ferris, Eugene Gallant, Mel Gallant, Noreen Gillan, Jim Hancock, Edward Hanus, Norine Hanus, Susan Heaney, Ron Irving, Baird Judson, Harry Love, Sue Loucks, Virginia McCarvill, Edgar MacDonald, Edith MacLauchlan, Robert Mahen, Barb Mullaly, Georgina Mulligan, Brendan O'Grady, Glenn Palmer, Merrill Pineau, Terry Pratt, Gilbert Quinn, Joe Revell, Andy Robb, Winnie Robbins, Zita Roberts, Cirill Schmidt, Bert Tersteeg, Meredith Trainor.

AGM

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by President Lawson Drake. The President thanked those attending and noted that an attendance sheet was circulating for members to sign and update their address or email.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting posted on the Retirees web site and had been circulated by mail or email to members. No errors or omissions were noted.

Approval of the minutes was M./S Father Bolger/Glenn Palmer

Carried

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes that would not be covered later in the agenda.

President's Report

President Lawson reported that it was a quiet year without controversy. The executive met on five occasions to plan events and deal with business. The executive decided to try a new format with the winter event. Previously the event was a building tour and luncheon. It was decided to do a luncheon with a guest speaker. Dr. Bud Ings spoke after the buffet luncheon, sharing some of the stories from his new book Mud, Sweat and Tears.

The Summer BBQ and Golf event has held later than usual and then had to move to the back up date. It was a good event but did suffer in numbers from the need to use the back up date. Murray and Ferne Stevenson were excellent hosts and we really appreciate their continued hospitality.

The AGM of CURAC (national retirees' organization) was held in Moncton. The organizing committee sent out fairly steady requests for financial support from retirees' association and requested them to approach their university. We chose not to do that and sent them two hundred dollars (\$200) for support. The CURAC website has details of the sessions.

In closing, President Lawson thanked his executive for their work and support during the last year.

M/S Drake/Pratt - 'that the President's Reports be accepted'

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Noreen Gillan, the treasurer, reported that at the start of this year (November 1, 2008) our bank balance was \$3,082.70. Revenue for the year was \$1941.52, while expenses were \$2507.01. Our balance as of October 31, 2008 was \$2517.21. Acceptance of the report was M/S Noreen Gillan/Ron Collins

Carried

Nominating Committee Report

Past-President Terry Pratt presented the nominating committee report, the following are nominated for positions

President	Andy Robb
Vice President	Susan Heaney
Secretary	Barb Mullaly
Treasurer	Noreen Gillan
Directors	Mel Gallant
	Edith MacLauchlan
	Robert Mahen
	Georgina Mulligan
	Glenn Palmer

Terry Pratt called for nominations from the floor - once, twice and a third time. He then declared the slate accepted.

Minute of Silence

President Lawson called for a minute of silence for former colleagues who have passed away in the last year including Fernando Vidal and Marjorie MacDonald.

New Business

Baird Judson raised a concern about the parking situation for retirees when they come to use the Retiree's Room in the Library. His primary concern was about a lot behind the chemistry building that is locked after normal business hours but is empty.

President Lawson acknowledged his concerns. Greg Clayton (Director of Facilities

Management) and Gary Bradshaw (Vice President of Finance and Facilities) also were present and noted the concern as well.

Campus Updates

Benefits

Jennifer Prinz presented an update on benefits. She indicated that we had two health plans and described how the benefits worked. She also explained that UPEI is part of ISI for buying health benefits with other Atlantic Universities. She provided a summary of the top ten drugs used with the top being Lipitor for cholesterol and Enbrel an arthritis drug. The dental cost increase allowance for PEI will be 2.2% this year.

A number of things that retirees should remember

- (1) the pre-existing condition clause in the travel benefits which requires a 6 month period for a condition to stabilize before the travel benefit provides coverage
- (2) always carry your blue cross card when traveling, there is a number to call
- (3) at 65 you become provincial senior drug plan
- (4) dispensing fees vary from pharmacy to pharmacy
- (5) know your medications and ask if generic brands are available

Pension Plan

Phil Hooper shared an overview of the plan as of April, 2009 when the last review was done. The UPEI is a defined benefit plan and the contributions to the pension plan are greater than what is being paid out. There is a Pension Investment Review Committee and a Pension Advisory Committee.

There is a diverse Global Equity strategy. The breakdown of the plan is 30% Canadian Bonds, 30 % Canadian Equities, 30% Global Equities, and 10% Commercial Real Estate. The plan has experienced positive growth from Jan - Sept 2009.

Campus Development

Greg Clayton provided an overview of the latest Campus Developments. New building and changes on the campus include: Canada Games Track and Field facility with the club house, the Horse Grazing area, Cass Gaming Lab, Accessibility Upgrades and renovation in Kelley (former Business area). The new signage program featuring the university colours are complete except for a gateway signage element. The Classroom Centre removal and High Pressure Water Supply extension from Mt. Edward Road are underway and with infrastructure money replacement and upgrades to fire alarms, roofs, elevators and service tunnels are being made.

Going forward there are plans for a new School of Nursing building which will complete the Quad bordered by the WA Murphy Building, Chi-Wan Young Sports Centre and the Main Building; Capital Asset Renewal project involving Memorial and Robertson Library; and enhancement to campus landscaping.

President Wade MacLauchlan

The President also spoke of the change that has taken place on campus since 2004. Buildings have been added and the look of the campus has been improved. In addition the university has expanded its ability to help challenged students. In 1999 there were 2 students on campus while today there are 250. Joanne McCabe who recently retired worked tirelessly on the development of services for these students. In Robertson Library there is an exciting Digital Achieving Project happening. UPEI has also unveiled a new flag, have developed a universityisland.ca website and celebrated a great Founder's Day where builder, such as our own Doris Anderson, and outstanding alumni were recognized .

The President the circulated the 2009 University Update and narrative .

President Lawson thanked all of the presenters and invited them and all present to a social in the Schurman Marketplace.

Motion for adjournment M/S Pratt/Robb

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted

Barb Mullaly
Secretary

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