Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting of February 24, 2011

- The Ad Hoc Committee on a Member-Supported Scholarship/Bursary presented an interim report and will be making final recommendations to the 2011 AGM.
- The University's retiree mailing list has 2,347 names on it (including retirees and their spouses/partners/survivors). Twenty seven UMRA members were missing from the list. Their names have been forwarded to Learning Resource Services for inclusion.
- UMRA representatives met with the Executive Director of Human Resources and proposed that Members who had 10 total years of employment or age 55+ at retirement be eligible for a Retired Staff ID card. Human Resources is working on a procedure for issuing ID cards to those who are currently ineligible.
- Provincial legislation has been passed requiring the establishment of new Pension Committees to manage workplace pension plans. U of M pensioners will elect a representative to the committee.
- The final copy of a Procedures Handbook prepared by Lois Brockman was circulated.
- The Communications Committee is developing guidelines for handling requests to circulate notices about partisan events.
- We now have 495 members: 23.6% are Active (Annual), 29.9% are Active (Lifetime), and 46.5% are Inactive.
- An interim report regarding the publishing of our membership list was reviewed. The final report will be brought to the 2011 AGM.
- Ed Unrau has accepted the position of Vice-President on the UMRA Executive.
- Retirees contributed $111,000 to the United Way Campaign, an increase of approximately 10% over last year.
- A sub-committee composed of Archie Cooper, Jim Jamieson, Rudy Danzinger, John Mundie and Jay Goldstein was struck to review our membership categories and to report to the full Executive Committee.