



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Room 543-544 University Centre
October 16, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.**

The seventh Annual General Meeting of the University of Manitoba Retirees Association was held on Saturday, October 16th, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 543-544 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus.

Present:

Active Members: J. Barwinsky, E. Bridges, L. Brockman, V. Bruce, L. D. Campbell, J-L. Chodkiewicz, A. Cooper, J. Doyle, L. Driedger, N. Fetterman, J. Goldstein, M. Gregg, F. Hruska, B. Irvine, J. C. Jamieson, D. Johnson, B. Johnston, C. LeBlanc, P. D. Loly, D. MacEwan, B. Macpherson, J. Mann, K. Mount, J. Mundie, J. E. Parker, J. Paterson, C. Presser, E. Rzeszutek, H. Senyshin, M. Stothers, B. Stovel, G. Swift, G. Tabisz, J. Zushman.

Inactive Members: C. Goldstein, D. Hruska, M. Mundie, P. Newman

Guests: J. Newman

Regrets: G. Baureiss, E. Unrau, R. Currie, A. Segall

1. Approval of the Agenda

Under 5. Other Business add c. UMRA support for a scholarship or bursary.

Motion (J. Parker/J. Mundie) that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes, October 18, 2009 AGM

Motion (D. John/A. Cooper) that the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Reports

a. President – Jay Goldstein

The President's report was circulated with the agenda. Jay pointed out that York University seems to be doing a much better job of guiding those people intending to retire – they have a Centre devoted to retirement with two staff members to assist staff with their pre-retirement and post-retirement concerns. Their program could serve as a model for us. We are still looking for office space, especially to store UMRA material which is currently being held at multi locations. Hopefully we will get something suitable and more permanent.

Jay, on behalf of the Association, thanked Lois Brockman for her service over the years to UMRA and presented her with a gift certificate for Lee Valley Tools – Lois is an avid gardener and mentioned that once she made her purchase she would ask the members to help her use them in her garden! Lois thanked the members.

Motion (J. Jamieson/J. Parker) to receive the President's Report.

Carried.

b. Treasurer – Marjorie Doyle

The Treasurer's report was circulated at the meeting. We are doing all right except for the Dividend Fund, which showed a loss as at June 30th. As soon as it regains some ground, the Executive will consider investing elsewhere.

Motion (J. Jamieson/J-L. Chodkiewicz) to receive the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

c. Membership Committee – Archie Cooper

The Membership Committee report was circulated with the agenda. Archie advised that the membership has grown tremendously over that past few years, with the largest increase being Inactive Members. We would like to see the Active Membership grow. Archie keeps the membership database current. It is important for members to notify us of address changes.

Motion (C. LeBlanc/J. Paterson) to receive the Membership Committee Report. Carried.

d. Communications Committee – John Mundie

The report was circulated with the agenda. John pointed out that this committee publishes the Retiree's News, maintains the UMRA website (Janice Mann is the webmaster) and maintains an e-mail list of members. Janice is doing a great job on the website. John suggests we use the computer for more communications, as postage is very costly.

Motion (M. Doyle/G. Tabisz) to receive the Communications Committee report. Carried.

e. Interest Groups Committee – Jim Jamieson

Jim gave a verbal report. This committee was established a year ago but has not met as yet. There have been lots of ideas and suggestions submitted, one being what happens at 75 years of age when our medical coverage ceases? Also, what do we do when we need a new family doctor? Jim welcomes other suggestions for this committee, which can be submitted via e-mail on the website.

Motion (J. Mundie/J. Zushman) to receive the Interest Groups Committee report. Carried

f. Benefits and Pensions Committee – Glenn Swift

The report was circulated with the agenda. The issue of the definition of "retiree" has been under review. The committee is close to a resolution of this matter. The committee has been looking at the new government Pension Benefits Act and Regulations, and June Stewart has made a presentation in this regard to the committee.

Motion (A. Cooper/J. Jamieson) to receive the Benefits and Pensions Committee report. Carried.

g. ad hoc Retiree Centre Committee – Lois Brockman

The report was circulated with the agenda. As the golf course move has been delayed, the committee has not met recently. It expects to resume meetings in the coming year.

Motion (G. Tabisz/J. Paterson) to receive the ad hoc Retiree Centre Committee report. Carried.

h. United Way Campaign – Brian Macpherson

The report was circulated with the agenda. The campaign for this year has just begun. Last year's campaign was very successful, with the giving total of \$102,000. It appears that this year the University will allow its retiree mailing list to be released to the United Way. If this happens, the United Way will do the mailing, and we will not need to recruit our own volunteers to handle this job.

Motion (J. Mundie/C. LeBlanc) to receive the United Way report. Carried.

i. Nominating Committee- Lois Brockman

The report was circulated with the agenda. Lois thanked Bonnie Stovel and Ed Rzeszutek for their service as their terms are ending.

Motion by Lois Brockman on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

1. that Jean Zushman be elected as Secretary for a two-year term;
2. that Ed Unrau and Rudy Danzinger be elected as Members-at-Large for a two-year term;
3. that Connie LeBlanc be re-elected as Member-at-Large for a second two-year term.

Carried.

5. Elections

The members were elected as outlined in the Nominating Committee report.

6. Other Business

a. Membership List Availability

Our present policy is that we do not make our membership list available to the membership. According to our Privacy Officer, making the list available to our members is strictly an internal policy matter. If we chose to publish the list, it could include only the member's name and membership category. Concerns were raised about making the list available (e.g., that financial institutions might use the list to contact members). On the other hand, publishing the list on our website might encourage others to join.

Motion (J. Parker/J. Mundie) that the Membership Committee bring a recommendation on publishing the membership list to the 2011 AGM. Carried.

b. Electronic Distribution of AGM material to Inactive Members

Our constitution requires that notice of the AGM be sent to all members – the form of that notice is not specified, however. Because our practice has been to send the agenda and attachments to all members, the mailing is a significant expense (about \$850 this year). Our Active Members' dues cover the cost of the mailing to Inactive Members (who do not pay dues). In light of the expense issue, should we continue the current practice of sending the agenda with all the attachments to all members?

Motion (J. Parker/J-L. Chodkiewicz) to send all notifications and agenda material of meetings electronically to all members except for those who request hard copies.

After arguments were made that it would be premature to shift to electronic distribution to the AGM material right away because some of our members do not use computers, the motion on the floor was withdrawn.

Motion (J. Jamieson/J. Parker) that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for a final decision and implementation. Carried.

c. UMRA Support for a Scholarship or Bursary

Douglas MacEwan spoke of the growing need for scholarships and bursaries at the University. The Executive Committee has indicated its support of the idea.

Motion (D. MacEwan/L. Brockman) that an ad hoc committee be formed to gather information on the creation of a member-supported scholarship or bursary, and report its findings and recommendations to the 2011 AGM. Carried.

7. Adjournment

Motion (J. Jamieson/J. Mundie) that the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Carried.