



**Minutes of the UMRA Annual General Meeting
543-544 University Centre
OCTOBER 17, 2015**

Present: Members: Margaret Amyot, Gunter Baureiss, Stephen Bilik, Ernie Bridges, Lois Brockman, Janice Butcher, Jean Luc Chodkiewicz, Dennis Cooley, Marjorie Doyle, Nelma Fetterman, Jay Goldstein, Bruce Johnston, Hugh Larimer, June LaRonde, Janice Mann, Janet Sealey, Hedy Senyskiw, Majid Shojania, Ed Unrau, Jesse Vorst, Gene Walz, Bi Shi?

Associate Members: Carol Goldstein, Linda Kostiuk, David Punter, Gladys Stewart

Ed Unrau called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion that the Agenda be approved (Marjorie Doyle /Jay Goldstein)

Carried

2. Approval of Minutes AGM October 2014

Motion that the minutes be approved (Gene Walz /Ernie Bridges)

Carried

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports

a. President: (Ed Unrau) The Interests Committee has been terminated, as has the printed report for UMRA members. University e-mail services for UMRA members will be ended in January. UMRA has protested the imminent loss and the loss of the free gym membership. UMRA will play a key role in protecting and enhancing retirement benefits. Last summer UMRA sponsored a trip to the University Research farm at Glenlea and through that raised \$194 for the UMRA bursary fund. Importance of Retirees' interaction with the University.

b. Vice-President's Report: (Dan Sitar) The voice mailbox service and the computer assistance service are working smoothly.

c. Treasurer's Report: (June LaRonde) Fees increasing on our BOM bank account. Need to transfer to Assiniboine Credit Union.

Cash balance July 1, 2014	5,230.89
Income (dues, GICs)	13,115.50
Total income	18,546.39
Bank balance to date	17,615.71
Expenses	770.14
cash balance	17,776.75
petty cash	51.70
total investments	11,490.74

d. Communications Committee: (Bruce Johnston) Two newsletters, sponsored by the U of M

President, produced this year.

e. Benefits and Pensions Committee: (Ken Mount) The committee produced "Supplementary Health Benefits at Age 75" for *Retirees News*.
<http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/corner/105.html#health>

f. United Way Report: (Brian Macpherson) The number of donors decreased, though 262 retirees donated \$186,857, an increase of \$16,000 from the previous year, amounting to 32.5% of the donations raised at the U of M. Pledge forms have been sent out for this year.

g. Membership Committee: (Jean Paterson) UMRA has 688 (lifetime;51% - annual;49% - 87%;associate. We have 8 new members. There is difficulty in identifying Retirees and keeping updated lists of Retirees. There is a need for more help from U of M in finding new and upcoming Retirees. Two vacancies on the committee need filling. There is a need for more members and more young members. Members are asked to forward changes of address. Mailing reminder notices with stamped, addressed envelopes are an efficient way to handle renewals. There is value of representing Retirees on University committees.

h. Nominating Committee: (Jay Goldstein/Jean Paterson) To elect for the UMRA executive

- Ed Unrau re-elected as President
- Dan Sitar re-elected as Vice-President
- Gunter Baureiss be re-elected as Member-at-Large
- Connie LeBlanc be re-elected as Member-at-Large

i. ad Hoc Retiree Centre Committee: (Lois Brockman) Nothing to report, everything is being handled within central administration.

j. Endowment Fund Committee (Lois Brockman) Ongoing.

5. New Business.

E-mail services to be drastically changed. There is a concern with security, privacy, & costs. Students will be moved onto a new service. Emeriti will have an account for life and Senior Scholars for as long as they retain their status, as will those teaching classes. Support staff will likely lose all access. There may possibly be other ways of providing services to retirees.

6. Adjournment

Moved (Gene Walz /Jay Goldstein) that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried