



Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting  
August 14, 2014

- The prediction that it would be necessary to recruit new students to provide computer assistance came to be sooner than expected. The current computer helper left without warning for a job in the United States. After contacting Computer Science three graduate students were identified and all agreed to provide assistance to UMRA members. Each of them is comfortable handling the kinds of problems they would be facing. Ray Currie has made good use of their expertise. Each of the three was advised to discuss their remuneration at the outset of the transaction.
- UMRA president Ed Unrau reported on his meeting with Greg Juliano, Associate Vice-President for Human Resources. Among the matters discussed was the potential of developing a program or project for retirees that would appeal to both support and academic staff and that would transcend departmental affiliations. The idea would be to channel the continuing interest retirees have in the life of the university into activities that add value to the student experience or the “mission” of the university.
- The status of the Benefits and Pensions Committee was discussed. This committee has not met in months, partly due to the death of the chair Betty Johns. After some discussion it was decided to urge the acting chair, Ken Mount, to convene a meeting and also to recruit new members to the committee.