

Minutes of meeting of UMRA Executive
August 17, 2006, 9.30 a.m.
South Boardroom, Smartpark
135 innovation Drive

Present : Doug McEwan, Steve Stothers, Lois Brockman, John Mundie, Linda Lasman,
J.C. Jamieson

Regrets: Horst Frank, I Gusdal, N Losey, June Stewart

1. Meeting was brought to order, 9.39 a.m.
2. Approval of agenda unanimous.
3. Approval of minutes unanimous
4. Chair reported that a letter was sent to Rosalind Howard re Newsletter and office space for UMRA.
5. Report from CURAC- lots of discussion around benefit issues. CURAC has incorporated under business Corporation act. Benefits communication Lois has copy for distribution.
6. Nominations Committee and membership committee – information circulated by Chairs. There was a discussion that the Nomination committee should have more women members. This was tabled. Nomination committee was established as John Mundie, Steve Stothers and Jim Jamieson. Membership committee would maintain e-mail list of members. J. C. J. , Steve Stothers and Jay Goldstein agreed to be on Membership committee. Jay Goldstein agreed to act as liaison with Executive committee.
Only one submission for Logo competition. The deadline was extended
7. Treasurers Report – some problems with membership such as joint membership for families; need to have some definite rules. The account has \$5000 that should be invested to yield higher interest. Cash balance as of June 30th is \$6453.31. Moved membership year to Oct1. (note added by secretary that \$5000 was invested in a high yielding mutual fund at Bank of Montreal).
8. Communications committee. Web site is up and running and will be maintained by Gunther.
9. Discussion on health benefits after 75. Bob Hanchard suggested it be made available to spouses. There also exists some people who don't qualify. Retirees News is started.
10. Presidents Reception. She will be present starting at 2.30. The AGM will be at 12.30. There are 166 members, 90 active, 43 life members and 43 inactive. Membership committee to investigate incentives for joining. At reception Alex Segal will be talking about a Healthy

Lifestyle.

11. Discussion on Spring reception. April 8 is easter so a suggested date is April 21 possibly at the Bannatyne Campus. Possible speaker would be Frank Plummer.
12. Pension and Benefits: The 25K maximum applies to everyone, but includes hospital and ambulance. Can apply for reinstatement with new 25K maximum if GWL agrees. Another issue is that McCallum set up a committee to look at the governance of the pension plan.
13. There were some constitutional amendments- clarification what is meant by membership; deletion of section dealing with duties of webmaster sinc membership committee will be discussing e-mail addresses directly.
14. Question re tray fees included in staff benefits for retirees.
15. Chair to pursue whether it is possible to have the Alumni Journal for retirees and also have retirees invited to Alumni meetings.
16. Adjournment 11.30; Next executive meeting Oct 4, 9.30 at Smartpark.