

UMRA Executive Meeting
Wednesday October 4th 9:30 a.m.
South Boardroom, Smartpark
135 Innovation Drive, University of Manitoba

Present : Doug MacEwan, John Mundie, James Jamieson, Lois Brockman, Irv Gusdal, Jay Goldstein, Horst Frank, Steve Stothers, Nora Losey..

Meeting called to order 9:35.

1. Minutes approved as corrected. Moved by Irv Gusdal, seconded by Doug MacEwan.
2. Business arising
 - a. Speakers for April 21 President's Reception. Doug MacEwan suggested contacting Leslie Weir for a speaker from the Centre for Proteomics.
 - b. Health Care Spending Accounts for retirees. Nora Losey spoke to issue. What we have currently is more valuable because there are no limits imposed on the accounts. Not practical to have Health Spending Accounts mainly because the University cannot remove money from Pensions like they do with salaries.
 - c. Alumni Journal. It appears possible to work something out to let retirees get Alumni Journal.
 - d. A cheque was sent to CURAC to maintain our membership.
3. Discussion on AGM. Decided on oral reports from committees except for the Treasurer who will have a printed report on finances and investments. Lois to introduce speaker and Jay to thank the speaker. Prepared for about 100 attendees. Chair to remind those attending that they have to be members to be eligible to vote.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications Committee -- The new UMRA web site is now linked to the CURAC site. The Retirees' News has been sent out with a membership form included.
 - b. Nominations Committee -- Nominees for the Executive Committee are Diane Biehl and Bonnie Stovel and Steve Stothers for a second term.. Jamieson to present nominations at the AGM.
 - c. Treasurers Report -- Invested \$5,000 in BMO Dividend Fund which should yield \$200+ in interest per year. Should have sufficient cash flow to be able to leave it in place. Doug recommended that it would be a good idea to support two delegates to attend CURAC meeting in May, 2006
 - d. Membership Committee -- Currently there are 160 members of which 40 are life, 86 active and 34 inactive members.

- e. Pension and Benefits Committee – Discussion on benefits for members as opposed to retiree benefits. No members of CURAC seem to have a benefits scheme for members.
 - f. Retiree Centre Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee – Horst Frank reported a poor response to survey. Of the responses received only 2% indicated interest in a retiree housing complex. Given these results Horst moved, seconded by Nora, that the Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded. CARRIED. . Office space for UMRA is still a problem – Lois to approach Alumni Association or Terry Voss/Rosalyn Howard to see what can be done.
5. Irv Gusdal reported that the United Way goal has been raised by 4%. Irv will speak on the United Way goals at the Presidents Reception.
 6. Next meeting -- Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30.Smartpark.
 7. Adjournment 11:35 a.m.