



*Highlights of the UMRA Executive Meeting*

*November 17, 2017*

**President's Report**

- Janet Sealey will take on added responsibility as Vice President.
- Jay Goldstein, as member-at-large will retain responsibility for the membership lists and also look after campus mail.
- Ed Unrau will retain responsibility as liaison for email correspondence and members' computer problems.
- Retirees continue to write and phone about their concerns, many of them involving issues with email. UMRA is working with Central Administration to resolve concerns raised by our members.

**Treasurer's Report**

- We will make our annual donation to UMFA in appreciation for using their facilities for our meetings. We need to send \$500.00 to Graduate Studies to cover our sponsorship of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scholarship for the annual 3MT competition. We are waiting for an account number rather urgently so that we may accept donations to our recently established Graduate Studies Scholarship before year end.

**Membership Committee**

- Need to prompt Human Resources to be more active in providing information for retirees. A Retirement Planning Committee has been established, involving AESEW, UMFA, Human Resources, the Pensions Office, and UMRA (Sitar and Goldstein). A good and productive initial meeting has occurred, working toward a seminar in the spring.
- Need to change or replace our letter which invites retirees to join UMRA. Should include a prominently displayed check-sheet in the large package provided by the University as a way of drawing the attention of imminent retirees to UMRA.

**Communications Committee**

- Special thanks to Gene Walz, Ed Unrau, and Janice Mann. Urgent need to find a successor to Janice Mann who has been so prompt and competent in managing the UMRA website. An opportunity to bring in a young retiree? Daniel Sitar will express our appreciation to Janice and ask for her advice.
- Daniel Sitar will speak with O'Riley about improving contacts and speeding up the production of the Newsletter.
- The University of Manitoba list of retirees' voluntarily provided email addresses is current and accurate.