

President's Report
2012-13

Compared to the previous two years (during which I spent a significant amount of time on our proposals for new benefits for our Members and/or all retirees and on amendments to our constitution) this past year has been a relatively routine one.

I chaired three meetings of the Executive Committee, and attended (in an ex-officio capacity) meetings of UMRA's Benefits and Pensions Committee, Communications Committee, and Endowment Fund Committee. I monitored UMRA's email, forwarded Member applications for Associate Retiree status to the Executive Director of Human Resources, completed a College and University Retiree Associations of Canada survey of retiree benefits, handled Members' requests for assistance with computer problems, invited guest speakers for the April and October, 2013 President's Receptions for Retirees, and assembled the material distributed to the membership for this Annual General Meeting.

In January, 2013, as UMRA's representative on the Advisory Council of Extended Education's Lifelong Learning program, I met with the program's coordinator. In February, Betty Johns (Chair of our Benefits and Pensions Committee) and I met with the Retirement Specialist in Staff Benefits to update ourselves about the pre-retirement information and post-retirement help which the University makes available to its employees.

Being your President has been both challenging and rewarding. I want to sincerely thank everyone who, over the last four years, has volunteered their time and energy on behalf of the Association through service on the Executive Committee and/or our standing and ad hoc committees. I look forward to serving the Association as Past President when Ed Unrau assumes the presidency.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Goldstein, President