UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Summary of the UMRA Executive Meeting
January 15, 2026

- The proposed benefit plans improvement agreement between UMRA and the university administration has now been sent to Dave Muir, of Human Resources.
- Meeting with Traci Bowman and Haley Porter of the Alumni Association on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Mark O'Riley, Bill Kops and Janet met with Traci Bowman and Haley Porter of the U of M Alumni Association. The discussion was fruitful. Both parties agreed to make contact in Feb and August each year to see if there were some upcoming Alumni events that UMRA could promote in the newsletter or our e-blasts. UMRA agreed to put the Alumni link on our website.
- CURAC Conference and AGM May 20 – 22, 2026 in New Westminster, BC. The Executive Committee approved the motion to send Janet Sealey to the Conference and AGM.
- UMRA now has reciprocal web links with the European Retired Professors Network – their next sponsored event is February 18th, 10 a.m. CST on *Linking Retired Academic Groups Across Nations* – chaired by Walter Archer, President of CURAC.
- The survey of UM retirees, sponsored by the Centre on Aging in cooperation with UMRA is in process – data collection is complete, and a preliminary analysis of findings will be available at the end of January.
- An exciting recent announcement is the U of M has been selected as the North America Lead for the Age Friendly University Global Network. The initiative was spearheaded by Tina Chen and Angie Conrad in the Office of Equity Transformation (Angie is the new Anti-Ableism and Age-Inclusivity Specialist) and Michelle Porter, Centre on Aging.
- The Executive Committee unanimously approved the following motion on dissolution of the Association:
  MOTION: that upon dissolution of UMRA, after payment of all liabilities, one-half of its assets shall be donated to the UMRA Bursary Fund and one-half donated to the UMRA Scholarship Fund.