



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Summary of the UMRA Executive Meeting May 14, 2026

- Dr. Michelle Porter and Francene Perehinec were in attendance to present the results of the recent survey on why retirees retired their connection/engagement with the university and their connection with the University of Manitoba Retirees Association. A document with the university's suggested recommendations from the Retiree Survey was circulated prior to the meeting. The document also included UMRA comments and suggestions.
- Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba has a one-month promotion to waive medical evidence requirement for new applicants to their health benefits plan. The promotion was for the period of June 1 to 30th.
- A survey regarding the proposed benefits improvements was mailed out by the University to all 1500 retirees registered in the U of M benefits plan. Retirees could reply by email or phone. The response rate was approximately 33% (500 respondents). 80-90% of the respondents were in approval of the enhancements to the plan and pleased with the improvements. The staff benefits committee was very supportive. The next steps will be a review by a subcommittee of the administration prior to the required final approval by the Board of Governors. If approved, the enhancements would become effective on July 1, 2026.
- A number of events have been planned by the Membership committee:
 - a. Visit the Seven Oaks House Museum. It is the oldest house in Winnipeg and a National Historic Site
 - b. Zoological History Tour of the Assiniboine Park.
- The UMRA Executive Committee agreed to subsidize the cost of the Zoological Tour for fee paying members by \$10.
- The amount of the UMRA Bursary award this year will be \$5000 and the Scholarship will be \$2900.
- The Professor Emeriti Network hosted a presentation on April 15 on the topic of *Retention of University Email Accounts Retired Professors*. Michelle Porter was the featured presenter using the UM as a case study.