UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Summary of the UMRA Executive Meeting
March 19, 2026

- The Chair of the Communication committee reported on his trouble with computer equipment failures and data loss. There was some discussion on purchasing the necessary hardware used in backing-up and transferring data for the Newsletter.
- Royal Canadian Mint Tour – February 26, 2026
  An enthusiastic group of 13 members and guests attended the tour with an excellent tour guide. The group tour admission fee was very reasonable at $8.50 per person. Participants got together at the Southdale Village Family Restaurant after the tour.
- There was some discussion on the process of issuing a digital membership card would require being connected to a payment system that would involve an additional service fee.
- The UMRA Webinars have been well-attended and well-received.
- The CURAC Board met on February 3 and March 3 to discuss the revenue shortfall resulting from the changes in the affinity partner agreement with the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO). As a result, CURAC is polling its members on the acceptability of an increase in membership dues. UMRA currently pays the maximum fee of $300/year (best guess this could increase to $400). The loss to CURAC is approximately $18,000/year). The rationale for the increase:
    1. There has been no increase in fees in over a decade
    2. Recently hired a .2 FTE administrative assistant to handle key admin tasks previously assigned to CURAC volunteers.
    3. CURAC committed to providing simultaneous translation at the AGM and Conference (approximately $10,000/year) in order to make the organization more bilingual and attract francophone institutions to join CURAC