

# McMaster University Retirees Association

Minutes of the twentieth Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday May 25th, 2005, at 2.45 pm, in Convocation Hall. There were approximately forty eight persons present including (including 10 Council members). The meeting was preceded by refreshments and a presentation by Mr. Eric Vengroff, Vice President Marketing for CARP (Canadian Association for the over 50's)

## 1. Welcome

Mildred McLaren welcomed everyone and introduced special guest Jeff Chuchman, Acting Manager of Retirement Support Services.

## 2. Approval of the minutes of the 19th AGM, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004

**Motion:** that the minutes of the 19th AGM held on May 31st, 2004 be approved as printed and circulated to those present (Gabriele Erasmi/Marju Drynan - carried)

## 3. Business arising from the minutes

Brian Ives announced that agreement had been reached with the University and various employee groups regarding MURA funding. Effective January 1st, 2006, members will no longer be asked to pay an annual donation and consequently the distinction between fee paying and non fee paying members will be history.

Mildred McLaren congratulated Brian Ives and Helen Barton on achieving this arrangement, which had been accomplished by sustained determination over many months of meetings and discussions with those concerned.

## 4. President's Report

Mildred McLaren thanked the Auditor (John McCutcheon) and the outgoing members of Council (Frank Drieman, Jessie Dunlop, Erica Giese, Gerry Keech and Helen Otrosina for their valuable contributions to MURA.

She also acknowledged those who hold ongoing appointments - Veronica Morrison (MURA news), Les Robb (Pension Trust Committee), Anne Sinclair (Trips and Special Events) and Averil Thompson (Secretary) for their continuing commitment. A full report of the President's remarks will be published in the next edition of the MURA news.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop presented her report.

**Motion:** that the Treasurer's Report be approved as printed and circulated to those present (Jessie Dunlop/Dora Haisell carried)

## 6. Auditor's Report

John McCutcheon presented his report and congratulated both Jessie Dunlop and Anne Sinclair on the quality of their work.

**Motion:** that the auditor's report as printed and circulated to those present be approved (John McCutcheon/Roman March - carried)

## 7. Report on Pensions

Les Robb presented his report which will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

## 8. Membership Report

Bonnie White presented her report.

**Motion:** that the Membership Report be approved as printed and circulated to those present (Bonnie White/Gabriele Erasmi - carried)

## 9. Trips and Special Events Report

Anne Sinclair presented her report.

**Motion:** that the Trips and Special Events Report be approved as printed and circulated to those present (Anne Sinclair/Marju Drynan - carried)

## 10. MURA Website [www.macra.ca](http://www.macra.ca)

Brian Ives spoke of progress made in the past year and thanked those involved, and particularly Nicholas Solntseff and Pam Penny.

## 11. Nominating Committee Report

Frank Drieman presented the Nominating Committee Report and asked whether there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

**Motion:** that nominations be closed (John McCutcheon, Helen Otrrosina - carried.)

**Motion:** that the Nominating Committee Report be approved as printed and circulated to those present (Frank Drieman/Carm McMullen - carried)

At this point Brian Ives, the new President, became the chair of the meeting.

## **12. Incoming President's Remarks**

Brian Ives congratulated the new Councillors on their election and Helen Barton on her appointment to the CURAC Executive. He felt that it was a humbling responsibility to become President of the largest group of people at McMaster and felt fortunate that the established relationship between McMaster University administration and MURA is so cordial.

He outlined renewed aims for MURA which is now a twenty two year old organization:

(a) Pro-active appreciation and response for any question a retiree might ask us. (Retirement Support Services are experts with specific facts relevant to individual situations.)

(b) Each person holding a Council portfolio will conduct fact-finding commissions and report to the Council.

Brian said that he would like to encourage other activities for MURA members, such as regular meetings of interest groups and more social events (possibly "Canterbury Hills" type of events.) He would welcome volunteers with an interest in increasing the scope of MURA activities.

## **13. Any Other Business**

(a) Mildred spoke about CURAC and the fact that Helen Barton had just returned from the AGM in Vancouver. She was not only our delegate from MURA but she is also a member of the CURAC Executive. A report on the proceedings at the AGM in Vancouver will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

(b) Mildred asked that members who would like to serve on the Council, or in some other capacity, make their wishes known. This would be much appreciated, especially by the Nominating Committee.

## **14. Adjournment**

Helen Orosina moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3 :30 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Secretary

Brian Ives  
President