

Jan 10, 96

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday,
January 10, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in GH-B109**

PRESENT: J. Baby, J. Evans (Chair), D. Haisell, M. Maggs,
D. Matheson, W. McMicking, C. McMullen,
V. Morrison, W. Mousley, A. Thompson, J. Walker,
B. White

REGRETS: M. Welton

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was MOVED by Brian White, SECONDED by Warren Mousley that the minutes of the meeting of December 19 be approved, with special thanks to Veronica Morrison who had acted as Secretary.

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II. Business Arising

i. Retirees' Lists

Jack advised that the List of Retirees prepared by Human Resources will now be produced only in August, January and May of each year, and which will be made available to MURA in the months of September, February and June. Human Resources has offered to include MURA's 'retirement package' in their kit for retiring employees.

**ii. Replacement for John Williamson
(Portfolio: Annual General Meeting)**

Council was aware that the following faculties are as yet not represented in MURA: *Council*

Engineering
Health Sciences
Traffic and Parking
Food Services
Student Affairs

The following names were proposed:

Mavis Hubley - Food Services
John McCutcheon - Regional Medical Associates
Stan Hambleton - Traffic and Parking

and it was decided to approach J. McCutcheon to serve out the balance of J. Williamson's term, i.e. until May, 1997.

iii. Xmas Luncheon

Carm McMullen advised that the wife of the owner/manager of the

Schwaben Inn had passed away on December 25th. A card of sympathy will be sent by Jack Evans on behalf of MURA.

III. President's Report

i. Pension Ad Hoc Working Group

The Chair reported there had been no further meetings of this committee. The university is to offer a new scheme built on the existing '80' plan. Details have to be endorsed by the joint Administration and Faculty Association Committee meeting and a meeting with MUSA to be held on January 10th, 1996. Details will be made public by the end of the month unless there are major changes. The group dealing with surplus funds will also meet in the near future.

ii. Office Space

The Chair announced that GH-B108 has been exclusively assigned to MURA, complete with telephone. The key to this office will remain in the usual place in the Personnel Office.

iii. Annual General Meeting

It was Council's opinion that May was the most satisfactory time for the AGM to be held and a date of **May 15** at 2:00 p.m. at the Divinity College, followed by a BBQ at the President's House was agreed upon.

iv. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Lillian Ross - M.P.P.

IV Treasurer's Report

Dora Haisell reported a balance of \$2,654. cash on hand, plus \$50 in membership fees received giving a total of \$2,704. less our outstanding scholarship commitment of \$400. yet to be paid, leaving a balance of \$2,304. The President requested Dora to pay the Scholarship. It was noted that the mailing costs for two issues of the MURAL ^{were} was outstanding.

V. Portfolio Reports

- Visitations

Brian had visited Dora's husband in hospital. He had attempted to visit Ann Albrecht but was unable to locate her at any of the area hospitals. Brian also informed members that Ian Nelson is critically ill.

- Trips

Joy reported a successful Festival of Lites Trip at which 258 had attended and had enjoyed dinner at Betty's Restaurant. Forthcoming events are:

- February 22 - Oh Canada! Project. A visit to the Art Gallery of Ontario for the 75th Anniversary of the Group of Seven (44 tickets have been ordered by Joy)
- March 20 - Stage West - Musical and Buffet Lunch
- Apr. 16-19 - Gettysburg - Lancaster Pennsylvania
- May 1-2 - Windsor Casino and Greenfield Village (Dearborn Ford Museum) Tour

- Benefits

2 Margaret Maggs advised Council she had contacted Bob Tangney who had advised that the University must cover extra costs in view of its contract with retirees but he will wait for guidelines from the government before proceeding. Auxilliary drug cost concerns will be looked at by the Benefits Committee and Margaret was advised that Tony Skarica's (MPP) office will also be reviewing the guidelines. It is not clear as yet whether Pharmacists will charge any fee to seniors. Dave Wartman had sent an article on 'flexible benefits' which the University will be reviewing. The option of a 'smart card' is still open at present. Bob Tangney would be willing to attend the February 14th Council meeting and will be invited to do so even though the guidelines may not be formally approved by that date.

- Courier Contact

Veronica stated she had no report at this time.

- Membership

Carm McMullen distributed membership statistics as of January 1996.

- MURAL

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Averil advised she had received some material for the January/February issue and will add the AGM date. Labels are to be available by January 22nd and stuffing will take place January 24th at 1:30 in GH-B109.

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VI. Other Business

The Bill 26 Hearings for Hamilton to discuss concerns on Health Care will be held on January 19th, while January 12 is the date for submissions on other aspects of the Bill. The Chair encouraged members to attend the 19 January Hearings. M. Maggs offered to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 14, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in GH-B109.