

## **McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday April 14, 1999, at 1.30 pm in Togo Salmon Hall Room 122

Present: John McCutcheon (chair), Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Margaret Maggs, Veronica Morrison, George Paul, Gordon Raymond, Averil Thompson and Brian White

Regrets: Stan Hambleton and Dorothy Matheson

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday March 10, 1999 be approved as previously circulated (Joy Baby/Mavis Hubley Carried)

### **2. Correspondence**

a) John McCutcheon had received an E-Mail from Milica Pavlica concerning the arrangements for Sandy Darling's retirement party on Friday September 24. Details were subsequently published in the March/April MURAL.

b) Dora Haisell had received a note from Veronica Maas thanking the Council for its support and for the donation in memory of her husband Jack.

### **3 Treasurer's Report - Dora Haisell**

Dora had been surprised to discover that there had been a "set-up" charge for the May 1998 AGM. Brian will investigate and in the meantime Dora will pay the MURAL and stationery charges which were also listed in the account received from Carol Nelson.

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report for the period March 1-31, 1999 be accepted as circulated (Dora Haisell/Veronica Morrison Carried)

### **4. Portfolio Reports**

#### **a) Trips/Special Events - Joy Baby**

The Fiddle and Step event had been a great success. In co-operation with the Mohawk College Retirees Association, plans are underway for outings to "Westside Story" in Stratford and to "Foggy Day" (September 15) at the Shaw Festival. It was agreed that Tuesday September 14 would be a suitable date for the Canterbury Hills dinner and Joy will try to book for that day (and will also ask for a price quote from the Faculty Club).



b) Benefits - Margaret Maggs

-Concern has been expressed by some retirees concerning the new \$106 fee at the Ivor Wynne facilities. Margaret has drafted a letter to Sandy Darling and John McCutcheon will follow through on this matter, which appears to involve a unilateral change in retirees' benefits notified to Human Resources about one year ago.

-Despite many requests, Bob Tangney has not yet sent the promised information regarding semi-private care to retirees from Parking who were not in a union at the time of retirement.

-Marion Grant-Hose had supplied the Association with an up-to-date set of benefits, which Margaret will place in a binder in the MURA office.

-Dora Haisell recounted that a spouse on Plan 2 had been subject to great stress at the Medical Centre concerning her right to semi-private care. It seemed that communications between Human Resources and the Hospital were inadequate and there was considerable confusion and delay before the matter was resolved. Margaret will draft a letter to the appropriate senior administrators and John McCutcheon will follow through.

c) Courier/MURAL - Veronica Morrison

The deadline for MURAL copy will be Wednesday June 2.

d) AGM and BBQ

Gord Raymond reported that the "set up" estimate for the AGM is \$240 + taxes. Brian White and Gord Raymond will make further enquiries.

Motion: that the \$125 allocated for AGM expenses on March 10 be increased to \$250 (Jack Evans/Dora Haisell Carried)

John McCutcheon will contact Stan Hambleton regarding the BBQ arrangements.

e) MUFF committee - John McCutcheon

Meetings of this committee are temporarily on hold pending progress by the Retirement Provisions Committee.

f) Retirement Matters - Jack Evans

*submitted by the employee groups*  
Jack gave each Council member a seven page document outlining the proposals of the Retirement Provisions Committee and drew attention to a few last minute changes. After explaining the text, he asked for Council's approval to "sign off" this document on behalf of MURA so that it could be considered by the University administration through the Board of Governors. *especially as it pertains to retirees*

*endorsed* Motion: that, on behalf of MURA, Jack Evans be *authorized to* given permission to "sign off" the proposals of the Retirement Provisions Committee for presentation to the University administration (Veronica Morrison/Margaret Maggs Carried) *employee groups*

*endorsement of*

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**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 1999 at 1.30 pm in the John Hodgins Engineering Building Room 265.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at approximately 3.25 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon  
President

Please note that the June meeting, with Gerry Keech in the chair, will be held on Wednesday, June 2 (not June 9) in Gilmour Hall Room 204 at 1.30 pm. This will also be the deadline date for MURAL copy.