

## **McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday May 12, 1999**, at 1.30 pm in the John Hodgins Engineering Building Room 265

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

Regrets: Mavis Hubley, Margaret Maggs and Dorothy Matheson

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

Page 2 (f) Retirement Matters - Jack Evans

Delete the original wording under this heading and substitute the following:

"Jack gave each Council member a seven page document outlining the proposals submitted by the employee groups of the Retirement Provisions Committee and drew attention to a few last minute changes. After explaining the text, he asked for Council's endorsement of this document, especially as it pertains to retirees.

Motion: that, on behalf of MURA, Jack Evans be authorized to endorse the employee group proposals to the Retirement Provisions Committee (Veronica Morrison/Margaret Maggs Carried)"

Motion: that, subject to the change above, the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 1999 be approved as previously circulated (Gord Raymond/Brian White Carried)

### **2. Business arising from the Minutes**

John McCutcheon reported that Gerry King has kindly agreed to be our representative on the Pension Trust Committee for one more year.

### **3. President's Report**

John McCutcheon said that he had enjoyed two wonderful years and thanked Council members for their support during his term of office.

### **4. Treasurer's Reports - Dora Haisell**

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 1999 be accepted as printed  
(Dora Haisell/Veronica Morrison Carried)



Motion: that the Financial Statement for the period May 1, 1998 to April 30, 1999 be accepted as printed (Gord Raymond/Joy Baby Carried)

Motion: that Dora Haisell be warmly thanked for her conscientious work as Treasurer (Jack Evans/Veronica Morrison Carried)

## 5. Portfolio Reports

a) Visitations - Stan Hambleton had sent eight sympathy cards

b) Trips/Special Events - Joy Baby  
Arrangements are in hand for the Mystery Theatre June 16 and Heartbreak House at the Shaw Festival on October 29.

Joy had received a quote for the September 14 dinner from the Faculty Club - \$21.95 + gratuity + tax (cash bar) + rental charge for the Great Hall, if needed for a lecture/talk.

Motion: that the Canterbury Hills contract for the September 14 dinner be accepted (Brian White/Veronica Morrison Carried)

c) Benefits

-Despite repeated requests from MURA, Bob Tangney has not yet sent the promised information regarding semi-private care to those retirees from Parking, who were not unionized at the time of retirement.

-John McCutcheon had drafted a letter to the Patient Care Co-ordinator regarding a patient stressed by hospital confusion over her eligibility for semi-private care. Copies will be sent to John Bowman and Peter George. He had also drafted a letter to Sandy Darling with a copy to Peter George regarding the Ivor Wynne fee for retirees.

-Jack Evans emphasized the importance of an "audit trail" in the event that MUSA becomes certified as a union. Existing retirees, who would have been classified in the MUSA group, must not lose any benefits for which they are now eligible.

d) Courier/MURAL - Veronica Morrison

The deadline for MURAL copy is Wednesday June 2.

e) Membership

Gerry Keech presented the membership information which will be copied for those attending the AGM on May 26.

f) AGM/BBQ

Dora reported that 68 people had booked so far. Stan has ordered food and beverages for 80 people from Mrs Link. Gord Raymond has the arrangements for the AGM in hand. Information packages will be available for retirees to study.



g) MUFF committee

At the invitation of Gerry Keech, John McCutcheon kindly agreed to continue serving as the MURA representative on the MUFF committee. Jack Evans suggested that each Council member should give some thought to ways in which the MUFF money might be suitably spent in 1999/2000. Ideas will be considered at the next MURA meeting on June 2.

h) Retirement Matters - Jack Evans

Jack reported that he had attended three long meetings recently but no agreement had been reached. Further meetings are temporarily on hold, while representatives seek independent actuarial advice.

**6. Other Business**

- a) It was agreed that copies of the MURA constitution be made available to those attending the AGM.
- b) Jack Evans suggested that it would be helpful to publish William Mercer's review of the performance of the McMaster University Pension Plans. He will follow up with Veronica Morrison, editor of the MURAL

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at approximately 3.20 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon  
President