

# McMaster University Retirees' Association

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday October 10th, 2001, at 1:30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204 .

Present: Mildred McLaren (chair), Helen Barton, Marju Drynan, Jessie Dunlop, Marilyn Elliot, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Frank Drieman, Stan Hambleton and Herb Jenkins

## 1. Welcome

Mildred McLaren welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Motion:** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday September 12th, 2001 be approved as previously circulated (Anne Sinclair/Helen Otrrosina carried)

## 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Indemnification of Council members

Helen Barton said that McMaster University Part-Time Students' Association had wording in their constitution which was almost identical to the wording which had been proposed and rejected at MURA's AGM on May 30th, 2001. She will do some further study on this question and report back at the next meeting.

(b) Definition of a regular member of MURA

Gerry Keech will put something in writing for consideration at the November meeting.

## 4. Correspondence

The September issue of the MUF A Newsletter had been received. An important issue is the fact that the University has no plan in place to supplement the pension payable for those earning above the government's allowed amounts for the McMaster type of pension plan.

## 5. Vice President's Remarks

Mildred reported that she had attended the reception in the Grand Ballroom, at Liuna Station, on October 3rd, to celebrate the success of the "Changing Tomorrow Today" campaign. It was a lovely well attended party, complete with an excellent McMaster video and speeches.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop said that there had not been much financial activity since the last meeting.. As there was too much money in the current account at present, she planned to invest some money in short term certificates.

The bill for the AGM set-up and microphone this year appeared to be very high in relation to the charges last year but attempts by the Conference Office to obtain a breakdown of the bill had failed. It was agreed that, after consultation with Jessie and Mavis, Averil would draft a letter to the appropriate senior person asking for a details of the costs. The letter would be signed by the MURA President (or Vice President).

## 7. Portfolios

(a) Membership It was agreed that, in accordance with recent decisions, we shall need to contact active members who have not paid their Active Membership Fee by March 1 st, 2002. No decision was made regarding the compilation of the list of those in arrears or whether they should be contacted by telephone or letter.

(b) Christmas Lunch - This will be held on Monday December 3rd, 2001, at the Schwaben Inn, 225 King Street West, Dundas. Jim Myasaka has kindly agreed to provide the sound system and Bonnie White has the purchase and wrapping of small prizes in hand. Mildred McLaryn will invite our guests - Honorary President - Dr A. N Bourns, President of the University - Dr. Peter George and his wife Allison, Chancellor of the University - Mel Hawkrigg and his wife Marilyn, and the bursary /scholarship winners

(c) Trips/Special Events

Mavis and Anne reported that our advertised trips are being very well supported and 18 people have already booked for the Stage West trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002.

(d) MIJRA

It was agreed that the next edition of the MURAL should be published early in January 2002.

(e) Benefits

Marilyn Elliot had visited the Courthouse, where the Benefits section of Human Resources is now located, and had enjoyed a very productive meeting with Dina LoPresti.

The need for someone to field and follow up regularly on telephone messages left at the MURA office in Gilmour Hall was pressing. Helen Barton kindly agreed to do this each week on the understanding that there should be no duplication of effort. When action has been taken, the message should be deleted.

## **8. Any Other Business**

(a) MURA mail box - where is it Mr. President?

(b) Keys for the MURA OFFICE

The following people have keys: Frank Drieman, Jessie Dunlop, Jack Evans, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Veronica Morrison, Anne Sinclair and Bonnie White. Helen Barton said that she didn't need a key as she can access the message machine from elsewhere.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday November 14th, 2001 at 1:30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

## **10. Adjournment**

Mavis Hubley moved the adjournment and the meeting finished at approximately 2:45pm.

Averil Thompson  
Secretary

Mildred McLaren  
Vice-President