

# **McMaster University Retirees Association**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday June 11th, 2003, at 1:30 pm in University Hall, Room 317

**Present:** Mildred McLaren (chair), Helen Barton, Frank Drieman, Jessie Dunlop, Erica Giese, Brian Ives, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrrosina, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

**Regrets:** Marju Drynan, Marilyn Elliot, Gerry Keech and Anne Sinclair

## **1. Welcome**

Mildred McLaren welcomed everyone and especially our new Council member Brian Ives.

## **2. Minutes**

**Motion:** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday May 14th, 2003 be approved as previously circulated (Helen Otrrosina/Veronica Morrison - Carried)

**Motion:** that the minutes of the AGM on Wednesday May 28th, 2003 be presented as printed to the next AGM for approval (Frank Drieman/Erica Giese - Carried)

## **3. Business arising from the minutes**

### **(a) Review of the AGM**

The general consensus was that the arrangements in Convocation Hall had been very successful and that we should repeat the format next year with additional chocolate chip cookies. Jessie Dunlop said that the food refreshments cost \$442.46 and the set-up bill had not yet been received.

### **(b) MURA web site**

Helen Barton reported that some progress had been made and that work on the site would continue in the summer.

### **(c) Laser printer for the MURA office**

Bonnie said that a printer had been bought for \$550 and a cartridge for \$115. Installation is due to take place tomorrow, June 12th.

## **4. Correspondence**

(a) An undated note had been re-Ann Fox-Threlkeld offering to serve the Retirees Association in some capacity. Averil will respond.

(b) Mildred McLaren had received a copy of "The Bridge", a quarterly newsletter published by the Faculty Association. This edition highlighted the retirement scene but did not mention MURA. Mildred will follow up on this.

## 5. President's Remarks

Mildred McLaren thanked Frank Drieman for his leadership during his two terms of office and said that she would be relying upon his advice and support in her position as his successor.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop presented her report which provided the following information regarding our current finances:

membership dues (from May 1st.)	\$1,020.00	68 memberships
balance in Credit Union	\$ 409.41	
balance with ING direct	\$ 19,785.38	
interest May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 47.50	

**Motion:** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted (Jessie Dunlop/Helen Barton - Carried)

## 7. Portfolios

Mildred was happy to report the following:

- Helen Otrosina had agreed to look after the Christmas Lunch, the AGM arrangements and to continue her responsibility for cards;
- Erica Giese had agreed to assist Veronica Morrison in various ways in connection with the MURA news and the Courier;
- Brian Ives will look after faculty liaison;
- Frank Drieman will continue to be responsible for MUSA liaison and pension matters;
- Helen Barton and Marju Drynan will continue to work on the MURA web site;
- Anne Sinclair will continue to work on Trips and Special Events; (? backup)
- Marilyn will continue to work on Benefits (excluding pensions)
- Bonnie White will continue to work on Membership with Gerry Keech

MURA news - Veronica Morrison said that the next edition will be published shortly.

Pension Matters - Frank Drieman reported that the Pension Trust Committee is due to meet on Friday June 13th, when the University's proposed funding formula will be discussed. All the stakeholders appear to think that the formula is designed to favour the University and he is planning to vote against it.

**Motion:** that the Council supports Frank in his decision to vote against the proposed funding formula (Helen Barton! Helen Otrrosina - Carried)

## **8. Goals/Plans for 2003/2004**

There was a long discussion on ways to increase the involvement of retirees in ways consistent with the MURA's objectives, as outlined in the constitution. Retirees might for example be volunteers as tutors, mentors, guides etc. We have also to consider what services we provide or might provide and, in this connection, Brian Ives volunteered to find out what the Faculty Association does for its retired members. Mildred asked us to think about goals and plans over the summer so that we might make some progress in the Fall.

## **9. Any Other Business**

(a) Erica Giese said that Germaine Warkentin of the College and University Retirement Association of Canada is keen to contact us with a view to encouraging us to join this newly formed group with 23 members across Canada. Averil will find out more through the web site and acknowledge the message.

(b) Helen Otrrosina passed around photos taken at the AGM and asked us to identify those unknown to her. She and Bonnie have some plans to mount the better photos with captions and to display them at suitable functions such as AGM's and receptions for new retirees.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday September 10th, 2003, at 1:30 pm in the Student Centre Room 230.

## **11. Adjournment**

Frank Drieman moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 2:45 pm.

Averil Thompson	Mildred McLaren
Secretary	President