

# McMaster University Retirees Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 11th, 2005, at 1:30 pm, in the Student Centre Room 220

**Present:** Mildred McLaren (chair), Mariana Brown, JetrChuchman, Jessie Dunlop, Gabriele Erasmi, Erica Giese, Brian Ives, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton, Frank Drieman, Gerry Keech and Rod Phillips

## 1. Welcome

Mildred welcomed everyone and especially Mariana Brown.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

**Motion:** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 13th be approved as previously circulated ( Helen Otrosina/ Anne Sinclair - carried)

## 3. Business arising from the minutes

(a) Lunch at the President's residence - Mildred thought that it was a very nice occasion with a good turnout. Averil had written a note of thanks to our host, Dr. George,

(b) MURA representation on the Board of Governors  
Our proposal was discussed at the April meeting but needs to be approved at the next meeting in late June.

(c) Statement from Mark Haley  
A reply from Karen Belaire, VP Administration, has been received and a copy is attached to these minutes.

## 4. President's Remarks

Mildred said that the President's Office is seeking a MURA representative for the McMaster United Way Campaign Committee to be chaired by Peter George. It was agreed to discuss this at the Council meeting on June 8th,

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop presented the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure at April 30th, 2005.

**Motion:** that the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure April 2005 be approved as circulated to those present (Jessie Dunlop/Brian Ives - carried)

Following advice from Jessie, Averil was asked by Brian Ives to arrange for those who will be concerned with authorizing MURA cheques (2005/2006) to go to the McMaster Savings and Credit Union at 1005 King S1. West in Westdale and sign the necessary papers. It would be wise to do this shortly after the AGM on May 25th.

## **6. Booking of Room for MURA Council meetings**

Mildred reported that we have a booking from September to December inclusive for the second Wednesday of each month in the Student Centre, but it is not yet certain whether it will be in Room 220 or 230.

## **7. MURA Funding**

Brian Ives and Helen Barton have been invited to make a presentation to MUSA on May 19th and, if all goes well, it may be possible to make a positive statement on funding at the AGM on May 25th.

## **8. AGM**

Helen Otrrosina has the general arrangements well in hand. Bonnie will provide the name tags and the wherewithal for a secret ballot, should there be any nominations from the floor. Helen Barton will be arranging for the copying of the agenda and various reports given to her by those concerned.

Helen Otrrosina will introduce the speaker, Eric Vengroff, and Brian Ives has kindly agreed to give the vote of thanks.

## **9. Portfolios**

( a) Membership - Bonnie reported that the reminder letters had triggered a significant increase in the number of fee paying members.

(b) Trips and Special Events - the trip to the Aviary in Niagara Falls and the two wineries on May 10th was a great success.

(c) Cards - Helen Otrrosina had sent five sympathy cards, including one related to a death in 2004.

(d) MURA news - Veronica has arranged to get a copy of a speech from the recent roast for Dr. Peter George and will publish it in the next edition of the newsletter.

(e) Benefits - Jeff Chuchman said that the printing of various benefits booklets has not yet been completed but the end is in sight.

(f) Website - Brian Ives mentioned that Nicholas Solntseff had paid \$40 for a web site necessity and it was agreed to reimburse him for this expense.

## **10. Any other business**

Brian Ives asked that, in preparation for the next meeting, continuing members of the Council think about the work they would like to do in 2005/2006, as he is planning to allocate portfolios. Veronica (MURA news), Anne Sinclair (Trips and Special Events), Bonnie White (Membership) and Les Robb (Pension Trust Committee) will continue with the same responsibilities.

Mildred thanked those leaving the Council most warmly for their significant work for MURA.

**11.** The next meeting of Council (to be chaired by Brian Ives) will be held on Wednesday June 8th at 1 pm, at the home of Mildred McLaren Apartment # 208 - 980 Golf Links Road, Ancaster. Coffee and dessert will be served before the business meeting, which will probably start at 1 :30 pm. (Following the AGM Averil will write to the new members of Council inviting them to this meeting and enclosing a map.)

## **12. Adjournment**

On a motion to adjourn by Erica Giese, the meeting finished at approximately 3: 15 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Secretary

Mildred McLaren  
President