



## **MCMaster UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

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### **Minutes for COUNCIL MEETING of McMaster University Retirees Association Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 1:30 PM in MUSC-230**

#### **1. Welcome & Regrets**

**Present:** Cliff Andrews, Helen Barton, Brian Beckberger, Beth Csordas, Dianne Coventry, Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting, Nora Gaskin, Heather Grigg (chair), John Horsman, Betty Ann Levy, Carolyn Rosenthal, Shep Siegel,

**Regrets:** Gail Britton, Helen Dickman, Les King, Peter Sutherland

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

##### **2.1 Council Meeting March 14, 2018 (for approval)**

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** by Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting

*“That the minutes of March 14, 2018 be approved”*

**Carried.**

#### **3. Human Resources Report** (Helen Dickman) – No report

#### **4. President’s Report** (Heather Grigg) – No report

#### **5. Treasurer’s Report:** (Beth Csordas)

- the invoices went out to all our funding partners
- the CURAC membership has been paid
- Nora will forward the Wild Apricot renewal invoice to Beth

#### **6. Reports on Special Projects**

##### **6.1 Academic Awards Endowment** (Beth Csordas)

- the fund stands at \$82,204.64, up \$1,300 from last report, getting closer to our goal of \$85,000

##### **6.2 Archives** (Helen Barton)

- Mary Johnston is willing to continue on with the archives, but would like someone from Council to work with her; John Horsman volunteered to do so

### **6.3 Fundraising – MURA Cards** (Beth Csordas) – No report

## **7. Information Reports from Committees**

### **7.1 AGM** (Helen Barton for Gail Britton) – everything is ready for the AGM

### **7.2 Christmas Lunch** (Gail Britton)

- **Actions:** Gail will book CIBC Hall for Wednesday December 5; Heather will advise the President's Office and MUFA about the date after it is confirmed; Helen will send Gail an email to verify that she has confirmed the booking.

### **7.3 Communications** (Helen Barton)

#### **7.3.1 Condolence cards** (Helen Barton) – 2 reported retiree deaths since March:

- Richard Tomlinson, Chemistry (Faculty), Jan. 28/18
- John Cekr, Geology (Unifor), Apr. 4/18

#### **7.3.2 Web site** (Nora Gaskin)

- Wild Apricot has issued us an invoice for a 2-year subscription at the Community Plan level at a cost of CAD 2,675.09

### **7.4 Constitution and By-Laws** (Dianne Coventry) – No report

### **7.5 Membership** (Helen Barton)

- 15 new retirees reported by HR since January
- 5 new self-reported retirees since January
- Rocco Piro of CSU identified 93 (approx. 10%) of MURA's @mcmaster.ca retiree email addresses that are no longer being used, and to whom we have been sending emails
- 4 or 5 people are calling these people to re-connect, with some success
- Helen uses Canada 411 to try to track the people whose phone numbers don't work
- the remainder will be sent a MURAnews mailing, and if necessary we can ask HR to give us current contact info
- the file comparison between our file and HR's still hasn't been cleaned up, but may be in the works

### **7.6 MURAnews** (Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting) – the deadline for submissions is Friday April 13, and the stuffing date will be April 25 at 11 am in MUSC-220

### **7.7 Nominating** (Les King) – No report

### **7.8 Pensions and Benefits** (Helen Barton for Peter Sutherland)

- Shingles vaccine: we asked HR to find out which, if any, of the retiree benefit plans cover the shingles vaccine, and if so, which vaccine. Zostavax is the

older vaccine, but the newer Shingrix is more effective (and more expensive). We are still waiting for an answer.

- There were some questions from retirees about how to get a MAC ID. **Action:** Nora will create a page on our web site for people who want to get a MAC ID.

**7.9 Trips & Special Events** – No report

**7.10 Volunteering** (Betty Ann Levy) – No report

## **8. Information Reports from Liaisons**

**8.1 University Board of Governors** (Betty Ann Levy) – No report

**8.2 CURAC** (Heather Grigg) – Marianne was pleased to hear that she would receive the CURAC award

**8.3 MUFA** (Shep Siegel) – No report

**8.4 Unifor** – No report

**8.5 Hourly Staff Liaison** (Dianne Coventry) – No report

**8.6 Hourly Pension Committee** (Cliff Andrews) – Next meeting is May 2nd

**8.7 Salaried Pension Committee** (Brian Beckberger) – Next meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>; the 2017 valuation has been put on the HR Pensions website

## **9. Other Business**

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger at 1:59 pm

*“That the meeting be adjourned”*

**Carried.**