



MCMaster UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for COUNCIL MEETING of McMaster University Retirees Association Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 2:30 PM, Winchester Arms

1. Welcome & Regrets

Present: Cliff Andrews, Helen Barton (chair), Brian Beckberger,
Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting, Nora Gaskin, Mary Gauld, Heather Grigg, John
Horsman, Hank Jacek, Kathy Overholt, Debbie Weisensee

Regrets: Beth Csordas, Mahendra Joshi, Les King, Mary Law, Betty Ann Levy

2. Appointment of Treasurer

Moved by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** by Heather Grigg

“that Debbie Weisensee be appointed as MURA Treasurer for the year 2019-2020”

Carried unanimously.

Bank Signing Authority

Beth and Debbie will confirm needs with Scotia Bank and Tangerine and make arrangements for change to signing authorities. Need documentation of appointment/election of President and Vice-President (from AGM minutes), and Treasurer and Secretary (from Council minutes).

3. President's Report (Helen Barton)

- The MURA Prize for a graduand has been awarded to Amanda Whelan.
- The AGM had 67 people present, 6 regrets, and 12 no-shows. Comments/critique on conduct of the AGM & luncheon and suggestions for improvements for next year will be sought at the September Council meeting.
- Ideas for a speaker for next year's AGM speaker: Parminder Raina, on the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (Mary Gauld is contact), and try again with Santee Smith (Heather Grigg).
- New Retiree Luncheon is planned for the fall, early October: Anne Plessl, Heather Grigg and Mary Gauld will work on it.

- Heather and Helen had a meeting with Wanda McKenna, head of HR last week. The face of retirement is changing, so we've been working with HR trying to get a definition of a retiree, e.g. with no defined pension, benefits, etc. **Action:** Helen will get back to Wanda in October to raise it again. Next year will be the first year that people will retire in this category, so one of MURA's goals is to make sure we have the processes in place to find these people and make sure that they know that MURA is relevant to them.
- A rash of people are having difficulties with drug coverage with Sun Life.
- HR has worked with Sun Life to make vaccines direct pay.
- **Action:** Helen will send info about portfolios.
- **Action:** Helen will send Alvin Lee a card of thanks.

Moved by Brian Beckberger at 2:57pm

"that the meeting be adjourned"

Carried.