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## **Minutes for COUNCIL MEETING of McMaster University Retirees Association Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 1 PM (Zoom)**

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

**Present:** Denise Anderson, Cliff Andrews, Helen Barton, Brian Beckberger, Barry Diacon, Nora Gaskin, John Horsman, Hank Jacek (chair), Michelle Jubinville, Betty Ann Levy, Dina LoPresti

**Regrets:** Susan Birnie, Mary Gauld, Nancy Gray, Kathy Overholt

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

**2.1 Council Meeting April 13, 2022 (for approval)**

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** by John Horsman

*“that the minutes of April 13, 2022 be approved”*

**Carried.**

### **3. Business Arising**

#### **4. Human Resources Report** (Michelle Jubinville)

**Action:** Regarding the new retiree release form, MURA will put together our wish list and HR will let us know what they can do. At present all the fields are pulled from the Mosaic database.

#### **5. President’s Report** (Hank Jacek)

- Barb Carpio has resigned from Council effective April 2022. Helen noted that we will be a bit light on councillors, but at this time we are not currently planning to try to find another councillor for the 2022-23 year, although when the new slate comes in after the AGM, it would always be possible to do so. We will have to recruit people to serve on committees, and looking at people who are regular attendees at our events is one way to do that.
- By an email vote, Council appointed Brian Beckberger as MURA’s representative on the Salaried Pension Trust Committee, since the deadline was a day before our May Council meeting. Nora has moved the appointment one month earlier in the calendar of MURA President’s duties to avoid having to conduct an email vote in future.

**6. Treasurer's Report** (Nancy Gray) – written report

**Action:** Nora will communicate to Nancy the change in wording for the note about the 2 scholarships, i.e., "\$3000 will top up the fund, and \$2000 will ensure that a \$1000 annual scholarship is awarded in each of the next two academic years."

**7. Reports on Special Projects**

**7.1 Academic Awards Endowment** (Helen Barton) – no report

**7.2 Archives** (John Horsman) – no report

**7.3 Fundraising – MURA Cards** (Nora Gaskin)

Nora mailed 25 cards to a member who responded to the advertisement in the Spring issue of *MURAnews*.

**Action:** At some point we might consider sending an announcement about the cards to the listserv.

**8. Information Reports from Committees**

**8.1 AGM** (Mary Gauld)

- **Action:** Helen will give Dina access to the database of attendees so she can assist Mary with attendance taking.
- **Action:** Brian is going to be away, so will send his report to Nora on June 5. Brian will speak on highlights of his report, and will answer any questions. Cliff will submit a report by June 5<sup>th</sup> and will answer questions if any.
- **Action:** Hank will ask Susan if she will introduce Doug Welch.

**8.2 Holiday Lunch** (Mary Gauld) – no report

**8.3 Communications** (John Horsman) – no report

**8.3.1 Condolence cards** (Helen Barton)

Helen has taken over this function temporarily.

**Action:** Helen and Kathy will update HR on the outstanding notices.

**Action:** We need someone to take over this task on an ongoing basis.

**8.3.2 Web site** (Nora Gaskin) A member requested copies of the 3 handouts that were sent to the New Retiree Event participants.

**Action:** Nora will upload copies of the handouts to the web site.

**8.4 Constitution & By-Laws** (Brian Beckberger) – no report

**8.5 Membership** (Kathy Overholt) – no report

**8.6 MURAnews** (Helen Barton)

- More requests for print and/or email copies have come in since the Spring issue was published.

- Should the Summer issue be the last time we ask people whether they want to continue to receive the print version of the newsletter? Yes, and do something different for the fall.
- Council is invited to contribute Ideas about things that should go into the Summer newsletter, e.g. new retiree handouts now available on our web site.

**8.6 MURAnews** (Helen Barton)

- More requests for print and/or email copies have come in since the Spring issue was published.
- **Action:** Summer issue will be the last time we ask people whether they want to continue to receive the print version of the newsletter.
- **Action:** For Summer newsletter: new retiree handouts now available on our web site.

**8.7 Nominating** (Helen Barton) – no report

**8.8 Pensions and Benefits** (Brian Beckberger)

- Someone wanted a copy of their benefits booklet. There are sometimes new publication dates on the booklets. It's unclear what, if any changes there are from one to the next.
- Incorrect bank address listed for one member in their Sun Life member account. Conflicting information from Sun Life and HR about how to get it corrected. Sun Life to institute training for phone support employees on the topic.

**8.9 Trips & Special Events** (Mary Gauld) – no report

**8.10 Volunteering** (Dina LoPresti) – no report

- An email came to the MURA email requesting volunteers for a research study.
- **Action:** Helen will start involving Dina when a request for volunteers comes in via email.

**9. Information Reports from Liaisons**

**9.1 Age-Friendly University Committee** (Mary Gauld) – no report

**9.2 Community Engagement Committee** (Dina LoPresti) – no report

**9.3 CURAC** (Hank Jacek)

- Hank will represent us at the CURAC AGM on Thursday June 16.
- **Action:** Helen will send an email to the membership about the CURAC Virtual Assembly

**9.4 CURAC Later Life Learning Committee** – no report

**9.5 MUFA** (Hank Jacek) – no report

**9.6 Unifor 5555** (Barry Diacon)

- In the next 3 weeks there will be a virtual election for a new President of Unifor.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August there will be a constitutional convention, and Barry is going as a delegate.
- The retiree chapter approved a motion going to local 555 that Unifor should encourage all provincial governments to provide Shingrix to all, regardless of age.

**9.7 Hourly Staff Liaison** (Cliff Andrews) – no report

**9.8 Hourly Pension Committee** (Cliff Andrews) There was a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>, but there will be no news until the fall.

**9.9 Salaried Pension Trust Committee** (Brian Beckberger)

Final meeting is tomorrow. Pension fund took a hit when the market had a downturn. Hopefully it will recover before the end of the year.

**9.10 University Board of Governors** (Betty Ann Levy) – written report

- **Action:** Betty Ann will summarize the documentation for the next BoG rep.
- **Action:** We need to appoint someone as observer in the summer, in order for the representative to be ready for the fall meeting.
- **Action:** Will have to find out who to notify about our new BoG rep. Nora will put it on the calendar for the first meeting of the new Council.
- Hank thanked everyone who participated this year. Cliff thanked Hank.

**10. Other Business**

- **Action:** Hank will ask Susan what she wants to do about a June or July meeting of new Council, either for business or social purposes.

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger at 2:42 pm

*“that the meeting be adjourned”*

**Carried.**