



## McMaster University Retirees Association

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### Minutes for COUNCIL MEETING of McMaster University Retirees Association Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 1 PM (Zoom)

#### 1. Welcome & Regrets

**Present:** Cliff Andrews, Helen Barton, Brian Beckberger, Susan Birnie (chair), Barry Diacon, Nora Gaskin, Mary Gauld, John Horsman, Hank Jacek, Betty Ann Levy, Dina LoPresti, Jan Nicholson, Kathy Overholt, Richard Stubbs

**Regrets:** Denise Anderson, Nancy Gray

Susan welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the new Council, and members of Council introduced themselves and described their history and MURA roles.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

##### 2.1 Council Meeting May 11, 2022 (for approval)

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** by Cliff Andrews

*“that the minutes of May 11, 2022 be approved”*

**Carried.**

#### 3. Business Arising

Brian noted that at the AGM, after the election, the new President should take over as presiding officer. **Action:** Nora will make sure the procedural document reflects this (done).

#### 4. President’s Report (Susan Birnie)

##### 4.1 Motion re appointment of MURA representative to Board of Governors

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** Betty Ann Levy

*“that Richard Stubbs be appointed the MURA representative to the Board of Governors for 2022-23”*

**Carried.**

## 4.2 Other committee/liaison assignments

Some vacancies were filled.

- Dina LoPresti volunteered to take care of **Condolence cards**. **Action:** Helen and Nora will make sure Dina has a copy of the guidelines (done).
- We need a **MURAnews Chair** and an ongoing **MURAnews news editor**. Non-Councillors can also fill these roles.
- Brian would like to have a few more members on the **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**.
- **Nominating Committee – Action:** Nora will send Hank the guidelines for the Chair of the Nominating Committee (done). Volunteers from Council are invited to be on the Committee.
- Barry Diacon volunteered to join the **Pension & Benefits Committee**.
- Betty Ann Levy and Jan Nicholson volunteered to join the **Volunteering Committee**.
- **Fundraising - MURA Cards:** Mary Gauld volunteered to manage this during social events.
- Jan Nicholson agreed to continue on the **MIRA Community Partner Network**.

## 4.3 2022-23 projects/issues

**Constitution:** We need to discuss whether to change the constitution so as to include virtual or hybrid meetings. This would also be a good opportunity to:

- move the current two bylaws into the constitution,
- change the dates for approval of standing committee chairs and members, and
- possibly change the definition of a retiree.

**Action:** Brian and Nora will locate the proposed constitutional changes that were drafted in January – February 2020 (done).

- Constitutional amendments have to be passed no later than March in order to meet the 60-day deadline before the AGM.
- Volunteers who are interested in working on this over the next six months are invited to contact Brian or Susan.

**Definition of a retiree:** MURA needs to re-engage with the university about who is considered a retiree, by the university and by MURA. People who retire without benefits and a pension are not considered retirees by the university, but are considered retirees for MURA's purposes. It could be that the University is waiting for MURA to propose a definition of retiree for the purpose of transferring the information on the identity of these people to MURA. **Action:** Barry will get a copy of Unifor 5555's definition of a retiree.

## 4.4 Council meeting in fall term: Zoom (or other virtual meeting technology), in person or hybrid?

**Action:** Jan will look into the technology necessary for hybrid meetings. Whatever room we get, we have to make sure it's well ventilated.

**8. Information Reports from Committees**

**8.2 Holiday Lunch** (Mary Gauld) – Tuesday December 6

**8.9 Trips & Special Events** (Mary Gauld) – Virtual Tour of McMaster Museum of Art for fall

**Action:** Helen will resend timelines for *MURAnews* submission to Mary

**9. Information Reports from Liaisons**

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

**10. Other Business**

Someone at Sun Life is of the opinion that retiree benefits may change when Sun Life issues a restatement of a plan, which is not true. Brian has spoken to Jordan about this to make sure that he communicates that to Sun Life.

**Moved** by Brian Beckberger at 2:55 pm

*“that the meeting be adjourned”*

**Carried.**