

**The Association of Retired UPEI Employees**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, November 26, 2010**  
**AVC Lecture Theatre “A”**

**Members Present**

Charles Blouin, Fr. Francis W Bolger, Betty Campbell, Rosealeen Chaisson, Ron Collins, Don Creiger, Sharon Creiger, RA Curtis, Evelyn Daley, Satadal Dasgupta, Isabel DeRoche, Cathy Dillon, Shirley Dillon, Lawson Drake, Betty Ann Ferris, Doreen Foster, Eugene Gallant, Mel Gallant, Noreen Gillan, Roger Gordon, Jim Hancock, Edward Hanus, Norine Hanus, Susan Heaney, Baird Judson, Harry Love, Sue Loucks, Kaye Martell, Virginia McCarvill, Edgar MacDonald, Grant MacDonald, Robert Mahen, Barb Mullaly, Georgina Mulligan, Glenn Palmer, Merrill Pineau, Gilbert Quinn, Mike Read, Joe Revell, Andy Robb, Winnie Robbins, Bert Tersteeg, Ernest Trainor, Meredith Trainor.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by President Andy Robb. The President thanked those attending and noted that an attendance sheet was circulating for members to sign and update their address or email.

**Agenda:**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting posted on the Retirees web site, had been circulated by email to members and were available at the back of the room. No errors or omissions were noted. Approval of the minutes was M./S Mullaly/Father Bolger **Carried**

**Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the minutes that would not be covered later in the agenda.

**President’s Report**

President Robb talked about the objectives of the retirees association: (1) to advocate for and look after the interests of the retirees and (2) to create opportunities for the retirees get together for the presentation of interesting topics and social interaction with fellow retirees.

Robb reported that on behalf of the board he had sent a letter to Minister Campbell in support of UPEI’s stand on the Homberg University proposal and was pleased that government had reevaluated their plan. He also commented that there seemed to be a lot of positive buzz on the selection of President Designate Dr. Alaa S. Abd-El-Aziz.

CURAC(the national university retirees organization) had their AGM in May. The executive looked at the agenda but felt there was not enough of interest or relevance to warrant attending.

On the social scene a February event featured a talk by Dr. Heather Morrison, PEI Chief Medical Officer, on the challenge of dealing with H1N1. The Summer BBQ and Golf event was held in June at Stanhope .Murray and Ferne Stevenson were excellent hosts and we appreciate their continued hospitality. Both events were well received and the members who attended had a wonderful time.

President Robb shared three notices with those in attendance:

- stay current on UPEI events by subscribing to Campus Events on the staff\_faculty section of the UPEI web page.
- note that Senate meetings are open to the public and the dates are available on the website.
- mark December16th on your calendar for the annual UPEI Christmas Social.

Also plans are well underway for the Retiree event in February 2011. Stay tuned.

President Robb thank the executive for all of their work on behalf of retirees during the past year.

M/S Robb/Revell - acceptance of the President's report.

**Carried**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Noreen Gillan, the treasurer, reported that at the start of this year (November 1, 2009) our bank balance was **2517.21**. Revenue for the year was **1727.64**, while expenses were **2507.01**. Our balance as of October 31, 2010 was. **1404.62**.

M/S Gillan/Collins Acceptance of the treasurers report.

**Carried**

M/S Gillan/Heaney That the membership fee remain at \$20 for 2010-11.

**Carried**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Past-President Lawson Drake presented the nominating committee report, the following are nominated for positions

President	Andy Robb
Vice President	Susan Heaney
Secretary	Barb Mullaly
Treasurer	<i>Merrill Pineau</i>
Directors	Mel Gallant
	<i>Bert Tersteeg</i>
	Robert Mahen
	Georgina Mulligan
	Glenn Palmer

Drake called for nominations from the floor - three times. He then declared the slate accepted.

## **Minute of Silence**

President Robb called for a minute of silence for former colleagues who have passed away in the last year including: Fran Fraser Baker, Father A. Charles MacDonald, Merritt Crockett, Ken Butler, Chuck Matheson and Don Gallant. Also mentioned was Donna Meincke, while not a member, the wife of former President Peter Meincke.

## **New Business**

Baird Judson asked if anything had been done about his concern regarding parking for retirees when they come to campus. President Robb said that to his knowledge nothing had changed. Mr. Clayton from Facilities Management had been present last year but was not able to be present today.

The question of cost of membership in light of the current financial statement was raised. It appears that we spent more than we took in this past year. There were questions about the number of potential members versus the number of paid members. It was suggested that perhaps the executive should look at the paid members list and perhaps recommend a raising of the membership fee for next year.

## **Campus Updates**

Vice President Jim Randall welcomed those in attendance and talked about how his perception on retiring has changed over his career. He also spoke about the need to interact with retirees in a more systematic way. He pointed out that the university should develop specific strategies for engaging both retirees and the broader island community and that he hoped that this would happen.

## **Pension Plan**

Phil Hooper shared an overview of the plan. The UPEI is a defined benefit plan and the contributions to the pension plan are greater than what is being paid out. There are currently 653 active members and 251 retired members in the plan. Some changes have been made with the increase of cpp to 7.2 and the stacking years added (1990-1998). The next formal valuation of the plan occurs in April 2011.

There is a Pension Investment Review Committee and a Pension Advisory Committee. The plan is vested 40% in Fixed Income, 30 in Canadian and 30% in Global investment. There have been a few years of underperforming which have resulted in no indexing to the pension. There has to be a four year return above 6% before indexing occurs. The last two years have been better.

## Capital Update

Wensley Power provided a Capital update in the absence of Greg Clayton. New building and changes on the campus over the last couple of years include projects such as:

- beginning of work on the School of Nursing and Family and Nutritional Science building which will complete the Quad bordered by the WA Murphy Building, Chi-Wan Young Sports Centre and the Main Building
- Canada Games Track and Field facility with the club house
- Horse Grazing area
- Cass Gaming Lab
- Accessibility Upgrades and renovation in Kelley (former Business area).
- Upgrades through Federal Initiatives

Going forward there are plans for more exterior signage and Capital Asset Renewal project involving Memorial and Robertson Library; and enhancement to campus landscaping.

## Benefits

Jennifer Prinz presented an update on benefits. She indicated that we had two health plans and described how the benefits worked. She also explained that UPEI is part of ISI for buying health benefits with other Atlantic Universities.

**Effective May 1, 2010** the travel portion of the Health Plan is being administered by AXA. All retirees should have received a brochure and new card to be carried anytime a retiree is traveling outside Prince Edward Island. AXA designates some world destinations as high risk travel areas. A list of these areas is available on the UPEI web under- Human Resources-employee benefits-war zone list.

AXA suggests that when traveling individuals should pay the first \$500 out of pocket and then apply for reimbursement. If the cost of care will be above \$500 then AXA should be contacted first. The number to use is on the AXA travel card.

She again provided a summary of the top ten drugs used with the top being:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Lipitor cholesterol      | 6. Nexium GI                |
| 2. Remicade arthritis       | 7. Losec GI                 |
| 3. Humira -crohns/arthritis | 8. Advair Asthma            |
| 4. Enbrel- arthritis        | 9. Ciprolex Anti-depressant |
| 5. Crestor-cholesterol      | 10. Singulair Asthma        |

There is no change in the dental cost allowance this year.

A number of things that retirees should remember

- (1) at 65 you become provincial senior drug plan
- (2) dispensing fees vary from pharmacy to pharmacy, shop around
- (3) know your medications and ask if generic brands are available

President Andy thanked all of the presenters and invited them and all present to a social in the Learning Commons..

Motion for adjournment M/S Collins/Read

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted

Barb Mullaly Secretary

Check out our web site at [www.upei.ca/staff\\_faculty/retiree](http://www.upei.ca/staff_faculty/retiree), for minutes and up to date notices.

## Addendum 1

### THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED U.P.E.I. EMPLOYEES

#### Statement of Income & Expenses

**For the Period November 1 2009 To Oct 31 2010**

Balance in Bank Savings Account (Oct 31/2009) **2,517.21**

#### **INCOME**

Membership Dues (2009-2010 - 64)	1,340.00	
Prepaid dues 60.00		
Luncheon Feb/09	385.00	
Interest	2.64	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,727.64</b>	<b>4,244.85</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

UPEI-AGM	800.34	
Luncheon meeting	666.95	
Gifts Guest Speaker, MSS, T Pratt	206.57	
Annual Bar B Q and Golf Day	677.69	
CURAC - Dues	50.00	
Postage	337.94	
Printing Envelopes Etc	92.94	
Bank charges	7.80	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,840.23</b>	<b>2,840.23</b>

**Balance In Bank Account October 31, 2010** **1,404.62** **1,404.62**

Outstanding Cheque #30 108.05