

**The Association of Retired UPEI Employees
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, December 5, 2013
Don and Marian MacDougall Hall Room #246**

Members Present

Velma Affleck, Eileen Blanchard, Rosaleen Chaisson, Satadal Dasgupta, Isabel DeRoche, Cathy Dillon, Shirley Dillon, Susan Dohoo, Eugene Gallant, Edward Hanus, Norine Hanus, Phil Hooper, Baird Judson, Ninian LeBlanc, Edgar MacDonald, Robert Mahen, Kay Martell, Virginia McCarville, David Morrison, Barb Mullaly, Georgina Mulligan, Jan Palmer, Merrill Pineau, Terry Pratt, Buddy Quinn, Mike Read, Joe Revell, Gavin Richardson, Andy Robb, Amreek Singh, Verner Smitheram, and Bob Suen.

Regrets:

David Cairns, Betty Campbell, Ron Collins, Mariedith Crockett, Wayne Cutcliffe, Marion MacKinnon, and Susanne Manovill.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 by President Satadal Dasgupta. He thanked everyone for attending and noted that an attendance sheet was circulating for members to sign and update their address or email. He also explained that the date for the meeting was a couple of weeks late, as we had been trying to coordinate our meeting with some presentations from Human Resources. We have been able to include a presentation on our travel insurance by SSQ today.

Agenda:

M/S Read/Smitheram that the agenda as present be approved. **Carried**

Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were posted on the Retirees web site, were circulated by email, and copies were available at the back of the room. Time was provided for a quick review. The question was then asked, 'were there any amendments required to the 2012 AGM minutes.'

No amendments were offered.

M/S Pratt/Gallant that the minutes as circulated are approved. **Carried**

Business Arising

A question was asked about the Val—Pak Project mentioned in the minutes. President Satadal noted that a group of on campus opportunities at reduced or no cost was close to be being printed when the UPEI financial crunch hit, and many of the potential savings have disappeared. The project is back to square one but will be pursued again this year.

President's Report

President Satadal delivered his President's report. He expressed thanks to the Board who had worked so diligently over the past year. Satadal offered a special thank you to Past President Andy Robb and board member Glenn Palmer for their wonderful efforts on behalf of the UPEI Retirees. In addition, a special thanks was given to Georgina Mulligan who is departing the Board after seven years. She has been the ears and eyes of the association sending cards of congratulation, get well, and condolence to members on behalf of the association. She also is the 'queen of the prizes' because of her ability to find a large number of draw prizes for our events.

President Satadal thanked Barb Mullaly for her work as secretary on our behalf, and also to Velma Affleck, Merrill Pineau, and Vern Smitheram for their work and agreeing to continue on the board.

This year's association activities included a luncheon with speaker in March and the Annual BBQ and Golf in June. Laurie Brinklow, MAIS, PhD candidate, did a great presentation called "The Culture of Islands: A journey through Tasmania, Newfoundland, and PEI, in pictures and poetry." The presentation was well received but the numbers were a little lower than usual, perhaps because the event was moved further into March instead of the last weekend in February.

The Annual BBQ and Golf was held at Fox Meadow again in June. Sixty members and partners attended the event. The location and food was superb, especially the low-cal dessert. Members enjoyed a great evening of camaraderie and connecting with colleagues.

The Val Pak project mentioned earlier hit a bit of a hurdle with the financial challenges at UPEI. It will stay on the agenda to be worked on during the coming year. Also in partnership with UPEI Human Resources are plans for presentations on Generic Drugs and the pension plan.

Through email, we have been able to circulate timely material from CURAC, the national retirees association. They have a task force working on Health Care in Canada. In addition we have forwarded international sharing opportunities.

President Satadal reminded retirees that they could keep contact with the association through our email upeiretires@gmail.com or on the UPEI website at www.upei.ca/staff_faculty/retirees. The UPEI website also offers good information about what is happening on campus from senate meetings and minutes to upcoming social events.

Finally the best news is that the membership fee will remain at \$30.00 for the upcoming year.

President Satadal again thanked all those who attended and asked that his report be accepted.

M/S Dasgupta/Mahen that the President's report be accepted **Carried**
Finance Report

Barb Mullaly presented the Financial Report in Betty Campbell's absence. The report detailed that the opening balance Nov 2012 was \$772.68. The total revenue for the year 2013 was \$2610.19 with total expenses of \$2862.11 leaving a balance of \$520.76 as of October 31, 2013.

M/S Mahen/Gallant acceptance of the financial statement **Carried**

Nomination Committee

Andy Robb presented the nomination report.

Past President	- Satadal Dasgupta
President	- Bob Mahen
Vice President	- Vern Smitheram
Secretary	- Barb Mullaly
Treasurer	- Betty Campbell
Members-returning	- Velma Affleck
	- Merrill Pineau
- new	- David Cairns
	- Wayne Cutcliffe
	- Norine Hanus

Andy asked if there were any nominations from the floor; once, twice , three times.

M/S MacDonald/Affleck that the slate as presented is accepted **Carried**

Minute of Silence

President Satadal spoke about each of our colleagues who have passed away since our last AGM. He called for a minute of silence to remember

- Mary Beth Harris – Mary Beth was a reference librarian at UPEI
- Mary Ross – Mary was a house mother in Marian Hall as part of student services
- Marion Younker – Marion was the administrative assistant to first President, Ron Baker
- Keir Adams – Keir was a well respected Professor of Chemistry
- Josie McDermaid – Josie was a long serving member of the cleaning staff.

New Business

There was no new business added to the agenda.

Updates

SSQ Travel Insurance - Mylene DeJardins

It is important to remember that SSQ is the travel insurance carrier, not Medavie Blue Cross, who are our Health Benefits Insurer (drugs, dental and extra health benefits: physio, etc).

SSQ is UPEI travel Insurance carrier; it bought AXA which maybe the company listed on your travel card with the policy number of our plan. AXA is the company we call, worldwide, if we have medical emergencies while travelling. In Canada and the US call 1-866-783-9473, or internationally call collect 514-285-8195.

If the cost of the services are small we should pay for the service and submit the receipts for reimbursement when we return. If the situation is more serious (involves hospitalization etc) we should call the number immediately. The people at the AXA number can help guide you to the nearest hospital, services, etc. when you are away.

Travel insurance is good for 180 days of travel. Participants have to return to home for at least one night in order to be eligible for insurance on the next trip. The Plan allows for (with maximums):

Medical reimbursement	Rental Expenses
Emergency dental	Hotel costs
Evacuation	Referral to Services Outside Canada (needs to be pre-approved)
Repatriation	Deductible is nil
Family Travel/Accommodation	
Return of Vehicle	

To be eligible for insurance, individuals' chronic conditions (existed for 6 months or longer) should not have required medical or psychiatric intervention for a minimum of six (6) months. There should be no change in medication (for better or worse) during that time. Individuals should speak with their Doctors about the advisability of travel. If a Doctor has made written notes about a change in medication or condition in your file and it is related to the condition you are requesting reimbursement for, it can be accessed as part of your claim.

Another item that members should be alert to potential war zones. AXA publishes a monthly rating of countries or parts of countries around the world. Areas that appear on any of the war zone rating levels require an extra insurance premium for the travel insurance to be valid. The monthly rating chart is available on the website.

Ms. DeJardins stressed the importance of good communication between members and their health care providers about the advisability of travel.

The following travel items are available on the hr.upei.ca/employee-benefits website. Please note that there may be different information for faculty than for staff.

Medavie Blue Cross Booklet
Travel Insurance -SSQ
Benefit Booklet
Claim Form
Consent Form
Travel Card (can be downloaded)
War Zone List (November 2013)

President Satadal thanked Ms. Dejadins for her presentation and invited everyone to a social time in the Schurman Marketplace.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Mullaly
Secretary

Check our web site at www.upei.ca/staff_faculty/retiree, for minutes and up-to-date notices.

****See Appendix 1 –Budget – next page

Addendum 1

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

Statement of Income & Expenses

For the Period November 1 2012 to Oct 31 2013

Balance in Bank Savings Account(Oct 31/2012) **772.68**

INCOME

Membership Dues(2012-13)	2040.00	
Interest	.19	
Luncheon Mar/13	260.00	
BBQ (spouses fee)	310.00	
Subtotal	2610.19	3382.87

EXPENSES

CURAC - Dues	50.00
Bank charges	7.00
AGM/Supplies	548.16
Luncheon meeting	384.48
Supplies (postage and paper)	91.12
Printing	70.10
Annual BBQ and Golf Day	1711.25
Subtotal	2862.11

Balance In Bank Account October 31 2013 **520.76**

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Campbell