University of Waterloo Retirees Association
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
University Club, University of Waterloo

Minutes

There were about 30 attendees including UWRA Board members. Packages including the Agenda and submitted reports were handed to those present.

A. President’s welcome to members - Sue Fraser welcomed everyone to the meeting.

B. Collection of proxies - no proxies submitted.

C. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2018 AGM. Minutes posted on UWRA website. The minutes were approved as posted. Moved: Alan George Accepted. Seconded: Shandrika Anjaria

D. Business arising from the 2018 AGM - None

E. President’s Report on activities since the last AGM [report on website] for info only.

F. Other Board Member Reports

a) Treasurer (David Matthews) [Report on UWRA website]
   Moved: D. Matthews
   Accepted. Seconded: A. George

b) Membership & Records (Jim Marshall) [Report on UWRA website]. Jim also added that as of 2018 new retirees are given a free year’s membership to the UWRA. Once that expires we are hopeful that they will become annual/or life members. For information only.

c) Social Programs (Paul Eagles/Dale Weber) for info only. [Reports on UWRA website]. Paul Eagles was not present to give his report.

d) Pension & Benefits (Mary Thompson) [report on UWRA website]

c) Coach Tours (Peggy Day) Peggy reported that June 9th will be the date for a beer tasting at Block 3 in St. Jacobs. Peggy is new to this position and would be delighted to hear other ideas for activities from UWRA members.
f) Scholarships/Keystone Campaign (Jim Frank) A handout about the Keystone Campaign was distributed by Cristen Brown and Joanne Whittaker. Jim Frank informed the group that of the $1.1 million raised, 40% came from retirees. He reported that the Keystone Campaign Picnic, this year, will be held on June 7th.

g) Communications:

i) WATTimes (Ken McLaughlin) [Report on UWRA website] Ken talked about his time as the WATTimes editor and the combination of UW’s 60th and UWRA 30th Anniversaries being in the same year. He spoke of the beginnings of the UW campus and Mike Brooks who was the Building Superintendent at the time; how the campus looked and felt and the fact that there was little funding for expansion at that time. Looking forward has always been a UW mantra as we can see by how the campus has evolved from those days. [Ken will step down from the role of WATTimes Editor and leaves behind him big shoes to fill. His vast knowledge of UW and its history will be sorely missed.]

ii) Web site (Ian Fraser) [Report on UWRA website]

iii) Enquiries (Sue Fraser) Nothing contentious.

iv) Emails to members (Jim Marshall) [Report on UWRA website]

G. Other Business

i) Thank you gifts for those leaving the Board. Sue Fraser thanked Ken McLaughlin for his time on the UWRA Board as Editor of WATTimes and presented him with a small token of our thanks.

H. Election and introduction of the new Board of Directors by the Chair of the Nominations Committee and comments – Alan George [report on UWRA website]

2019 – 2020 UWRA Board of Directors

Sue Fraser President
Lynn Judge Vice-President
Alan George Past President
David Matthews Treasurer
Jim Marshall Membership Coordinator
Pam Van Allen Secretary
Peggy Day Couch Tour Coordinator
Mary Thompson Pensions and Benefits Representative
Paul Eagles Social Events Co-Chair
Dale Weber Social Events Co-Chair
Ian Fraser UWRA Website Manager
As Ken McLaughlin steps down as the WATtimes Editor, Alan George will become Editor in Chief with an Editorial Board consisting of Bob Hicks, Ron Champion and Lynn Judge (interim). Moved: Alan George Approved. Seconded: Terry Weldon

I. Motion to Adjourn