University of Waterloo Retirees Association

Annual General Meeting

via Zoom

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

All reports are on the UWRA website in their entirety

Present: L. Judge (Pres.), I. Fraser, S. Fraser, J. Marshall, J. Ashworth, J. Frank, M. Thompson, P. Day, D. Matthews, A. George, B. Hicks, R. Champion, P. Van Allen (Secretary), David Taylor, Rose Vogt, Tony Cullen, Steve Breen, Peggy Jarvie, Barbara Checketts, David John, Cathy Taylor, Bob Kerton, Kevin Stewart, Ernst Huber, Ian McGee, Roger Watt, Mary Ann Vaughan, Chandrika Anjaria, Hugh Scoggan

Absent: S. Forrest, B. Sweet

A. **President’s welcome to members** – Lynn Judge welcomed everyone to the meeting.

B. **Collection of proxies** - No proxies were submitted.

C. **Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2020 AGM**

   Moved: L. Judge
   Accepted. Seconded: I. Fraser

D. **Business arising from the 2020 AGM** - None

E. **President’s Report on activities since the last AGM**

   Moved: P. Eagles
   Accepted. Seconded: C. Anjaria

F. **Other Board Member Reports [all reports are on the UWRA website]**

   a) **Treasurer** (David Matthews)
      
      David also reported that we now have E-transfer availability for payment of membership fees. Moved: D. Matthews
      Accepted. Seconded: R. Vogt

   b) **Membership & Records** (Jim Marshall)
      
      Questions arose in regards to increasing our membership and how we communicate what we have to offer. Lynn J. explained that there is some information included in the exit packages for new retirees and that a subcommittee of the Board of the UWRA is brainstorming new opportunities. Moved: L. Judge
      Accepted: Seconded: P. Jarvie

   c) **Social Programs** (Paul Eagles/Jim Ashworth)
      
      Moved: J. Ashworth
      Accepted. Seconded: H. Scoggan
d) **Pension & Benefits** (Mary Thompson) Mary also noted that Stewart Forrest has been very active on the Benefits side of P & B. Dental coverage for retirees is still being discussed and search for an appropriate provider underway. Canadian Life, which used to be Great West Life, could be a possibility. Moved: M. Thompson Accepted. Seconded: A. George

e) **External Events** (Peggy Day) Peggy reminded everyone that there is a Zoom presentation, on May 25th, 2021 on the topic of Tips for a Healthy Retirement. Only a few spaces remain. Moved: P. Day Accepted. Seconded: R. Vogt

f) **Scholarships/Keystone Campaign** (Jim Frank) Of special note, Jim told the group the new name - Scholarships, Bursaries and the Faculty, Staff and Retiree Giving Campaign (FSR), replacing the “Keystone” component. Accepted. Moved: J. Frank Seconded: S. Fraser

g) **Communications:**

i) **WATtimes** (Alan George) Moved: A. George Accepted. Seconded: S. Breen

ii) **Website** (Ian Fraser) Ian thanked Andrea Jennings, Bob Hicks and Rose Vogt for their assistance during his absence from the Website work. Moved: I. Fraser Accepted. Seconded: R. Vogt

iii) **Enquiries** (Sue Fraser) None to report.

iv) **Emails to members** (Jim Marshall) Jim’s work keeping our members informed on a variety of issues and invitations to events is ongoing. The UWRA email address will transition to a new platform starting June 9th. Members will be informed of the details in future.

G. **Other Business**

i) Thank you to those leaving the Board – (L. Judge) Alan George will transition away from the Board over the Fall term as he prepares to travel abroad. Many thanks to Alan and his editorial board for their continued diligence on bringing the most up to date information, via WATtimes, to our members.

H. **Election and introduction of the new Board of Directors by the Chair of the Nominations Committee and comments** (S. Fraser) Sue announced the addition of David Taylor and Rose Vogt to the Board. Motion: to accept them on to the Board. Moved: S. Fraser Accepted. Seconded: I. McGee

I. **Motion to Adjourn**