

Annual Report WATtimes 2018-19

UWaterloo's President, Feridun Hamdullahpur, in the midst of a grueling schedule here and abroad, enthusiastically supported our retirees and provides timely comments for each issue of WATtimes for which I am especially grateful. We are also indebted to Kelly McManus, Senior Director, Community Relations & Events, for her commitment to the University of Waterloo and for her support of both the Retirees Association and WATtimes. This support from the university makes the newsletter available to all UWaterloo retirees. Monica Lynch, Communications Design Specialist and part of the rebranding team for the university, has created the attractive design of our newsletter which makes WATtimes a much-admired form of communication for all of us. Monica often works against great odds to pull together the editor's often cryptic ramblings. Cristina Jones, Project Co-ordinator, Creative Services Marketing and Strategic Initiatives, in an ever-busy schedule, happily answered our questions and accommodated WATtimes. Antonio Chaves at Central Stores provided the timely distribution of our publication. Historical images in WATtimes were facilitated by Nick Richbell and the staff in Special Collections and Archives at the Dana Porter Library. Paul Eagles became the resident photographer at our social events. Brandon Sweet at the Bulletin allowed us to use material previously published in the Bulletin and also published several of our announcements. Michelle St-Amour has kept us up-to-date with information about new UWaterloo retirees as well as the sad accounts of our colleagues and friends who have passed. I am indebted to those retirees who have sent in letters and contributions to WATtimes. Your comments continue to improve the quality of our newsletter and its relevance to our members. I am also grateful to members of the UWRA executive whose reports published in WATtimes keep us informed about our university. WATtimes has begun a series of initiatives to introduce the directors of the UWRA to our readers as we are also seeking input from all UWaterloo retirees about enhancing our services. Finally, contributions from the other directors of the Retirees Association ensure that the content of WATtimes is relevant for our readers. In this issue of WATtimes, in addition to the notices about social events for retirees, we are also publishing a series of articles relating to services for retirees. The UWaterloo Retirees Association seeks to provide up-to-date information about new initiatives on campus as well as about policies and procedures that affect all of us. For more information please check our website which is a treasure trove of information and contains the reports and documents from our Annual Meeting held on 15 May. As this will be my last issue as Editor of WATtimes, in addition to those mentioned above, I want to express my personal thanks to the directors of the UWRA for their friendship, patience and support during my three-year tenure as editor. KMM