

To my fellow pensioners:

“The time has come the Walrus said to talk of many things ...”

I have been President of CUPA for the last seven years and have decided it is time for me to step down and for us to get a new President. There is no major single issue behind my decision but a realization that it is time for someone else with new ideas and drive to take over. Indeed I have served for one year beyond the limit set out in our Constitution and Bylaws

I have so informed the Executive and we will establish a nominating committee to search for a new President (and some other positions on the Board). Should you be interested, or know someone else who would make a good President, please let us know with a brief biography or case supporting your suggestion. To help your deliberations I have attached a brief outline of what I see as the role of the President. The committee will recommend one or more candidates to the AGM on April 28.

If you wish to bypass the Nominating Committee and go directly to the members, feel free to do so. Again, please submit your name and those of a couple of other members who would support you. Obviously the background document is very important in this case as your name will be submitted as a nomination from the floor.

The decision will be taken at the AGM unless the members decide to use some other procedure. I would like to have made this a matter for the whole membership rather than just those attending the AGM but that would involve an expensive mail voting process and, unless the AGM feels it is justified, we will not do it.

I would like to express my appreciation to the whole Executive, especially Howard Fink and Colin Waters as well as our various newsletter editors, for their support over the years. It has been an honour to serve you as your President for these seven years.

Sincerely,
Graham Martin
President