

CUPARUC

Concordia University Pensioners' Association Association des Retraité(s) de l'Université Concordia

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.
ROOM HB-130 of Hingston Hall - Loyola Campus

1. Call to Order and President's Remarks

President Bill Knitter called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed the attendees and announced that Phil Lichti, Digital Media Coordinator, would be speaking on the topic of Oral History and Digital Storytelling.

Bill also thanked Cornelia Kupfer from the Department of Human Resources for being available to field questions from attendees,

Bill recognized and read the names of Concordia retirees who had passed away since the Fall 2013 General Meeting. Bill welcomed new CUPARUC members and announced the names of all new members since the Fall 2013 General Meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved without changes.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of October 31, 2013

The minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting were distributed and adopted as unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no new business arising from the Minutes.

5. Reports

5.1 Financial Report & Membership Statistics

In the absence of Garry Milton, Bill Knitter presented a brief overview of the Financial and Membership Reports.

Garry submitted comprehensive written reports which are attached to the Minutes.

Bill noted that the CUPARUC Christmas Luncheon was enjoyed by those in attendance, and that the new venue at the Loyola Campus was deemed a success. Both Roger Coté, Acting Vice-President, Services/Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, and President Alan Shepard, were in attendance and sent follow-up letters expressing appreciation to CUPARUC for its efforts on behalf of retirees.

Although members pay for their own meals, the University contributed \$500 to help curb the shortfall.

5.2 Pension and Benefits Committees

Howard Fink presented a written report and spoke on some highlights. He mentioned that CUPARUC has created a sub-committee on Pension & Benefits. Members will come from the overall membership, although Geoff Selig and Rosalind Knitter have been invited to join Howard and George Tsoublekas. Retirees who are interested are invited to e-mail President Bill Knitter.

Howard expressed appreciation to George Tsoublekas (not present) for his invaluable assistance and support with regards to the Pension Sub-Committee which he described as "Top Notch".

5.3 Social Activities Committee

Wendy Hedrich was not available to present her report, however, Bill Knitter expressed sincere appreciation to Wendy for her efforts, and success of recent enjoyable excursions. A complete list of upcoming activities appears on the CUPARUC website, as well as the Newsletter. In addition, Wendy sends out frequent notices and reminders via e-mail.

5.4 Scholarship Committee

Mary Baldwin presented a written report, and also spoke briefly on some aspects of the report. Mary also solicited a new member to the Scholarship Committee in order to ensure a smooth transition for a future replacement. Recently retired Patricia Verret came forward and was welcomed to the Committee.

5.5 Technical Committee

Roger Kenner presented a visual display of the CUPARUC website, and pointed out some key aspects, such as a comprehensive membership list, Social Activities, and the complete text of the Newsletters (as opposed to an abbreviated printed copy which is mailed out). Roger reminded members to verify the accuracy of their

personal e-mail address, in order to receive electronic mailings. He pointed out that e-mail addresses are confidential, however, he will forward, on request, a member's e-mail to another member.

5.6 Newsletter

John Woodrow reported that there are two regular issues and one special issue at Christmas time. He thanked all the persons who have submitted articles and stories to the Newsletter. John reiterated his request for a replacement Editor. Following adjournment of the meeting, recently retired member Geoff Selig came forward and expressed his interest in taking over this portfolio.

5.7 Membership Recruitment

Doreen Hutton submitted a written report, and in the interest of expediency, and as she was busy taking the Minutes, declined giving a verbal report.

5.8 Relations with Other Associations

Bill Knitter spoke briefly on the continued association with CURAC. Howard Fink attends the meetings as our representative. Also noted was the "good work" carried out by CURAC.

6. Nominating Committee Report

6.1 Election of 2014-15 Executive Committee

Graham Martin presented that the current Executive Committee will remain as "status quo". President Bill Knitter and Secretary/Treasurer Garry Milton have each one year remaining in their current terms of office, and other members of the Executive have agreed to continue in their capacities.

Currently, there is one vacancy as Member at Large. Two other Members at Large, have expressed their willingness to step down should other retired members wish to join the Committee.

John Woodrow and Mary Baldwin have expressed their interest in finding replacements for their portfolios.

Howard Fink and George Tsublekas remain as ex-officio members.

Nominations from the floor: Mary Baldwin nominated Geoff Selig to fill the Member at Large vacancy. Seconded by Howard Fink.

Audrey Williams nominated Patricia Verrett to the Scholarship Committee, Seconded by ??

7. Other Business

None

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be announced at a later date (when time and location are secured)

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. All in favour.

Minutes submitted by
Doreen A. Hutton
May 6, 2014

written reports are attached.