# MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE

# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON

### WEDNESDAY,OCTOBER 27, 1993 IN ROOM H 769, THE BOARD ROOM IN THE HALL BUILDING

13.1	Call to Order
13.1.1 The I attending	President called the meeting to order. He welcomed three members
attending	the meeting from out-of-town Alexa Parkin, Anne Stokes-Reader and Peg MacMurray. He also greeted two new members who are attending their first meeting, Karen Gerlach and Jacqueline Hampshire.
13.2	Approval of the Agenda
13.2.1 The I	President requested that the agenda be modified to add an item under
Other	Business". This item was "Appointment of the Nominating Committee". A motion to approve the agenda as modified was proposed by Libby Gardham and seconded by Muriel Armstrong. The motion was carried.
13.3 the Minutes	of the Meeting of May 5, 1993
13.3.1 A mo	otion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting Held on May 5, 1993 was proposed by Patricia De Benga and seconded by Dick McDonald. Carried unanimously.
13.4	Business Arising from the Minutes
13.4.1	Telephone Tree.
	The President stated that the telephone tree which had been mentioned in previous meetings was now in place for the Montreal Area.
13.5	Reports
13.5.1	
Report from	the Representative on the Pension and Benefits Committees
13.5.1.1	Increase in Health Insurance

#### Premiums.

Jack Bordan advised the group that the Benefits Committee had approved a modest increase in the Health Insurance premiums for the "retired" participants. He mentioned that the premium rise for the "active" participants (i.e. those still actively employed) increased by 10 times the augmentation for our group. This

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was due to the fact that the claims performance of our group was much better than anticipated. As a comparison the increase of our group was 2.8% compared to an average increase of 27% for the other group.

#### 13.5.1.2 Vision Care Insurance.

Survey on Dental and

As reported in CUPARUC a survey was conducted amongst the University's faculty and staff members about the possibility of introducing these benefits on a shared cost basis, which resulted in an overwhelmingly favourable response. Jack stated that the question as to whether retired members would be included in such coverage has not come up, since the whole topic of additional benefits is currently a dead issue in the prevailing atmosphere budget of cut-backs.

13.5.1.3 Alternate member of the Pension and Benefits Committees.

Prof. Bordan advised the meeting that the Benefits Committee has approved the appointment of an Alternate Member to represent the Non-Active Participants of the Plan in addition to the present representative. The approval for this additional member still has to be brought to the Board of Governors for approval. The Alternate will have the right to attend meetings but will vote only in the absence of the regular member.

13.5.1.4 Nomination of Representative of the Non-Active Participants of the Pension Plan

to the Pension and Benefits Committees.

As Jack Bordan's term of office is coming to an end and since he is not seeking re-election, the membership of the Association will be asked shortly to nominate a replacement for Prof. Bordan on the Committees. The President advised the members that the Executive Committee has suggested that Prof. Muriel Armstrong

be the person the Association should nominate.

The President asked if there were any other suggestions or nominations but none were forthcoming. As a result a form nominating Muriel Armstrong was circulated for signatures in order for the Association to respond quickly when the University issues a call for nominations.

#### 13.5.1.5 Nomination of an Alternate Representative of the Non-**Active Participants of the**

Pension Plan to the Pension and Benefits Committees.

As mentioned earlier it is anticipated that the University will be calling for nominations for Alternate Representative of the Non-Active Participants once the position has been approved by the **Board of Governors. The Executive Committee has** recommended that Dr. Lawrence Bessner be nominated by the Association. As a result a nomination form was also circulated for the same purpose.

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#### 13.5.1.6

#### Vote of Thanks to Jack Bordan

The President moved a vote of sincere thanks to Jack for his tireless efforts and for making such a significant contribution to the Pension and Benefits Committees on behalf of all of the retired members. The vote was seconded and carried unanimously.

### 13.5.2 Committee

#### Report of the Programmes

Doreen Bates introduced the members of Programmes Committee, Mary Callaghan, Mona Osborne and Christine McKay. She then mentioned the upcoming activities:

Biodome - November 9th. Cost \$4.50. A coincident visit to the Insectarium is also available for an additional \$2.00.

Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 14th.

Out-to-Lunch Club - January 11th, February 15th and March 15th, 1994. Meets in the renovated SGW Faculty Club.

Members were encouraged to participate in any or all of these

events. 13.8 <u>Guest</u>

#### Speaker - Graeme Decarie - Professor of History

# A Historical Analysis of the October 25, 1993 Federal General Election

With the arrival of the Guest Speaker, the President interrupted the proceedings so as not to unduly delay the Speaker.

The President introduced Dr. Decarie who is a graduate of Sir George Williams University, holds a MA from Acadia, a PhD from Queens and, until recently, was for seven years Chair of the History Department. Other activities include; former Chairman of Alliance Quebec, columnist for the Gazette, worked with CBC for 8 years (having his contract terminated when he became Chairman of Alliance Quebec), editorialist for CJAD for three years, has written for "Concordia University Magazine" since its inception, writes for Readers Digest and is in the process of completing a book.

The subject of Dr. Decarie's talk was a sort of "post mortem" on the Federal

Elections which had been held two days prior to this meeting. The full text of Dr.

Decarie's address is given in the Spring '94 issue of CUPARUC (Vol. 3 No.1).

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#### 3.5.3

# **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

#### 13.5.3.1

#### **Financial Report**

The Treasurer provided a statement of expenses and income for the year June 1, 1992 to May 31, 1993 which is attached to these minutes. A brief update of expenses and income for the period of June 1, 1993 to September 31, 1993 was also given.

#### 13.5.3.2

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Association had welcomed 10 new members into the group but unfortunately lost four members through death.

Also the Secretary participated in several other activities as

part of the duties. 13.5.4

**Report from the Coalition** 

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J-P Petolas, the Association's representative to the Coalition, reported on the following activities of the Coalition:

- 13.5.4. "INFORMACTION" This Seniors' Independence project, funded by a Federal Grant of \$100,000 through "New Horizons", is now in full operation. Four committees have been struck to develop and run the project. A representative of the federal "New Horizons" agency was satisfied with the progress the Coalition has made to date in the
- 13.5.4.2 Federal Elections Activities:
  - (a) Pre-Elections: The Coalition developed a set of "leading questions"

concerning issues relating to Seniors. These questions were sent to all candidates in Quebec. The answers from many candidates were vague and non-committal. However the effort raised the awareness of the politicians of the fact that Quebec Seniors are numerous, are organized and form a political force.

(b) Post-Elections: The Coalition is setting up a mechanism to ensure that some high profile and influential politicians are invited to speak at the Coalition's meetings.

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- 13.5.4.3 Provincial Elections: The Coalition intends to set up a similar structure for the upcoming provincial elections.
- 13.5.4.4 Urgence Santé: The Government is planning to remove doctors from the Urgence Santd vehicles. The Coalition is opposed to this curtailment of service.
- 13.5.6 <u>Chair's Report</u>
- 13.5.6.1 CUPARUC "Bird"

The President mentioned that no one took up the challenge to design a logo for the Association in spite of several reminders over the past few mailings. It appears that the membership has placed its trust in the hands of the Executive Committee to develop and approve the design of a distinctive symbol for the Association.

#### 13.5.6.2

#### News of Members

Norm and Dot Smith recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from all of the membership to Norm and Dot.

Dagmar (Brodie) McDougall was recovering nicely from a hip replacement operation. The membership wished her a speedy recovery.

#### 13.6

#### Annual Luncheon

The President reminded the membership that the Annual Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 1993 at the Loyola Faculty Club. Since parking on the Loyola Campus is now restricted, parking arrangements will be made for those who indicate that they will be driving.

#### 13.7

#### Other Business

#### 13.7.1

### Nominating Committee

A motion proposed by Jack Bordan and seconded by Larry Bessner to appoint Dagmar McDougall, Al Graham and Libby Gardham to form the Nominating Committee was passed on a unanimous vote.

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## 13.10 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 4, 1994 in the SGW Faculty Lounge.

Notes:

**Annual General** 

Appointment of the

Meeting of the Concordia Pension Plan.

The President reminded the members that the Annual General Meeting of the Pension Plan was scheduled for later (5:30 p.m.) in the day. This meeting is required by law and provides all members with information about the Plan's administration and status. He encouraged members to attend.

#### 13.11 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 11:50 a.m.

John L. Hall Secretary-Treasurer

#### **CUPARUC**

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# STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND INCOME

### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1 JUNE, 1992 TO 31 MAY, 1993

Opening Balance as of 1 June, 1992 \$ 550.30

**EXPENSES:** 

Postage \$ 651.7 5 Printing 647.16

Annual Luncheon 601.11

May Meeting

(A/V equip and tablecloth) 18.45 Coalition des Aines 100.00

**Total Expenses 2018Aîné**s2018.47)

INCOME:

Membership Fees \$ 1903.43

Annual Luncheon  $\frac{574.00}{3}$ 

Total Income

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Balance as of 31 May, 1993

Balance in Petty-Cash Float \$\frac{1033.84}{}\$