

# **UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes for the Annual General Meeting-Thursday June 13, 2019**

### **Arboretum Centre**

1. Welcome and Call to Order: 10:00 am.
2. Approval of Agenda: Moved: F. Sharom Seconded: D. Badger
3. Approval of Minutes of June 2018 AGM (as posted)  
Moved: V. Tremblay Seconded: D. Badger  
Business Arising from the Minutes: None
4. Reports from Executive Committee
  - a. President's Remarks-R. Stevenson:
    - Hosted the national meeting of CURAC (College and University Retirees Associations of Canada at Guelph
    - Upgraded the UGRA website
    - Used email "blasts" for quick updates between Fall, Winter and Spring Newsletters
    - Learned about the new Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP)
    - Held a Fall Forum "Companion Animals and You"
    - Retirees' Social August 28/19 2:30-4:30 J.T. Powell Bldg. (please register)
    - UGRA Adventure: To China-October 2019
    - Fall Forum-Thursday November 14, 2019
    - Spring Forum-date TBA
    - Ideas-in the comment's bag
    - Thank you to Executive, Janet Kaufman-CURAC Conference Coordinator, Sponsors of CURAC Conference
  - b. CURAC Conference Report-J. Kaufman:
    - 63 Retiree Associations from across Canada, 8 presentations-all done by staff/retirees from U of G over 2 days
    - \$34,000 revenue-most of the money to cover meals
    - evaluations were great
    - U of G got an award
    - Thanks to all who helped out
  - c. Treasurer's Report-G. White:  
Moved: G. White Seconded: V. Tremblay  
Auditor Appointed Moved: G. White Seconded D. Badger
  - d. Pension and Benefits Report- D. Badger
    - representative for 4 years on Board of Governors' Committee
    - evaluation to be done in October 2019
    - JSPP received 90% approval from Faculty and USW

-small increase in pension amounts of .14% in October 2019

Questions raised: Will we still have a seat on the BofG-not sure, might not be from Guelph as the new plan includes Queens and U of Toronto.

-Will we still have ad hoc increases going forward-not with new plan, not sure about those in current plan.

-Will there be harmonization of 3 current plans-yes

-Do the plans need to wind up-legal standing, not sure

-Transition will be done by U of G and move assets to the new plan

e. UGRA Scholarship Report- F. Sharom

-There are sufficient funds now to allow endowment fund to cover this scholarship

f. United Way-J. Hutchins

-Introduced Co-chairs of UW for 2019/20 C. Kerr and J. Ferguson

-\$657,000 raised in 18/19 year, 11.5% of that from retirees-record amount

-Annual Kickoff is Sept 24 in the Branion Plaza, serving hot dogs, corn, apple crisp and UofG ice cream and announcing goal, retirees urged to attend as well as Seeing is Believing Tour August 22/19

g. Communications Report-S. Wi-Afedzi

-new website set up

Newsletter-C. McCallum

-can be emailed or mailed out 3 times a year-Fall, Winter, Spring

-there is room for more ads

h. UGRA Adventures-V. Tremblay

-trip to China for 17 days October 10-27 still spots available

-sanctioned by Chinese government

-will be seeing pandas, Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Yangtze River, Terracotta Army

-Trip through Collette Travel to France April 2020

5. Keynote Address-Dr. Malcolm Campbell, VP Research U of G

-13<sup>th</sup> out of Canadian Universities, 16<sup>th</sup> nationally, 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally among comprehensive universities, 1<sup>st</sup> nationally for corporate research and 1<sup>st</sup> nationally for Not for Profit

-Research Funding \$150 million

-examined 2 researchers-F. Lei of Dept of Psychology-"Hangry" is a real phenomenon, research being done on many different animals and fish

-new beef facility is opening soon with a herd of 200 cows

-dairy facility has 200 milking cows

-new Turfgrass Centre opening soon

2<sup>nd</sup> researcher-H. Hambly Odane-School of Environmental Design and Rural Development

- rural and remote areas are in need of computer and health care
- determining how computers can help with research
- 220 researchers with 15 field stations doing dairy and animal testing at New Liskeard, Emo and various other locations in southern Ontario
- Food for Thought generates 76.7 million
- Guelph one of two communities for the first Smart City Challenge in food
- U of G is the most partnered university in Canada
- environmental, human, and animal health and growing business network

#### 6. Nominations and Election for 2019/20 executive-P. Kevan

- Board members continuing for 2<sup>nd</sup> year of two year term

Doug Badger-B of Governors

Dana Paramskas-Membership

Kent Percival

Roz Stevenson-Past President

Vikki Tremblay-President

Glenn White-Treasurer

Sue Wi-Afedzi-Website

Board Members standing as candidates for an additional two year term

Julie Hutchins-Secretary

Charlotte McCallum-Newsletter

Frances Sharom

Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> year of two year term

Janet MacInnes

Cathy Ralston

No nominations from the floor. All elected for 12 directors of the board.

New President's Remarks-V. Tremblay

Adjournment: 12 noon