

**Durham College Retirees Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

11:30 am June 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

Trillium Trails, Oshawa, Ontario

**Present :** Board of directors and 40 other retirees members

**1) Opening of the AGM**

Judy Moretton opened the formal part of the days event. She introduced the executive, and Encouraged feedback from the membership regarding association activities.

**2) Approval of the minutes from last year's AGM**

Dianne Aru, President, requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by Michelle Nichols and seconded by Ted shiner.

**3) Guests from the Union Locals**

The Presidents from both locals have been invited to attend to-day. Debbie Rautins was able to attend but Ryan Wade of the Support Staff sent his regrets.

**4) Remarks by College President Don Lovisa.**

Don brought retirees up to date on several issues;

- The building of the new student services centre
- This year the 50,000<sup>th</sup>. Grad to be identified and honoured.
- Expectation of enrolment reaching 10,000 within three years.
- Alumni events being held in Calgary and Kingston. ( Don noted that alumni typically had stories of faculty to tell)
- New college Strat Plan to be unveiled shortly.

**5) Good Will Committee**

Judy Moretton noted that Pat Whaley and Gladys Smithson, as Goodwill Committee members, request any information people may hear of regarding members who have illnesses or other hardship to inform them.

**6) Address by Linda Choptiany, President of OCRA**

Special guest Linda Choptiany was introduced by Judy Moretton.

Linda explained that OCRA (acronym for Ontario Colleges Retirees Association) exists to promote the interests of College retirees and to that end encouraged all to join OCRA. (the annual fee is \$10 and the URL is: [WWW.OCRAretirees.ca](http://WWW.OCRAretirees.ca))

Linda said that there were three areas for which the association engages as a lobby for retirees:

- Pension inflation protection (pre 1992 service inflation protection to end in 2014.
- Membership on pension advisory committees.
- Encouraging new members to add strength to lobbying positions.

**7) Remarks by Ken Robb, VP Human Resources**

Ken referred to the continued growth of the college, and the desirable fact that the budget had been balanced.

Numbers of faculty and support staff over 50 (faculty now 40% over 50) indicate retirees can expect more to be joining the ranks.

A college barbecue will be held June 15<sup>th</sup>. And Ken encouraged all to attend.

Ken brought greetings from Kelly Bailey who unfortunately is still off from work with as yet no diagnosis.

**8) Past President Jim Anderson**

Jim reported that of 174 current retiree members, 55% had sent in the \$10 fee started last September.

He commented on the status of the Memorial Garden Project whose relocation following construction is being planned. Retirees will be contributing a bench to the garden. There are ten new names to be added to the memorial of those who died in service.

Another current project being looked at is the establishment of a college bursary. This project will require some fund raising and /or an event to raise necessary money.

Jim encouraged the updating of any address info and e-mails.

The annual golf tournament is planned for September 14<sup>th</sup>. with a flyer to be sent out.

With respect to the use to which the \$10 membership fee is being put, Pat Whaley raised the question of increasing the fee to \$20 and requested a straw vote as to those who would be in favour. This was done and it is recorded that about 50% of the meeting were in favour.

#### **9) Director of Communications Brenda Jackson**

Brenda, who produces our newsletter, requested some help with this item and Rudi Chernicki agreed to take part.

The new edition of the newsletter will explain details of the new buildings going up on the Campus.

Brenda noted that there are some problems with communications with some people not getting updates. She will take this up with Erin Mitchell.

#### **10) Treasurer's Report**

Mickey Walters had distributed copies of the years 'Receipts and disbursements'

Moved to accept; Donna Crawford

Seconded: Rudi Chernicki

#### **11) Elections**

With Clive Lilwall and Guy Walton leaving the board, the following positions were to be filled and those indicated were acclaimed:

President: Judy Moretton

Vice President: Ted Shiner

Secretary; Michelle Nichols

Director-at-Large: Jim Anderson

#### **12) Ray Blomme to star in theatre production.**

Judy Moretton announced that Ray will be in a Markham theatre production on Tuesday 22 June entitled "You've still got it"

#### **13) Out going President Dianne Aru**

Dianne again encouraged members to help Brenda with contributions to the news letter, and welcomed new members.