

## ADRP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:30 – 3:30 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

University Hall, MacDonald Building

(approved at the AGM, Dec. 17, 2019)

There was a short meet-and-greet from 1:45 – 2:00 pm in University Hall prior to the start of the meeting.

Phil O’Hara called the meeting to order at 2 pm. The agenda was approved.

1) Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda (O’Hara)

2) Recognition of deceased members (O’Hara): Marion Florence Crowell, and Diane MacPhail Prosser.

3) The Minutes of the General Meeting of December 2018

In absence of the Secretary, the minutes, as provided in the *Newsletter* with copies available, were moved for adoption by a member of the Board and passed.

4) President’s Report (O’Hara)

The members of the Board were introduced and thanked for their service during the year. O’Hara reported that ADRP continued to be the voice of retirees and pensioners with participation in numbers on committees during the year along with active involvement with the national body. As well, ADRP newsletters continue as a primary communications tool with members and through this medium ADRP wishes to encourage member engagement. O’Hara announced plans for a summer social in July which will be a potluck meal in advance of a show at Shakespeare-by-the-Sea in Pont Pleasant (more details to follow once finalized). The positions of Secretary and Treasurer remain empty, and all are invited to consider joining the executive. On a final note, Phil mentioned his upcoming adventure cycling in a

Race-Around-the-Netherlands and mentioned that he will share the experience with Facebook posts.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report (Paterson)

The financial statements were presented in the *Newsletter* and copies were available to those in attendance. Paterson summarized some of the key numbers and mentioned that ADRP continued to provide funds for the Dalhousie Bursary.

#### 6. Appointment of Auditor (Paterson)

#### 7. Reports from Standing Committees

##### a. Benefits Committee (Wallace)

It was reported that the objectives and mission of the committee are: one, formally, to further the understanding of post-retirement benefits available to staff members of the university, and two, informally, to investigate and negotiate group benefits that a significant number of members may desire. To this end, during the past year, the committee

1) fielded queries directly from ADRP members on EHB and Travel insurance issues posted to the ADRP website (Contact Us link), or indirectly through the Dalhousie Benefits Office;

2) met to discuss issues;

3) had a Benefits Advisory Committee meeting to discuss EHB and Travel plan finances, benefits history, and premium rates;

4) discussed, via e-mail, issues relating to the plans;

5) as a member of the board, the committee chair attended the ADRP Board meetings;

6) posted articles in the *ADRP Newsletter* and, along with other members of the Board, posted articles in sister organization newsletters and in op ed pieces on senior health and well-being;

7) prepared, on behalf of the Board, a position paper on Universal Pharmacare for presentation to the federal consultation on Pharmacare.

##### b) Communications Committee

###### i) Website (O'Hara)

Work is underway to reformat and update our web presence with a goal of rolling out a new site in the fall.

ii) *Newsletter* (Clovis)

Our editor, Joanne Clovis sent a report including the following summary items: 1) four issues per year; 2) e-mail distribution (up-to-date addresses needed); 3) accepted a few ads (revenue goes to Bursary Fund); 4) contributions from members are welcome; 5) Marilyn Klein to become Editor in 2019.

c. Membership Committee (Schellinck)

A report was submitted for review. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, there were 575 members registered for monthly dues deduction with an additional 35 members paying by cash or cheque. We continue to work to get accurate e-mail addresses for all members as this is our primary communication medium.

d. Pension Advisory Committee (Barkhouse)

The report was circulated via the previous *Newsletter*. Barkhouse highlighted: 1) annual indexation; 2) catch-up indexation; 3) current plan discussions and administration; and 4) the Ontario Universal Pension Plan.

8) Nominating Committee (Apostle)

Richard Apostle presented a slate of candidates for the 2019-2020 Executive. All were elected.

9) Representatives' Reports

a) SCANS (Senior College Association of Nova Scotia) (Schellinck)

The report was presented via the *Newsletter* and summarized by a member of the executive.

b) CURAC (College and University Retirees Associations of Canada) (Barkhouse)

The following items were highlighted by our representative: 1) executive changes with a new national board; 2) the annual conference (Guelph); 3) health committee to focus on social isolation; 4) health and travel insurance comparisons; and 5) pension discussions across the country.

10) Adjournment