President's Report – Heather Schellinck

April 2022 AGM

- 1. The Board has continued to meet via Zoom and the status of Covid will determine whether we are able to meet in person in the fall.
- 2. We are still waiting to hear whether the updated MOU which was presented to President Saini will be approved. The responsibility for this has now been given to the recently appointed Acting Co-Assistant VP of HR, Laura Neals. Randy Barkhouse and I will be meeting with her toward the end of April.
- 3. I would like to thank Randy, in particular, for composing the letter to VP of Finance Gitta Kulczycki regarding our disappointment that a new actuarial valuation had not been scheduled. This valuation would have provided the trustees with the opportunity to judge whether it would be appropriate to award some of the missed indexation to eligible pensioners. The letter and Gitta's response can be found in the most recent newsletter. She declined to support our request.
- 4. I am still hoping that we can have a social event. Dal bus is available to us if we wish to tour the Agricultural Campus. If that is not possible, we could plan an outdoor event such as Shakespeare by the Sea. So please check the website in June for further updates.
- 5. Thank you to all Board members for their continued work and support. New members are welcome; we particularly need someone to represent our under-65 retirees on the benefits committee.
- 6. I would like to close my remarks on a very positive note.

The Board has voted unanimously to give a Life Membership to Colin Stuttard for his contributions to the association over the past. Colin has been a member of the ADRP since its inception. He was also the secretary and membership chair for many years. He continues to provide us with key information regarding past issues and is always ready with a comment upon our occasional lapse in grammar and Robert's Rules of Order!