



ADRP

Association of Dalhousie Retirees & Pensioners

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Approved Minutes

ADRP Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

2:00 pm

In attendance: Susan Holmes (Secretary), Lynn Johnston, Marilyn Klein, Ed Leach, David Lewis, Pat Nearing (until 3:15), Heather Schellinck, David Tindall, Peter Wallace (President).

Regrets: Randy Barkhouse, Grace Paterson, Nancy Pitts

David Mercer: In hospital

1. Call to order by President Peter Wallace
2. Adoption of the Agenda - accepted
3. Previous Minutes (January 21, 2025)
 - A. Approval – Lynn/David L.
 - B. Matters Arising – AV for AGM
 - a) Peter sent email to AV person at SCANS. No response yet.
 - b) Peter asked Ed to ask his son to say what is needed to record the meeting. We discussed options like using another location that would make it easier for those out of town, or campus buildings. On campus has to be on Teams, plus parking is difficult. We will go with the April meeting at Ashburn.

MOTION: April 2025 AGM be in-person only and that Ed Leach explore finances of recording meeting for membership viewing. Lynn/Pat

PASSED

4. President's Report – Peter Wallace (See report)
 - A. Meeting with Terri Mann at Dalhousie Office of Advancement. They are trying to help us more. Suggested that award be named "ADRP in memory of Carolyn Savoy". Will ask Terri if we can be informed of the bursary winner.
 - B. Affinity agreements – not any difference between benefits for alumni and retirees. Heather pointed out that we have a MOU that lays out the relationship between the University and ADRP.
 - C. SCANS and Dr. Hutchinson giving an online workshop now for \$300 payment to her. For in-person, her fee has to be worked out with ADRP paying her fee. SCANS wants a liaison with them regarding this course. What happens to cost of workbooks if no ADRP members show up? Cost of workbooks is minimal. This was discussed in Board meetings in the fall.

ACTION: Peter will have a discussion with Dr. Hutchinson to share points from SCANS and ask for new budget.

5. Treasurer's Report – Grace Paterson, Acting Treasurer (See report)

Ed reported that Grace is preparing for audit. It's a lot of work. She deserves some accolades. Pat Ryall has agreed to do the audit. Grace is in the process of updating the credit card and now can access the CUA statements.

MOTION: That the credit card limit be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Ed/Heather
PASSED

Heather will take the office key from David L. David has been going to the office about every 10 days. Thank you to David for checking the office for mail.

6. Other Reports

A. Benefits – Peter Wallace

RBAC meeting on March 7 to share premium costs for next year.

B. Pension Advisory Committee – Randy Barkhouse (See report)

Thanks to Randy for the report.

C. Seniors' College Association of NS – Nancy Pitts (See report)

Thanks to Nancy for the report.

D. Communications Committee – Marilyn Klein (See report)

- a. Training sessions going well. Former Webmaster, Stewart Cameron, continues to be available to answer questions. Guidelines needed for what we share and when.
- b. Social Events coming up – Neptune on March 12 – *Little Shop of Horrors*; Nancy Pitts Fidget Mats workshop March 24, etc.
- c. Add AARHE as "link of interest" on our website.
- d. Ryan McNutt is looking at removing pensioners from Dal Communication emails. Lynn and Jerry wondering why Dal doesn't just ask pensioners directly if they don't want to continue to receive notices. David T pointed out that you can delete email if you wish. Ed stated that he believes that the University doesn't notice retirees. In conversation with Ryan, the reference documents don't consider retirees as one of their audiences.

ACTION: Marilyn and Peter will respond to Ryan that retirees want to continue to be noticed and receive notices and if not, individuals will make that choice.

1) Webmaster - Lynn Johnston (for her and Jerome Singleton)

Lynn, as offered at last meeting, has tried to format job descriptions for consistency. Susan and Lynn will meet to review. Lynn suggested that job descriptions be available on website; others expressed concerns. Lynn offered to interview Board members to further develop the job descriptions.

2) Newsletter - Marilyn Klein

- a. It is difficult to come up with ideas for stories. It's a good venue for writing a story about an organization you are involved with.
 - b. Peter suggested getting a notice out regarding resignations of some Board Members/positions.
- 3) Instagram – Pat Nearing (nothing to report)
- 4) Socials – Susan Holmes (See report)
 - a. Monthly Coffee meetings in Truro are going well with usually around 8 attending.
 - b. Nancy's workshop, Fidget Mats, needs to be promoted more.
- E. Membership – Heather Schellinck

820 members; letter prepared to collect dues from those who do not pay by payroll deduction (~15) and have not paid.

ACTION: Heather will ask Randy to invite Laurie Creelman to join ADRP.

7. New Business

- A. Next Meeting March 18, 2025
 - a. On Zoom only.
 - b. David Tindall will cancel booking for this date but save future bookings in his building. Meeting after AGM will be in-person to meet new Board members.
- B. ADRP's 25th Anniversary - commemoration plans
 - a. Lynn wondering what we might do, if anything.
 - b. Many ideas: Newsletter articles, contact long time members: Colin Stuttard is ADRP's only "lifetime member", David Lewis on Board in early days, highlight Past ADRP Presidents, announcements before and at AGM.
 - c. Ed suggested we think bigger: Interviews on CBC Morning Show, President host anniversary celebration, etc.
 - d. Publish contributions of founding people and ADRP accomplishments over the years.
 - e. Have events throughout the year.
 - f. Marilyn suggested that alumni association host the celebration.

ACTION: Communications Committee will discuss further and develop a 25th anniversary celebration plan.

Adjourned 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Holmes
ADRP Secretary