

APPROVED Minutes
Association of Dalhousie Retirees & Pensioners
Annual General Meeting
Old Ashburn Golf Club

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30 pm ADT

Note: Zoom is not available for this meeting. If you have questions, please message President@theadrp.ca. A recording will be available shortly after the meeting.

SEE SUMMARY REPORTS IN ATTACHED SLIDE PACKAGE. FULL REPORTS ARE IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Meeting called to order by President Wallace at 1:02 with the land acknowledgement.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Nancy Morrison/Lynn Johnston
2. Previous Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2024
 - b. In Memoriam: Add Jerome Barkow, Anthropology
Approved: Lynn Johnston/Grace Paterson
 - c. Matters Arising
 - c.1. NoneMinute of silence for members who have passed.
3. President's Report – Peter Wallace
 - a. Reports following of what we've done and what we'd hoped to achieve. Members have resigned and Heather Schellinck, as Past President, is Chair of Nominating Committee.
 - b. See Lynn Johnston if you have any suggestions for changes to by-laws.
4. Treasurer's Report – Grace Paterson, Acting Treasurer
 - a. Pat Ryall was the auditor. Arrows in the report on the slide indicate increased allocations to: Socials, SCANS public lectures, co-sponsor course with Susan Hutchinson.
 - b. There is no necessity to continue with allocations to the Contingency Fund. Contingency Fund was set up when relations with the University were shaky. Maintaining retiree pension and benefits might have required legal counsel. At the time, \$5 from \$20 annual dues was directed to the Contingency Fund. Now the DFA is likely to fund any legal battle. The decision is to cease allocations to the Contingency Fund for the present time.
 - c. Fund of \$4,000 established to support member attendance at CURAC conference in Montreal in May.

MOTION: That ADRP discontinue making contributions to the Contingency Fund on an annual basis as there does not appear to be a necessity for the Contingency Fund to grow further.

Grace/Randy PASSED

MOTION: That Treasurer's report be approved.

MOTION: That Auditor's report be approved.

MOTION: That the ADRP budget for 2025 be approved.

Grace Paterson/Ray Klein

ALL PASSED

5. Nominating Committee Report – Heather Schellinck (See report in Slides)
 - a. Thanks to Susan Holmes for her contributions to ADRP as Secretary.
 - b. Directors retiring: Stewart Cameron, David Lewis, David Mercer, Patrick Nearing, Grace Paterson, Nancy Pitts.
 - c. Directors reoffering: Peter Wallace, Heather Schellinck, Ed Leach, David Tindall, Lynn Johnston, Randy Barkhouse, Susan Holmes (socials), Marilyn Klein.
 - d. Directors at Large: Wendy Fletcher, Linda MacNutt, Susan McIntyre, Tarjie Tennessen.
 - e. Treasurer – Robin Whyte
 - f. Secretary - Vacant

The nominations were approved by acclamation.

6. Appointment of Auditor – Peter Wallace

MOTION: That Grace Paterson be appointed Auditor for 2025-2026.

Peter Wallace/Marilyn Klein

PASSED.

7. Other Reports

- a. Benefits - Peter Wallace
 - a. Claims have been going up, so premiums have gone up. Compare our benefits to organizations like RTOERO and our costs are competitive. Premiums have gone up by about 3% to deal with deficit. Employees plan is really taking a beating with mental health claims. Claims have gone up about 10%. Consultant thinks claims will go up next year and then level out.
 - b. Number of people retiring lately is about 150 per year and will continue for another couple of years.
- b. Communications Committee – Marilyn Klein
 - a. In person is one of our best ways to communicate; the plan is for fewer newsletters and more bulletins - 90% opened and that rate is ahead of our peer group. Would love to receive photos and other contributions to Communications.
ADRP 25th Anniversary Celebrations this year.
Web Authors – Lynn Johnston, Jerome Singleton
Social Events – Susan Holmes
- c. Pension Advisory Committee - Randy Barkhouse
 - a. Newsletter report end of December was optimistic because things looked good then. In May, find out about March figures. June 30 extra significant this year as new actuarial evaluation being done, which takes quite a while. There will be new updated mortality tables. In each decade, the life expectancy has increased about 1 year which means about an extra \$10m to fund the extra year of pension.

- b. RTF at present has \$1.2B. In 2007 about \$200 M. Greater increase in members in RTF Plan.
 - c. Auto indexation capped at whatever CPI is. Outlook for indexation not as rosy as it might be.
 - d. Membership - Heather Schellinck
 - a. Since COVID, receiving annual membership payments by etransfer.
 - b. Total members March 31, 2024: 807.
 - c. Total members March 31, 2025: 848.
 - e. Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS) – Susan Holmes for Nancy Pitts
 - a. Seniors' College was established by ADRP members in 2007; now 620 members in HRM, plus 3 rural Chapters. Public presentations are free. Are you interested in teaching or volunteering?
 - f. College & University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) – Susan Holmes
 - a. Annual Conference: The Well-Being of the Person, the Community, and the Planet, hosted by McGill May 21-23, 2025.
 - b. Attend in person or virtually – apply for financial support from ADRP.
8. New Business
- Photo of retirees from 2019, 2020, 2021 at Dalhousie reception. Another Dalhousie reception is expected in the Fall.
9. Adjournment

2:45 pm SOCIAL

Please join us for conversation and refreshments.

Next Meeting: ADRP General Meeting: December 16, 2025