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APPROVED Minutes, ADRP Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, 16 September 2026, 2:00pm
Monaghan Place Board Room, 5th floor, 6140 Young St.

In attendance: Heather Schellinck (President), Kevork Peltekian, Deb Tamlyn, Linda MacNutt, David Tindall, Randy Barkhouse, Ann Barrett, Susan Hutchinson, Marilyn Klein, Keith Taylor.

Regrets: Susan Holmes, Jenny White

The meeting was called to order by Heather Schellinck at 2:00pm.

1. The agenda was adopted as written. Moved by Susan, seconded by Randy.

2. Welcome new board members: Susan Hutchinson was introduced and welcomed to the group.

3. Previous Minutes of May 26, 2026, were approved. Moved by David and seconded by Deb.
    A. Matters arising from the Minutes
        a. Deb asked that item 9.B.b. regarding discussion of an increase to the annual membership dues (currently $20.00/year) be added to the November 2026 board agenda. Any change would require a vote at the 2027 AGM. Any increase would require adjustments to the University payroll system and those could not take effect until 2028.

5. President's Report: Heather has sent out letters to NSGEU Locals 77 and 99 regarding their members being eligible to be in ADRP. She has heard from Local 99 and their representative didn't know they could be members of ADRP and asked for some posters to sent for display on their local boards. No word has been received from Local 77.

   Heather reminded the Board that SCANs provide 10 ADRP members free online participation, but this needs more promotion as 27 September is the deadline to register. This information will go out in the upcoming ADRP Newsletter.

6. Treasurer's Report: Linda sent out summer reports this year as it seemed easier than condensing everything into a September report. Consult the full treasurer's report for rates of GICs and other details.
   Some GICs are set up to auto-reinvest, while others need to be reviewed annually at different times of the year. Linda recommends that we move away for auto-reinvesting and move to annual, for the GIC that renews in May of each year (account number 773370334581). She also recommends that that GIC have a maximum of $10,000.00, and any funds beyond that to go the general chequing fund for more budget flexibility.

MOTION by Linda:

In order to have sufficient funds for ADRP members to travel to CURAC conferences, this GIC should be reinvested annually to a maximum of $10,000.00; after which the excess can be transferred to the Community Chequing account to be used for other ADRP business.

Kevork seconded. **Motion carried**.

7. Committee Reports

   A. Benefits: No action we are aware of - David

   B. Pension Advisory Committee: The return on the Retirees Trust Fund (RTF) to June 30, 2026, is 9.92%, more than expected. Catch up indexation may be considered for eligible Dal pensions, but this will not be known until the pension trustees meet in several weeks. Surplus is good now but in November it may not look as good, and the decision may be to err on the side of caution. Maybe 1-1.5 % but don't hold your breath.

      Deb asked Randy if ADRP should write a letter of support to PAC for retirees. Randy suggests that if the decision in November is negative, then a letter would be warranted.

      Randy informed the Board that the Pension Office would be sending out two forms to all retirees in October, a pension audit form and pension report. These should arrive by paper mail. Notice of this will go out with the Newsletter to alert ADRP members to watch out for it.

   C. Communications Committee:

      Marilyn would like to get some help with the website if anyone knows about those things. John MacDonald helped advise and migrate the site on WordPress. MailChimp does provide good stats from the bulletin.

      Phil O'Hara was listed as owner of the website. Linda MacNutt is currently listed as Owner but should be an administrator as she pays the bills but does not handle the administration of the account which should go to the acting webmaster. Changing permissions on the website is a quagmire.

      SYNC account for archival and document storage is Canadian. Discussion followed on who should have access. There are currently 4 accounts, but a fifth should be added to allow access for Stewart, Ann, Linda, Marilyn, and Heather.

      We have four domain names for ADRP (ADRP.ca ADRP.com ADRP.org ADRP.net) at a cost of $100.00 annually. It was decided to keep all names for now so no one else gets hold and uses those domains.

Reminder that 27 September is the deadline for submissions for the newsletter. A query was raised by Susan about the difference between the Bulletin vs Newsletter. The Bulletin alerts subscribers to go to the website to download the Newsletter from the website. Those few who do not use email can get a printed newsletter by traditional mail. The Bulletin is a table of contents to what is on the website.

MailChimp is being used for email lists to members. A post to the website sends an alert to those who subscribe.

Marilyn asked for ideas for upcoming newsletters – some suggestions: Deb recommended something on AI, Marilyn suggested an article on IWK fingers puppets and other knitting projects, also book reviews, or "what I did this summer".

D. Membership: ADRP currently has 883 members, and 3 honorary members. The member list is being updated by Linda to more accurately reflect current vs deceased members.

8. Social Report – no submission

9. Other Business:
    a. Zoom: Recommend ADRP get an association Zoom account for meetings – we are currently using Ed's personal account.

       Some discussion ensued about future meeting format, in person or online? Ann agreed to try setting up meeting and sending invitations.
       ACTION: Kevork and Marilyn will test Teams as a meeting tool.
       ACTION: Linda will order a Zoom account for ADRP, so we are not reliant on Ed's personal account.

    b. Social Events: Following up on point 10.F.a. in previous minutes re: social events discount. A policy on social event subsidies, eligibility and refund procedures should be developed. Marilyn.

       Discussion and queries around social events and the role description for the committee arose in the meeting. It was decided to table this discussion until Susan can be at the meeting to fill us in with more detail.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, 21 October 2026, 2:00-4:00
Venue TBA