

Niagara College Retirees' Association (NCR)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

NIAGARA COLLEGE, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE CAMPUS

MINUTES

1. Welcome:

John Clark, President, welcomed all retirees and guests to the Annual General Meeting. He thanked members of the Executive Committee for their tireless efforts to come up with fun/meaningful activities throughout the year. A sincere "thank you" was also extended to the many volunteers that have assisted in various capacities over the past year: Activities – Tom Fraser, Trish Labonte, Beth Dupuis, Charlotte Boyd, Helene Moscato; Constitution Revisions – Heather Sloan, Sandi Martin; Student Food Bank – Helene Moscato; Shaw Festival – Peter Rylander; Newsletter – Angela North (Foodie Column); 50/50 Draw – Isabelle and Lew Seburn; Greeter and Name Tag Distribution – Connie Raimondo. Many of our members have been most willing to take on duties with minimal notice. Please consider assisting your Association in a volunteer capacity.

After reviewing the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting, it was moved by Carolyn Gould, seconded by Mary Bondarchuk that the minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:

See attached.

3. Membership:

Roy Blake, Membership Director, presented an up-to-date report on the number of members in the Association. There are currently 128 members of NCRA. Twenty-four of these are new retirees who were granted free membership for the first year. The current membership year concludes at the end of August. Members were encouraged to sign up for the 2014-2015 year.

4. Revised Constitution:

The original NCRA Constitution was crafted in 1991 and needed updating. A committee comprised of John Clark, Jacquie Deforest, Heather Sloan and Sandi Martin looked at other Association constitutions to come up with ideas and revisions. Suggestions/recommendations were forwarded to the Executive Committee. A copy of Draft #7 was previously sent to Association members. After perusal by the Executive Committee, one additional change was made. Draft #8 includes the following: "The previous Association President is an ex-officio

member of the Executive in the role of Past President and will have full voting rights on the Executive.”

Motion #1: “That we adopt the latest Draft (#8, dated May 2014) of the revised Constitution as the official Constitution of the Niagara College Retirees’ Association.”

Tom Fraser moved “That the word ‘Association’ should be removed and we should advocate for all Niagara College Retirees” (Article 2, #2). Seconded by Peter Rylander. In favour – 5; Opposed – 23; Abstainers – 4. Motion defeated.

Carol Ann MacKinnon moved, seconded by Sandi Martin that Motion #1 stand as presented. Approved unanimously.

5. Other Business:

The following motions were presented:

Motion #2: That we contribute a one-time amount of \$500 to our self-funded annual Niagara College Retirees’ Association Bursary. (Moved by Donna Cunningham, seconded by Linda Saari). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #3: That we make a one-time donation in the amount of \$500 to the Niagara College Student Assistance Fund – Emergency (S.A.F.E.). (Moved by Nancy Cain, seconded by Colleen St. Amand). Motion carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers – Executive Committee:

Eleanor Snider presented the 2014-2015 slate of officers as follows:

President – John Clark

Vice-President – Sandra Watson

Secretary – Pat Altoft

Treasurer – Jacquie Deforest

Communications Convenor – Peter Thompstone

Website Administrator – Roy Blake

Activities Convenor – Carolyn Gould

As there were no further nominations from the floor, Eleanor moved that nominations be closed. This motion was repeated two more times. Approved unanimously. Eleanor then formally presented the 2014-2015 NCRA Executive Committee.

7. Retirees' Banquet:

John Clark mentioned that 44 people will be honoured at a Retirees' Banquet on November 14 – time and location to be determined. When details are complete, a list of the retirees being honoured will be forwarded to Association members.

8. Adjournment:

Moved by Donna Cunningham, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Carried.

Lorraine Gelinas,
(Outgoing) Secretary