

## Niagara College Retirees' Association

### Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

#### Draws - Winners:

50/50 – Carol Ann MacKinnon  
Hanging Plant – Jacquie Deforest  
Hanging Plant – Joe Kopec  
Wine – Tom Fraser  
Wine – Mary Bondarchuk

#### Opening Comments/President's Report (Eleanor Snider):

Eleanor gave a brief history of the Niagara College Retirees' Association (NCRA). The NCRA originated in 1991, with Duane Orr as President. The meetings were held at the Maid of the Mist Campus and lunches were prepared/served by Niagara College students. Duane continued as President until 1995. Bob Calladine (1995-1997) and Elvira Lucas (1997-1999) followed. Eleanor has held the office since 1999 – an amazing 13 years!

The NCRA Memorial Fund was begun to provide bursaries for Niagara College students. These funds are matched by the government. A bursary of \$500 is presented to graduating students each year.

The Association has also donated 2 benches in the wetland area at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus, 2 scanners for the library and a visual sign at the Bruce Trail area of the NOL campus warning of poison ivy.

Eleanor thanked the members for their support over the past 13 years.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Dave Abraham distributed copies of the financial statement for the period ending May 31, 2012. There is currently a balance of approximately \$20,000 principle in the bursary fund registered with the Niagara College Foundation. Bank balance on May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$3,306.76.

It was moved by Tom Fraser, seconded by Billie Atkinson that \$1500 be donated to the Niagara College Foundation towards the Association's bursary fund. Carried.

#### Membership Convener's Report:

John Clark presented the following statistics:

- 402 Niagara College retirees
- 87 paid memberships in the 2011-2012 year

- 101 deceased retirees
- 16-18 new retirees expected this year
- 145 retirees currently receive Association communication via e-mail

John reminded members that information regarding the Association can be obtained in the newsletter, on the website and through email. If you haven't provided an email address, please get in touch with John so that you can be added to the mailing list.

Because the bursary amounts have increased to \$500 over the past year, John moved that membership fees be increased to \$15 per year. Motion was seconded by Dave Abraham. Carried.

Election of New Officers:

Past President, Elvira Lucas, thanked the members of the nominating committee (Lorraine Gelinias, Carolyn Gould, Joe Kopec) and presented the slate of officers, as follows:

President	- John Clark
Vice-President	- Sandra Watson
Recording Secretary	- Lorraine Gelinias
Treasurer	- Jacquie Deforest
Social Director	- Carolyn Gould
Membership Director	- Roy Blake
General Director	- Peter Thompstone

Elvira called for additional nominees. As there were none, it was moved by Willard Wright, seconded by Zarko Petcovic that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Carried.

Presentation:

In recognition of Eleanor's dedication and service to the NCRA, the following presentations were made:

- Billie Atkinson (butterfly garden ornament and gift cards)
- Elvira Lucas (plaque)
- John Clark (collection of tributes and well wishes from members)

followed by a standing ovation!!

Next Luncheon:

The next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at the Mandarin.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Lorraine Gelinas,  
Recording Secretary