

Present: J. Chamard, G. Chauvin, M. Chew (Secretary/Treasurer), R. Cospers (President), B. Davis, M. Heukauffer, C. Howell, B. Kieseckamp, R. Marshall, W. Mills (past President), G. Mitchell, G. Thomas, F. Young (Vice-President), J. Young

- Ron Cospers called the meeting to order this Friday afternoon.
- It was moved by Chamard, seconded by F. Young, to approve the minutes of the 2006 AGM. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Ron presented the President's report:
 - He attended the annual CURAC meeting in Guelph in May 2006, learning what other University Retirees' associations and the national organization are doing for members, regarding pension and health insurance benefits, and access to institutional and government resources. Results of a survey of institutional benefits were received and discussed at that meeting, and Ron distributed copies of survey results to those of us present at today's meeting;
 - An information session on investment options, for retirement funds in particular, was organized for members and other interested SMU future retirees, and took place at Ryan Duffy's on Spring Garden Rd. last November. TD Waterhouse was the sponsor and provided refreshments for all attending;
 - The SMU administration was successfully lobbied to provide an office on campus with phone and computer for members' use, and to allow university email accounts to continue into retirement;
 - Our web site is up and running thanks to Wally Mills, the "Web Master." It provides links to the SMU and CURAC web sites, and others;
 - He plans to attend the regional meeting of University Retirees' Associations in Moncton on May 4, 2007, and welcomed other interested members to join him;

- Finally, he thanked Wendy Katz, Wally Mills, Geraldine Thomas, Fred Young and John Young for their work getting the association started.
- Milt Chew presented the Treasurer's report:
- An amount of \$132 was received from interim treasurer, Wally Mills, at 2006 AGM;
 - Expenses during the year include \$150 for Ron's travel to CURAC meeting in May 2006, and the annual NS Registry fee of \$25. It is also noted that Ron's travel expense allowance from our treasury was matched, up to \$150, by CURAC. All expenses for travel, accommodation, etc., beyond the \$300, were his own;
 - Additional dues received to date from new and returning members is in the amount of \$110;
 - Thus, net balance is \$67, excluding the annual \$50 fee to CURAC now due.
- It was moved by Fred Young, seconded by John Chamard, to approve the Treasurer's Report. After brief discussion regarding the state of our funds, and the search for a bank with free service charges, the motion passed unanimously.
- Rolland Marshall then made a presentation regarding the SMU Quarter Century Club, and distributed invitations to their spring get-together May 6 on campus. Since a number of QCC members are also members, or potential members of SMURA, it is worth considering a merger, or more informal relationship between the two organizations, particularly concerning social and cultural activities. Rowland responded to questions, and after some discussion by those present, was encouraged to discuss possible mutual arrangements with QCC.
- It was moved by John Chamard, seconded by Burkhard Kieseckamp, to nominate the current officers to continue in their present capacities for one more year. After a friendly amendment by Fred Young to replace himself by John Young as the nominee for Vice President, and agreed by the movers and the two Youngs, the motion passed unanimously;

- During the above nomination process, it was felt that certain present and future activities call for additional talent. It was then moved by Ron Cospers, seconded by John Young, to nominate Rowland Marshall, Geraldine Thomas and Fred Young as members-at-large. The motion passed unanimously, after which the meeting adjourned.

After the meeting adjourned, several new and returning members present, came forward to pay their dues for 2007, adding \$75 to the Treasury. Total membership is now 33 members, including 5 members new this year. However, only 17 are currently paid up for 2007.