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this appears to be the best way for members to maintain their continuity of membership (and therefore stay on the Johnson Extended Health Plan, if they wish, without having to bother with renewing annually). A question was raised about membership dues and if they should be indexed to the cost of living. Peter noted that fees are reviewed annually at the September Board meeting.

4.6 Social Events ±Lou Schmidt (Acting Social Events Coordinator)

The committee report on the website shows the success of seven programs developed and delivered over the past year. Many thanks to the leaders who coordinated each of the individual events. We continue to look for people to volunteer for these functions, which are highly valued and important to our members. There was a vote of thanks from a member on the floor for the great work that has been done this past year.

4.7 Elder Academy ±David Docherty

This was another full year of offerings for the UVIRA Elder Academy. A big thanks to all the presenters who gave freely of their time and talents, to make the year a big success. The goal has been to offer a series each month from September until December. David acknowledged the invaluable help of Louise Schmidt who helped in so many ways, and especially in looking after all the registration. Full details are in the website report.

4.8 Masterminds Lectures ±John Anderson

The MasterMinds series is comprised of four lecture presentations, one on each Wednesday evening in April. Each lecture is created and delivered by a University of Victoria retiree on a topic in their area of expertise and of general interest. Each year the series is developed by a collaboration of the UVRA and the University, in particular the Institute of Aging and Lifelong Learning.

- x Diaries of a missionary doctor: A family history. Discover letters and journals revealing the fascinating life of the Colwell family. Dean Goard
- x Watching learning happen: From neural networks to social networks. Explore the complexities and challenges of how we learn. Geri Van Gyn
- x Let the images speak: Historic photographs from the Yukon. Discover the lives of early miners and the challenges they faced. John Anderson
- x On land and seafloor: Earthquake early warning systems. Learn how Ocean Networks Canada is working to improve our understanding of the ocean and its role in climate change. John Anderson

The presentations were well attended with average attendance in excess of 100, and well received by the audience with an average rating of 4.6 out of a possible maximum of 5.0. The series is widely advertised in the general media, University communications and also by word of mouth.

4.9 Newsletter ±John Anderson

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The newsletter has been, and will be, published four times each year. The participation of UVRA members in contributing content has been and will be strongly encouraged. Retirees in Action, member engagement in community initiatives, UVRA member accomplishments, no.48 680.78lu64(m)-4(

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from the members to match donations to a combined amount of \$25,000, which would result in an annual scholarship of \$1000 to a successful research applicant. Research to be supported is intended to be particularly relevant to the 55+ age group but does not necessarily need to be DERXW 3 DJLQJ 7 KHUH ZDV D VXJJHVWLRQ PDGH WKDW WKH could be more clearly stated in the UVRA documentation as this may encourage more donations. An example cited was that there may be engineering research that would be applicable to the 55+ age group and so applicants could come from this faculty. Board is seeking the PHPEHUVKLS V DSSURYDO WR EXLOG WKH VFKROD UJKLS WF opportunities arise.

Motion: That the membership enables the Board to match additional contributions to the UVRA Graduate Research Scholarship to a level that would support one \$ 2,000 scholarship per year. This would amount to up to \$12,500 to match donations of up to \$12,500 above the current goal of \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000 endowed for this purpose.

Moved- James Pearce Seconded- Ludgard DeDecker. Approved unanimously.

6. Nominating Committee nominations

UVRA Board for 2018/19

President: John Anderson
Vice President: Juliana Saxton (pro tem)
Treasurer: Richard Chappell
Secretary: Grant Hughes
Past President: Peter Liddell

Standing Committee Chairs:
Benefits: Winona Pugh
Elder Academy: TBD
GreyMatters Editor: John Anderson
Masterminds Series: John Anderson / Lois Holizki
Membership: Zulette Gordon
Special Events: TBD
United Way: Patty Pitts
Office Manager: Lou Schmidt
Information Technology Coordinator: Melvin Klassen

Members at Large:
Colin Scarfe
James Pearce
Jane Birkbeck
June Whitmore
Ex Officio:
Lois Holizki / Leah Potter (Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health)
Benefits Manager (Human Resources)

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Motion: That the list of Board members as shown above be approved.

Moved- David Docherty Seconded Colin Scarfe

Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

The President welcomed the new board members, welcomed John Anderson to his new position as President, and thanked outgoing board members Sandra Rifa and David Docherty for all of their hard work.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Ludgard De Decker

Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

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