

and good judgment. He reported that a good part of the year was devoted to two key issues. The first was the on-going effort to obtain a discounted bus pass for retirees of the University who also qualify for the standard seniors bus pass. Unfortunately, no progress has made on this issue. The second issue has been that of the extended health and dental plans. The rapid rise in premiums has caused many members to contemplate dropping out. The Committee has been investigating alternatives. Parking permits will be handled in the same way as last year with cost for 2011/12 to be determined.

David welcomed Peter Liddell as the new Chair of the Benefits Committee. Lyle Roberson thanked David for his contribution to the Benefits Committee and Retirees Association. The report was accepted.

(David Clode/Victor Neufeldt)

- 4.4 Communications Committee Report.** (Judy Cryderman/Elizabeth Coey)
Extremely busy with data base, committees and getting out information to extremely active retirees and preparing the Newsletter. The Report was accepted.

(Isobel Dawson/Beverly Timmons)

Communications:	Judy Cryderman
Masterminds	Beverly Timmons
Newsletter:	vacant
Events:	Winona Pugh
Members at Large:	Sharon Crumly, Melvin Klassen, Joanne Thomas, Jim Pearce, Beverly Timmons
Ex Officio Life Member:	Peter Darling

Beverly Timmons discussed the position of Chair, Masterminds. Looking for someone who would like to coordinate the Masterminds and chair the selection committee.

The Secretary position has become more onerous and the Executive will have to deal with this. Lyle asked for any nominations from the floor. John Schofield proposed a motion to thank those outgoing members of the Board.

(Lyle Robertson/Beverly Timmons)

4.8 Office Report – Sharon Crumly

Sharon reported on UVRA volunteer staffing of the office. There are currently 25 volunteers. The Association always welcomes new volunteers

4. Masterminds Report. (Beverly Timmons)

Beverly Timmons reported on the Masterminds Lecture Series for 2011. This year 366 people attended the four Wednesday evening lectures in April. A larger than usual percentage (72.6%) of the audience members described themselves as seniors, UVic retirees, or retirees. Beverly expressed her thanks to all who participated in Masterminds 2011 and made it such a great success.

(Beverly Timmons/Victor Neufeldt)

5. CURAC – John Schofield

Each year CURAC holds a conference. This year the meeting is at the University of Regina. UVRA has offered to hold the next meeting at UVic April 18 – 20, 2012.at Harbour Towers. UVic is hosting with UBC and SFU. John would like to thank everyone involved: Joanne Thomas and Kathy Harris. Others offering assistance are Lyle Robertson, Sponsorship Committee, Social Events. Communications – Judy Cryderman; Technical Services – Melvin Klassen; Translation – Barry Beardsmore. General members are welcome to attend.

6. New Business.

Trevor Matthews talked about the history of the University and said the history is our Retirees. It was suggested that in the next Newsletter retirees be invited to submit their phone number to the UVRA for future contact regarding their reminiscences that were turning points that transformed the University for use in the University's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Beverly Timmons is on the Advisory Committee of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Victor Neufeldt is looking into the history of the UVRA.

It was moved that a vote of thanks be given to Isobel Dawson, for her three years as President of the UVRA.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

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