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discussion and later clarification efforts surrounding the University's introduction of the ONECard. Those discussions will continue as one of the new Board's priorities. My thanks and best wishes to you Rashna, Kathy, Linda and Cled. We hope you'll stay in touch.

Finding replacements for these important Board positions was not easy, but I believe the new members to be nominated today will bring new insights and energies to our table. We will need both, as we seek better relations with UVic for our members and in our community. I'm sure you share my gratitude for the new candidates' willingness to stand. Like most retiree volunteers, they are busy in many other areas too, which I expect will add new perspectives to our work.

On the question of membership: it is customary to report at this meeting on any changes to the Association fees and methods of payment. I am pleased to report that our fees remain as they have been for years: \$16 per year, and 10 times that annual fee for lifetime membership. At our next regular Board meeting, we will discuss the effects or otherwise of our offer of free membership for the first year (or remaining portion) to new retirees who apply in writing. Lifetime memberships have increased rapidly – no doubt encouraged by the new Extended Health package arranged with Johnsons Inc. [for details of that, please see the Membership and the Benefits Reports.]

Finally, I would like to say a huge thanks to David Docherty. Since he 'retired' as President, he has become even more involved in our activities: chairing the Elder Academy Program Committee in its first, formative stages; attending the Tri-Universities meeting with me (and our UBC-APE and SFURA counterparts) in Vancouver, leading the search for new Board members, as chair of the Nominating Committee; giving his inimitable talks on fitness; and being a great source of helpful support and experience during my first year as President.

Respectfully submitted
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