

Draft Minutes to be approved at May 1, 2019 meeting
TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
MINUTES OF THE 54th GENERAL MEETING
24 October 2018
Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Roy T. Bowles, Stewart Brown, John Breukelaar, Alan Brunger, Jenny Carter, Gina Collins, Julie Crook, Gloria Dunn, Marilyn Haywood, Wayne Holtz, Ruth Hillman, Winnie Janzen, Gordon Johnston, John Lucy, John Marsh, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, Margaret Pearce, Mary Snack, Robert Stairs, Tony Storey, Jim Struthers, Roz Taylor, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson

REGRETS: Mildred Clark, Bruce Cossar, Margaret Doxey, Donna Jarvis, Barb Johns, Christine Maxwell, Dorothy Mutter, Dianne O'Connell, John Wadland, Wayne Wilson, Shirley Yankovich

1.Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Tony Storey (Staff Co-Chair). He thanked former Staff Co-Chair Barb Johns for the donation of a gavel to be used at our meetings.

2.Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Tony Storey said that he would be chairing the meeting and Janice Millard will be taking minutes. Noting the lack of notices sent out via the post, Tony apologized for the mis-step and said the Executive will be working on fixing the communication error. There are a few changes to the agenda: namely formal election of the Executive members will be 7(a), Joanne Sokolowski from Alumni Affairs will be making some remarks in 8(b), 9 should be entitled Questions for members, and that Linda Smith from Trent's United Way was expected to speak but is unavailable.

On Sept. 7, Tony Storey, Janice Millard and members of Alumni Affairs met to go over TUARP's relationship with Alumni Affairs, and as a result Alumni will fund TUARP with an annual financial support of \$1000.

3.Introduction of new members: Staff: Janice Matthews, Jeff Martindale, Nancy Elliott, Marie Anderson, Gina Collins, Miles Ecclestone, Carolyn Johns and Julia Jenkins. Faculty: Peter Dillon, Doug Evans, Deborah Kennett, Bryan Palmer, Torben Drewes, Bruce Ahlstrand, Christine McKinnon, Rory Coughlan, Magda Havas

4. Observances: There was a minutes of silence for the following: staff: Ann Robertson, Elizabeth O'Connell and Joan Knowles; faculty Peter Adams, Graham Cogley

5. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 2 May 2018 werer approved by a motion of John Marsh and Bob Stairs.

6. Business arising: Tony Storey reported that the Smith Conference Room in the Bata Library is not yet ready. Consideration is underway to have one meeting there so members can see the changes to the Library after its renovation. However, the Principal of Traill College, Prof. Michael Eamon, would like to have TUARP make its home at Traill College. Prof. Eamon and all the staff at Traill have been very helpful and welcoming over the past few meetings.

7(a) TUARP Executive: It was noted that under the constitution, the TUARP Executive needs to be confirmed by a vote. The current members are: Tony Storey - Co-Chair and editor of the TUARP Times, Janice Millard - Co-Chair, Julie Crook - Social Convenor, and John Casserly – Treasurer. We lack a Secretary. With a motion by Roy Bowles and Julie Crook, this slate of Executive members was acclaimed. Tony also wanted to acknowledge and thank Gillian Stamp, Marilyn Heywood and Gloria Dunn for the service to TUARP.

7(b). Financial report: Gloria Dunn report that there is a Bank Balance of \$3246. As noted above there is the additional \$1000 presented by Alumni Affairs. Dues will remain at \$10 annually.

8(a). Pension matters: Tony Storey reported that the University is seriously exploring the idea that Trent join a pool of all of the pension funds held at Ontario's universities – an idea which was put forward by

the province of Ontario a few years ago. Queen's University, the University of Toronto and Guelph University have agreements with the province. A special meeting between the University and retired persons dedicated to this matter will be forthcoming – likely in the new year.

8(b). Alumni Affairs benefits and TUARP members: Joanne Sokolowski, Manager Convocation and Alumni Relations, came to remind members of the benefits available to them. All members of TUARP are automatically considered to be members of the Alumni Association and therefore can participate in the benefits and services offered to them. To do so, TUARP members need a sticker affixed to the back of their old staff card, or they can receive an Alumni card. To get a sticker or an Alumni card contact Alumni Affairs 705-748-1573 , 1-800-267-5774 or alumni@trentu.ca [The Alumni website](#) lists many [discounts](#). Ms. Sokolowski thanked the many TUARP members who volunteer at Trent including at Convocation, as monitors of exams, at open houses and other events. TUARP members can sign up to receive the newsletter Alma Matters if they wish to follow Trent events. Members were reminded that the TUARP information going via email goes out through Alumni so if there is a change in your email, please contact them.

8(c) Mary Snack reported that the United Way donation forms from Trent have not been sent out and Ms. Sokolowski said she will pursue this.

9. Questions for members:

9(a) Do we want a home at Traill? Parking on the main campus is very difficult. An accessible shuttle may be booked and outside of class times, parking lots may be reserved. The members expressed satisfaction with Traill College as a location.

9(b) President Leo Groarke would be happy to host TUARP in his house in Lakefield in the spring/summer period. Is there appetite for an additional TUARP meeting? Contact Julie Crook if interested – before the New Year.

9(c) the Christmas Tea will be in Bagnani Hall on Wednesday December 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. [Secretary's note: the Tea has been moved to Thursday December 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bagnani Hall]. The President may be available to do a special Christmas reading. Music will be provided. Instead of a gift exchange, please bring a donation for a food bank.

9(d) Gina Collins suggested that we could make up lists and do telephone outreach to members who do not have email.

9(e) John Marsh expressed concern over our low turnout to meetings and asked what other associations do. Janice Millard said we could form a committee to examine best practices for this.

9(f) There was a proposal to suspend dues but people argued that \$10 annually is not too much and if we have a healthy bank balance we could donate funds to a scholarship. It was agreed the \$10 annual membership will stay.

10. Community announcements: Gina Collins reported that it is the 50th anniversary of the Peterborough Regional Science Fair will be held this spring at the Symons campus and asked for volunteers to help. Ms. Collins also reminded people of the Trent Golf Tournament – held the second Monday after Convocation week. You don't need to golf and can come just for dinner. Money raised goes to scholarships

11. Break

12. Guest speaker: Dr. Michael Eamon entitled his talk "Heritage Stewardship and Collegiate Way International"

Aside from being the Principal of Traill College and Director of Continuing Education, Prof. Eamon is also the Co-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

When Prof. Eamon arrived at Trent, there was no official policy on heritage matters at the university nevertheless Trent's landmark architecture by Ron Thom had international notice. Prof. Eamon noted that the work of many architects influenced Ron Thom and Prof. Eamon pointed out some examples. Champlain College echoes the work of Eero Saarinen at Yale University, Frank Lloyd Wright's west coast style can be seen in sections of Lady Eaton College, the Champlain College Council Chamber makes some

reference to Le Corbisier's Notre Dame de Haut in Rochamp, France and finally, the Faryon Bridge echoes Kingsgate Bridge at Durham University.

Ron Thom believed in total design and therefore not only designed the exterior of buildings but the interiors right down to the furnishings. As a result Trent was left with a wealth of resources and the 50th anniversary prompted attention and recognition from the University that these resources needed stewardship and conservation.

Professor Eamon reported on the work undertaken by him and many others which culminated in the [Heritage Stewardship Policy](#) being approved by the Board of Governors in 2017. To accompany this a Trent website entitled [Heritage Stewardship](#) outlines many of the heritage resources held by the University.

Prof. Eamon pointed out that the heritage policy covers a wide variety of things including built heritage resources (buildings and structures), cultural heritage landscapes, sacred spaces, cultural resources/property (moveable and immoveable objects) and archaeological resources.

As much as we would like to preserve everything, practically and financially the University cannot do so. As a consequence, items identified under the policy are assigned one of 3 levels and the [Heritage Stewardship Policy](#) provides guidance to those in the Facilities Management Dept. on how to proceed when repair or replacement of a heritage resource is needed. Prof. Eamon is Co-Chair of the Committee and thus continues in his work on heritage stewardship at Trent.

Prof. Eamon is a great supporter of the college system and accordingly has joined an organization called Collegiate Way International which is a world-wide association of university colleges founded to "promote the collegiate way of interdisciplinary scholarship, academic integrity, civic awareness and humility." Prof. Eamon is the Chair of the Collegiate Way International Advisory Board. The Third Collegiate Way International Conference is scheduled for February 7-9, 2019 and is to be held at Rice University, Houston, Texas. Prof. Eamon invited anyone interested in colleges and collegiate universities to join the organization.

Tony Storey thanked Prof. Eamon for his stimulating presentation.

13.Motion to adjourn by Stewart Brown. Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Millard, Secretary and Co-Chair