

**Draft Minutes to be approved at the next meeting**  
**TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**  
MINUTES OF THE 56th GENERAL MEETING  
23 October , 2019  
Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Stewart Brown, John Breukelaar, Jenny Carter, John Casserly, Gina Collins, Julie Crook, Gloria Dunn, Glen Easson, Marilyn Haywood, Wayne Holtz, Winnie Janzen, Gordon Johnston, Ray March, John Marsh, Janice Millard, Margaret Pearce, Doris Pereschuk, Cathie Sproule, Robert Stairs, Gillian Stamp, Tony Storey, Rosalind Taylor, Betty Tomlinson, Bob Van Dompsele, Paul Wilson, Shirley Yankovich

REGRETS: Mel Clark, Julia Harrison, Dorothy Mutter, Dale Standen, John Wadland, Shirley Yakovich

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Tony Storey (Staff Co-Chair).

2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Tony Storey chaired the the meeting; Janice Millard took minutes. Tony has 1 year left in his term and we need a faculty co-chair. Janice, Julie and John along with Tony will serve this year. Tony noted that Janice is organizing and archiving TUARP documents. Potential guest speakers included someone from the Trent Centre for Aging, the new Chancellor Stephen Stone, Dr. Patrick O'Brien of the Trent wind tunnel and the Canadian Canoe Museum.

2(a). Report from the Principal of Traill College: Michael Eamon reported on various matters related to Traill and the University as a whole. He noted that The [Jaylynn H. Bennett Foundation](#) left money to fund a number of projects at Trent and among them is construction of the outdoor Traill College Ampitheatre to be built outside Bagnani Hall, near Wallis Hall. The University has begun the [Campaign for Trent Colleges](#) which aims to raise an endowment of \$1 million per college. Interest earned will go to each college for its use. To try to combat [housing](#) problems especially first year students, a new college will be built on the Symons campus and residence rooms will be added to existing colleges including Traill where a new residence building will be constructed. Renovations are being done at various colleges including the college dining rooms and completed are Gzowski and Lady Eaton. Michael encourage all to join a college – one you may have belonged to in the past or a different one.

3. Extra benefits available to TUARP members: Tony introduced Joanne Sokolowski and Julie Ellis who described benefits to members. The [TUARP website](#) lists some but the [Alumni website](#) also lists benefits available to TUARP members. Members are encouraged to check out these websites.

4. Introduction of new members: Staff: Rosemary Dunford, Barbara Hedges, Steven Pillar, Karen Johnson, Louise Bonner and Joe Muldoon. Faculty: Michael Fox, David Holdsworth, Maeve Quaid, Joan Sangster and Peggy Wallace.

5. Observances: There was a minute of silence for the following: Monica Harris, Jessie Griffin, Maurice Belanger, Dorothy O'Brien and Shirley Lynch. (Please note the University maintains a [Tributes](#) page on its News and Events page where in memoriam messages are posted).

6. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2019 meeting were approved by a motion of, Julie Crook and seconded by John Marsh. Please note that the minutes were incorrectly numbered and should be the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> general meeting and not the 54<sup>th</sup>.

7. Business arising:

7(a). It was noted that this year United Way pledge sheets went out in a timely fashion.

7(b) A friendly amendment to the *TUARP Newsletter* was made on the suggestion of Bruce Cossar. Notes from Tom Symons on documents were MWDP (may we discuss please) and not MWDTP (may we discuss this please).

**8. Financial report:** John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our net worth is \$2,740.25. Our annual meeting printing, stationery, postage and refreshments are funded by the Alumni Office and the Christmas party is funded by President Groarke.

**9. Pension matters:** John Breukelaar reported that the next meeting of the Pension Committee will be in November. Ray March concurred.

**10. Questions:** There were no questions.

**11. Community announcements:** the TUARP Christmas party will be held at the newly renovated Lady Eaton College Dining Hall on Friday December 13 from 2-4 p.m.

**12. Break**

**13. Guest speaker:** Dianne Lister, Vice -President (Advancement and External Relations) at Trent from 2006 to 2011, presented her talk: *Investing in Culture in the Kawartha Lakes: a Case Study in Community Development*

After retiring, Dianne moved to the village of Bobcaygeon in the City of Kawartha Lakes. While living in Peterborough she developed an interest in the cultural life of the city and worked with organizations like the Community Foundation of Peterborough and the Canadian Canoe Museum. She noted that Peterborough has a flourishing arts and cultural life and that it is supported in many ways – ncluding the City's Arts, Culture and Heritage Division. In 2012 Peterborough developed a [municipal cultural plan](#).

Dianne contrasted this vibrant cultural life in the Peterborough to the situation she saw in the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL). There was no central co-ordinating effort related to the arts and the city did not provide much support for culture and heritage. CKL was formed by the forced amalgamation of many small hamlets and towns together with the City of Lindsay. It has a very small tax base and getting any municipal funds for arts, culture and heritage was very difficult. Artists are scattered throughout the area and co-ordinating things was challenging. So in 2014 Dianne agreed to join the Board of Directors of the newly formed [Kawartha Lakes Arts Council](#) (KAC) in order to mobilize interest in the arts, culture and heritage in her area.

Many areas in the CKL are tourist areas and activities drastically slow down in the winter months. The KAC noted that the arts, culture and heritage could be an economic driver by bringing in visitors into the area during the slower months and arts, culture and heritage are factors in convincing people to move to the area.

To promote these ideas, the KAC campaigned to have the CKL recognize the importance of arts culture and heritage. It encouraged politicians to support their ideas and that campaign proved successful. Mayor Letham has said at the municipal level they would be investing in cultural tourism, hire a person to work in the heritage portfolio and support the construction of a Cultural Centre.

In relation to the latter, the KAC received a donation of \$50,000 to help fund a feasibility study related to the Cultural Centre. Having a central place where people could physical come together was essential. All this was assisted by the networking undertaken by the 1500 members of the KAC. Dianne and the other Board of Directors of the KAC have worked to make the Council a vital part of the community.

The KAC continues to help individual artists by sponsoring things like art shows and sales, a heritage and arts trail for tourists and encourages events like the [Victoria County Studio Tour](#). It also sponsors educational workshops like one on Copyright 101 for creators.

**14. Any Other Business:** Janice reported that although the University is adopting a new payroll system, TUARP members will receive their pension monthly as usual.

**15: Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Gina Collins, seconded by Bob Stairs.  
Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Millard, Secretary